Logistics Sector Working Group - WFP Sudan

Meeting Minutes
Port Sudan, Sudan 15 October 2018

Location: WFP Conference Room, Port Sudan
Date: 15 October 2018
Chair: WFP Sudan Supply Chain/Logistics
Participants: BETAY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (BDO), CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS), GERMAN AGRO ACTION (GAA), MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH), MOE, MUSLIM AID, OXFAM, SAVE THE CHILDREN (SCI), SUDAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (SRCS), WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP)

Action Points:

• Coordination meetings to be conducted regularly.
• WFP to invite all UN/INGO operating in Port Sudan for the next meeting.
• Brains storm process of mapping warehouses in Red Sea state

Agenda:

1. Introduction - Logistics Sector
2. Open discussion/contribution from agencies
3. WFP fuel access to humanitarian agencies
4. AOB

1. Introduction - Logistics Sector

• Since this was the first meeting to establish regular Logistics sector coordination meetings, participants were taken through the sector coordination concept which aims to strengthen inter-agency coordination to enhance the timeliness and efficiency of the logistics response.
• The humanitarian community often requires the support of tailored and coordinated logistics solutions when responding to emergency and protracted needs. These areas include the facilitation of common logistics services, logistics-related information management and mapping.
• The Logistics Sector identifies and addresses logistics gaps and bottlenecks, and seeks to avoid the duplication of humanitarian efforts.
• The Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC), which has the lead role in coordinating humanitarian assistance, makes a huge contribution to logistics capacity through the provision of land transport and warehousing.
• The meetings will feed into the bigger coordination meeting in Khartoum, and where issues are recurring and solutions are unavailable locally, these will be escalated to the Khartoum meeting. There is also the possibility of Port Sudan and Khartoum conducting joint meeting via webcam.
• Within the scope of the sector, UNHAS provides air services to the humanitarian community and security/medical evacuations.
• Inter-agency communications infrastructure is part of sector activities.
2. Open discussion/contribution from agencies

- Participants expressed their gratitude for this initiative and fully supported the creation of a logistics sector coordination meeting.
- Examples were given where lack of coordination amongst agencies impacted negatively on programme deliveries, and where coordination was used to achieve greater results.
- Participants noted that greater coordination will strengthen the response while maximizing the capacity of each agency.

3. WFP Fuel access to humanitarian agencies

- The process of WFP providing fuel access to humanitarian agencies was explained to participants.
- Participants were advised that the process is completed in Khartoum.
- Some agencies represented in the meeting advised that they have already completed Service Level Agreements with WFP.

4. AOB

- Participants were advised that WFP is the chair of the Logistics Sector.
- After discussions amongst participants, it was decided that meetings be conducted monthly, on the Monday of the third week of the month.
- The need for regular member attendance was stressed.

   The next meeting will be held on 19 November 2018 in the WFP conference room at 10:00.

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