LOGISTICS CLUSTER

Sudan Logistics Cluster

While we start, we kindly request you to write your name and organization in the chat.
The meeting will be recorded

23 May 2023

Sudan

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Agenda

1. Action points
2. Entry Points status
3. OCHA AWG update
4. What do u need-how are we going to do this, this week.....
5. Contacts

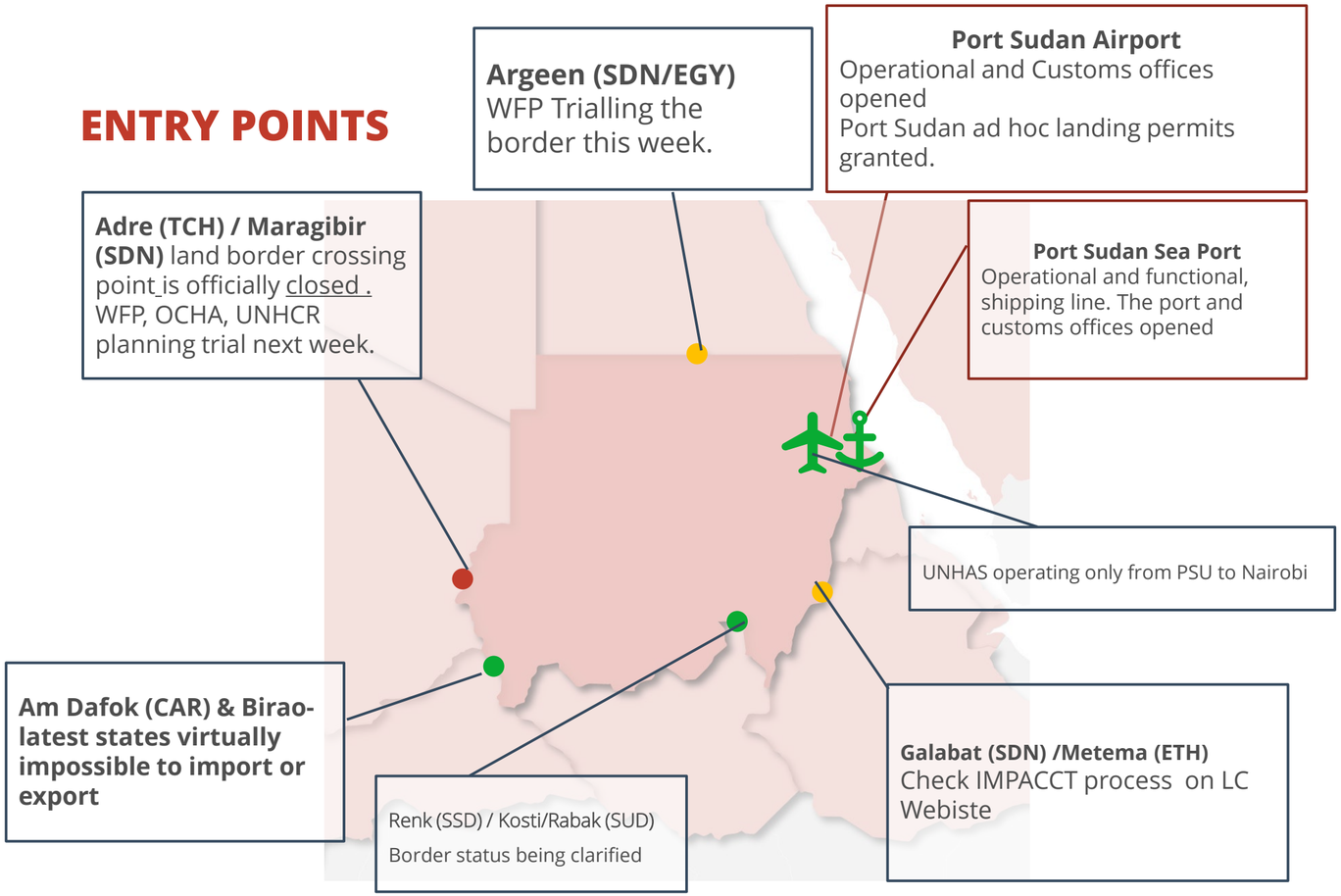
Action points

Information on entry points / Customs	• Regular snapshots being produced • Customs guidelines have been published • Partners encouraged to share information with LC team to keep it updated • Close coordination with OCHA AWG and liaising partners facing BAI
Transport and storage needs	• Partners are strongly encouraged to share their estimated needs: for transport and storage
Jeddah – Port Sudan bridge	• Seabridge is operational between Jeddah and Port Sudan • The processes/procedures are already online

Logistics Cluster Sudan Snapshot, #3. 23 May 2023

If you have any logistical information you would like to share with partners, please send an email to sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org

ENTRY POINTS



KEY UPDATES

- The 2022 Seasonal Road Access Map has been published based on data collected throughout the year. Here
- Road distance map also available online: here
- LC will soon request information from organisations on:
  - immediate transport needs for accessible areas in the East
  - Storage capacity in Port Sudan and other areas in South and East
  - Cold chain-in PZU-can u take reefers? What do you need
- IMPACCT Working Group has published updated guidelines on importation procedures
- The next Sudan Logistics Cluster coordination meeting on 23 May online at 1pm Khartoum time.

Information represented in this document is based on the most accurate data currently available from the Field Logistics Cluster staff supporting the emergency response operation. It may be revised or updated as new, or more complete data becomes available.

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Access Working Group (AWG)

Sudan

18 May 2023

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Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments (BAIs)

In Sudan

- Multi-layer bureaucratic & administrative impediments are impacting the resuming of operations in Sudan
- No clarity on the role of the High committee in the current clearance system for items and personnel (arrears in permission for the movement of international staff)
- Some of the main issues are VISAs (new, extension), issuance of travel permits or clearances for the scale-up of operations
- Lack of clarity and implementation of the HAC regulations coupled with limited capacity
- Lack of clarity on the type of coordination among different HAC offices
- Issue of NGO registration/extension (status?)
- Heavy engagement of military actors and lack of a clear clearance system
- Clearance for moving certain supplies (medical) seem better than others
- Rescuing the remaining humanitarian assets is considered one of the big challenges by humanitarian partners – critical to resume operations.

Visa Survey overview (ongoing)

In Sudan

- BAIs are impacting the resumption of operations in Sudan. The mobilization of personnel/ supplies from Port Sudan remains constrained by bureaucratic hurdles (lack of travel permits).
- Humanitarian agencies are **struggling to deploy aid workers to Sudan and within Sudan**.
- Last week, OCHA – INGO Forum recorded over 40 pending Visa applications, while many more have not been submitted due to unclear guidance.
- 30+ organizations have provided information to the Survey. 13 partners indicated that they had not yet submitted any visa application citing a lack of clarity in the process or being advised by Embassies. **VISA Survey continues** - Partners to continue updating please...
    - https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/ZcRQae3D

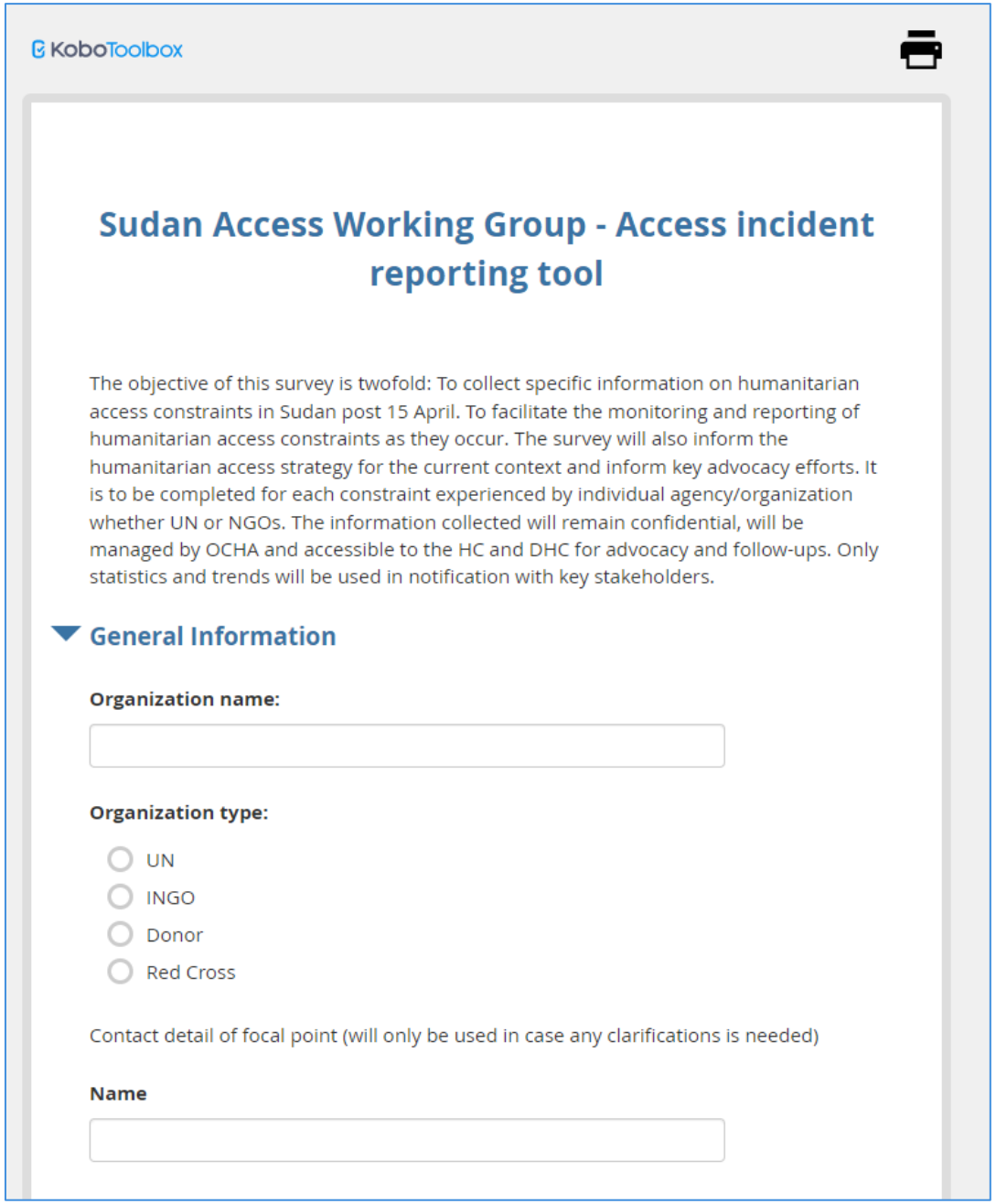
- Embassies have referred to being unable to process visas, some have noted they have sent documentation to Khartoum or awaiting **guidance from MoFA**
- Some **staff members facing issues boarding UNHAS in Nairobi** upon arrival despite relevant documentation (12 international staff not allowed to board UNHAS flight)
- Staff with all documentation **denied 'entry into Sudan**' at arrival (2 cases reported)

Access incident reporting

In Sudan

How to report an incident?

1. **Online**: [Sudan Access Working Group - Access incident reporting tool (humanitarianresponse.info)]
2. Contact **OCHA Access/CMCoord team** (currently in Port Sudan)
3. Reach out to **OCHA Field office**



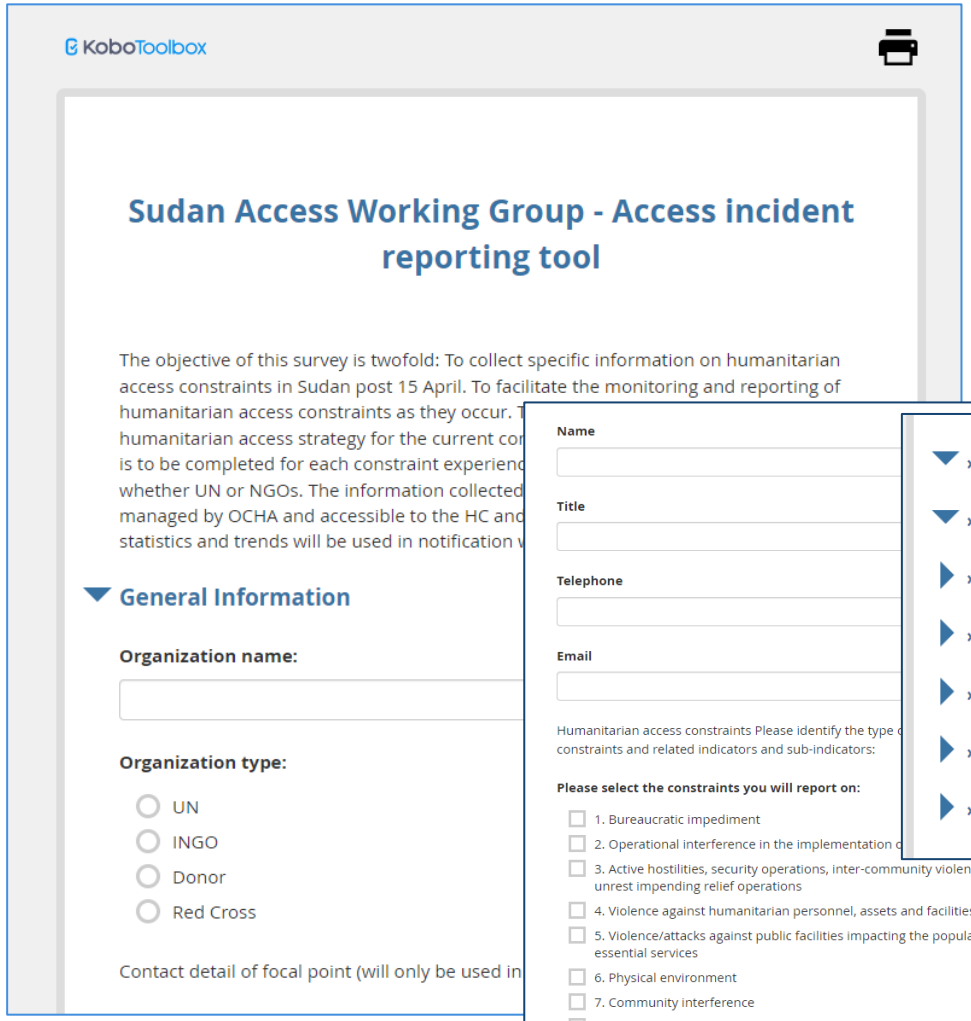
Typology of Access constraints

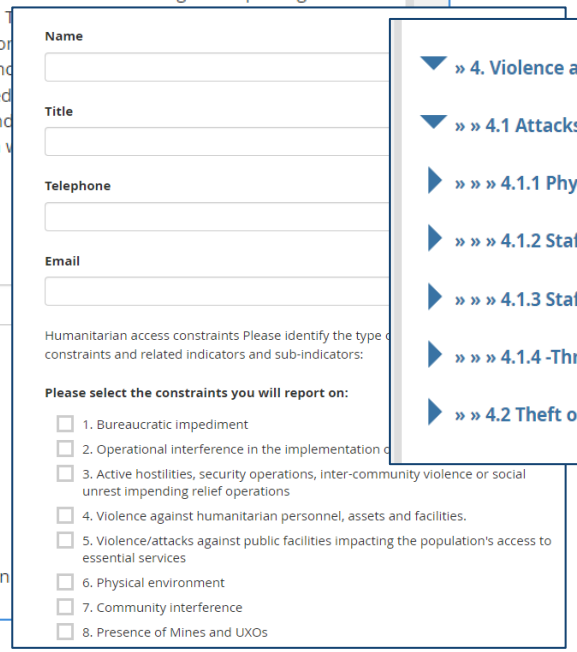
In Sudan

1. Bureaucratic impediments
2. Operational interference in humanitarian operations
3. Active hostilities, community violence, social unrest – affecting/ impending relief operations
4. Violence against humanitarian personnel, assets, etc.
5. Violence/attacks against public facilities impacting the population's access to essential services
6. Physical environment
7. Community interference
8. Presence of Mines and UXOs

Access incident reporting: Online database (*Confidential*)

In Sudan





Preliminary Access analysis (15 April – May 2023)

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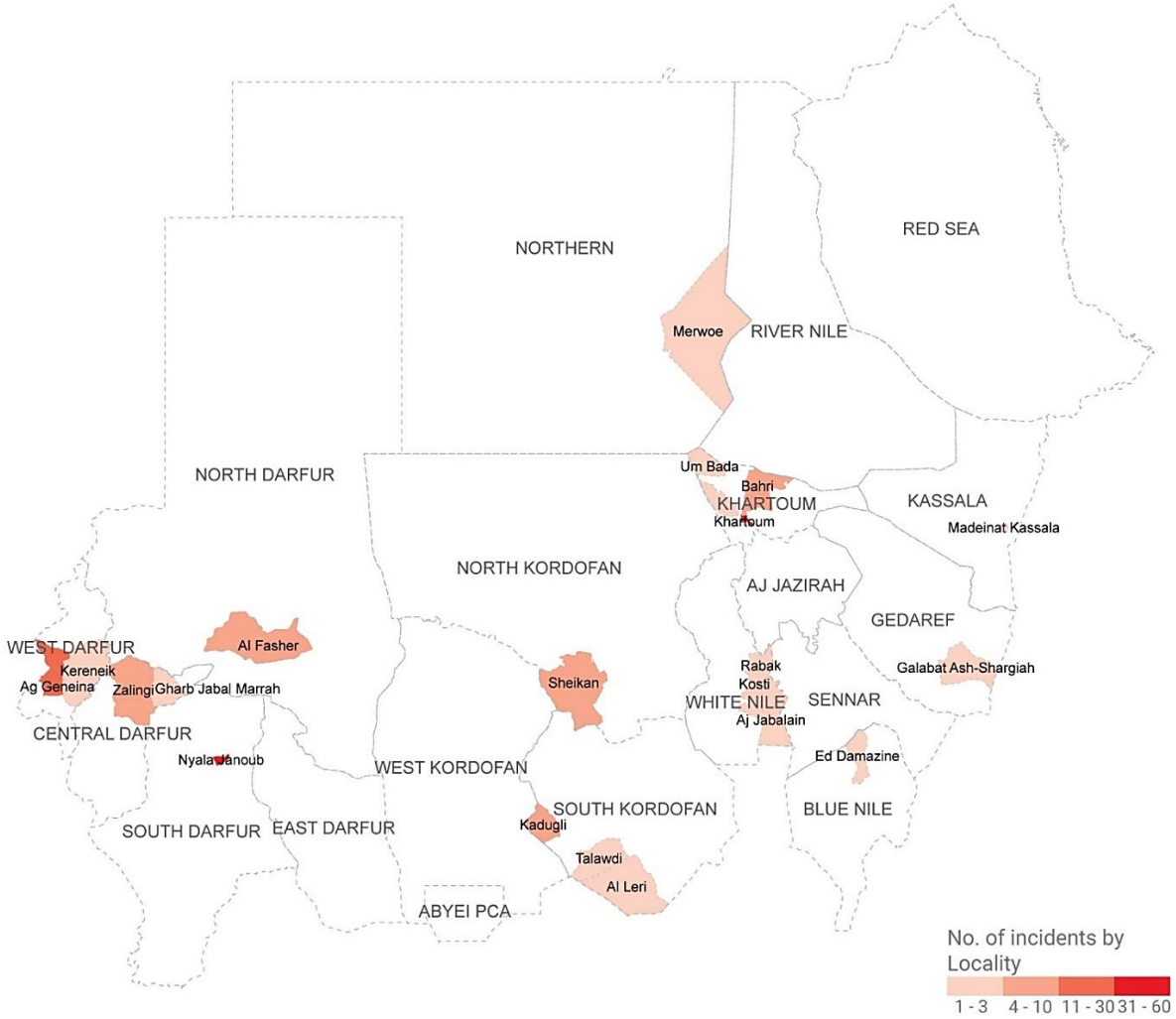

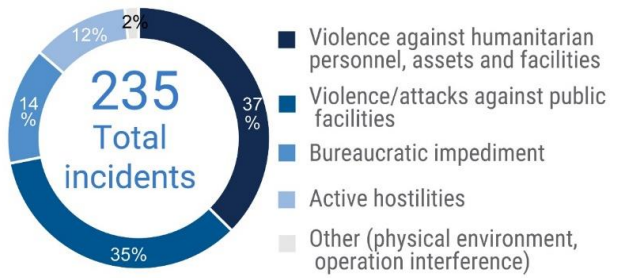

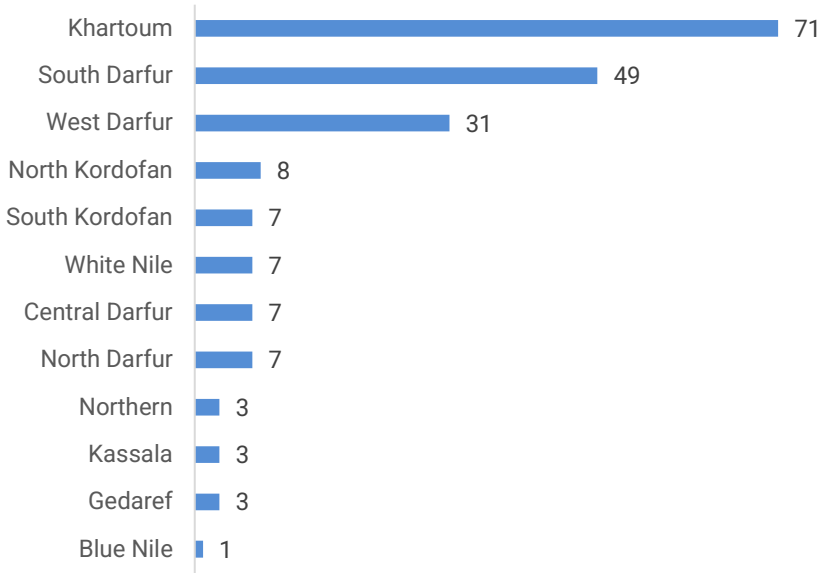

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THANK YOU!

Logistics Cluster - Key information needed from partners

For partners with specific and concrete requests

1. Fill the Service Request Form (SRF)
2. Submit to sudan.clustercargo@wfp.org

For partners with general needs and logistics gaps

Share the following information

- Transport origin and destination need (Eastern-accessible areas)
- Storage location need
- Estimation of the cargo (sector, weight and volume)
- Other requirements (i.e. special handling, temperature-controlled, etc)

You can send this information in the body of an email to sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org

An email with the request will also be shared.

Storage capacity

The Logistics Cluster is also trying to get a sense of the partners' storage capacity in country
Share the following information:

- Storage capacity (m2)
- Location
- Willingness to share with other partners

Sharing this information is key to identify the gaps and needs from partners to better suit the support
If no support is required and partners are managing their distributions smoothly, they can also inform the Logistics Cluster

Logistics Cluster – Information gathering-this week

- Phased Approach –Phase 1 is Sth/East of Khartoum with Phase 2 West of Khartoum (more difficult with security as it stands now)

- Phase 1 LC support to organisations
- Seabridge operational-detailed in later slide
- Survey of storage in hubs completed as to what is available- information required from partners,
- Transport- if required to locations-under trial re process through planned ceasefire movements- ideally to provide system for regularized departures. CMCoord taking the lead for access/process.
- Cold chain-reefers-demand- bring in and hand over- shared storage etc.

Suggestion – "going old school" - send email through mailing list on tentative demands as partners see it

Simple table to state the ground realities

We compile info-map and share but meanwhile contract stores where a clear demand exists - ability to scale up/down

Provide a simple process to access storage for example.

Start storing!!!!

Logistics Cluster – Information gathering-HOW

- Email sent through mailing list for
- Storage in PZU-what do u have, can you share etc. (example below)

Capacity of the warehouse (m2)	Sufficient for your operations (yes/no)	Are you willing to share with other partners? (yes / no / to assess on an ad-hoc basis)	Additional characteristics of your warehouse

- Next one is field locations-storage demands (we have the survey of potential storage completed)
- Linked to major hubs at present- but space is generally available –
- Transportation
- More linked to movement plans ongoing to define the process but can the LC support (transport or a common coordination system)-Sth/East Khartoum- for the future
- Cold chain –reefers 2-8 degrees-overall demands- meanwhile review of cold chain at Maersk to be completed this week as start up.
- What more is required??

Logistics Cluster – Sea bridge Jeddah – Port Sudan

- SOPs are already online
- Services will be at no cost for the user
- All services will be subject to funds and commercial transport sector availability.

Sea bridge Jeddah-Port Sudan

- Turnkey operations in Jeddah (reception/storage/onward movement by sea)
- Including temperature-controlled storage both in Jeddah and Port Sudan
- Sea transport between Jeddah-Port Sudan

To consider:

- **Weight, volume and sector** of cargo planned to be moved to Jeddah
- Transport modality you will use to move the cargo into Jeddah
- Road corridor details-also being worked on to share
- Storage post clearance-own/LC? Noting that storge is limited

- All guidelines and key documents on website-within 1-2 days will be loaded under a Jeddah information box- for easy accessibility.

- Is this clear? Maybe next coord meetings this is a focus topic? Comments??

Logistics Cluster - General updates

- **Chad:** WFP/UNHCR/OCHA planning on mission next week-cross border assessment
- Coordination working group is under discussion as to it's set up-primarily coordination and information management.

- **Customs process:** Second customs bulletin has been published – including information on customs procedures for cargo coming from Ethiopia and customs procedures in place in Port Sudan (including special permissions for medical supplies).

- **Fuel:** process is in place as was previous through WFP Bilateral service provision however fuel available in limited amounts hence no individual organisation to start stockpiling.
- Fuel available in Port Sudan, Kosti, Kassala, Gedaref-limited quantities.

- **Airport:**
- Port Sudan Int'l Airport is now considered as a "Military Facility" under prevailing situation.
- No photographs, videos are permitted on the Airport Facilities, Aircrafts.
- Only close-up photos of cargo itself are permitted.
- This is applicable not only for all Agencies, partners.

Plans: Survey – pipeline & storage needs

8 partners have replied

PIPELINE

6 of them are planning medical cargo temp-controlled → No dispatch route defined yet

- ✓ Below -15C
- ✓ 2 to 8 C
- ✓ 8 to 15 C
- ✓ 15 to 25 C

2 NFIs → Via Chad & Saudi Arabia

1 no plans until the cash transfer issue is solved

STORAGE NEEDS/CAPAC

3 need storage in Abeche

3 need storage in Jeddah

3 need storage in Port Sudan

2 has storage in PSU (1 could be shared)

AoB

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Focal points are as follows (please cc both in communications):

- Regional coordinator (Nairobi based) : fiona.lithgow@wfp.org
- Sudan LCC (based in Port Sudan): ali.awan@wfp.org

- To join the Sudan Logistics Cluster WhatsApp group -> send an email to sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org
- To join the IMPACCT Working Group WhatsApp group on customs procedures -> send an email to impacct.2021@gmail.com

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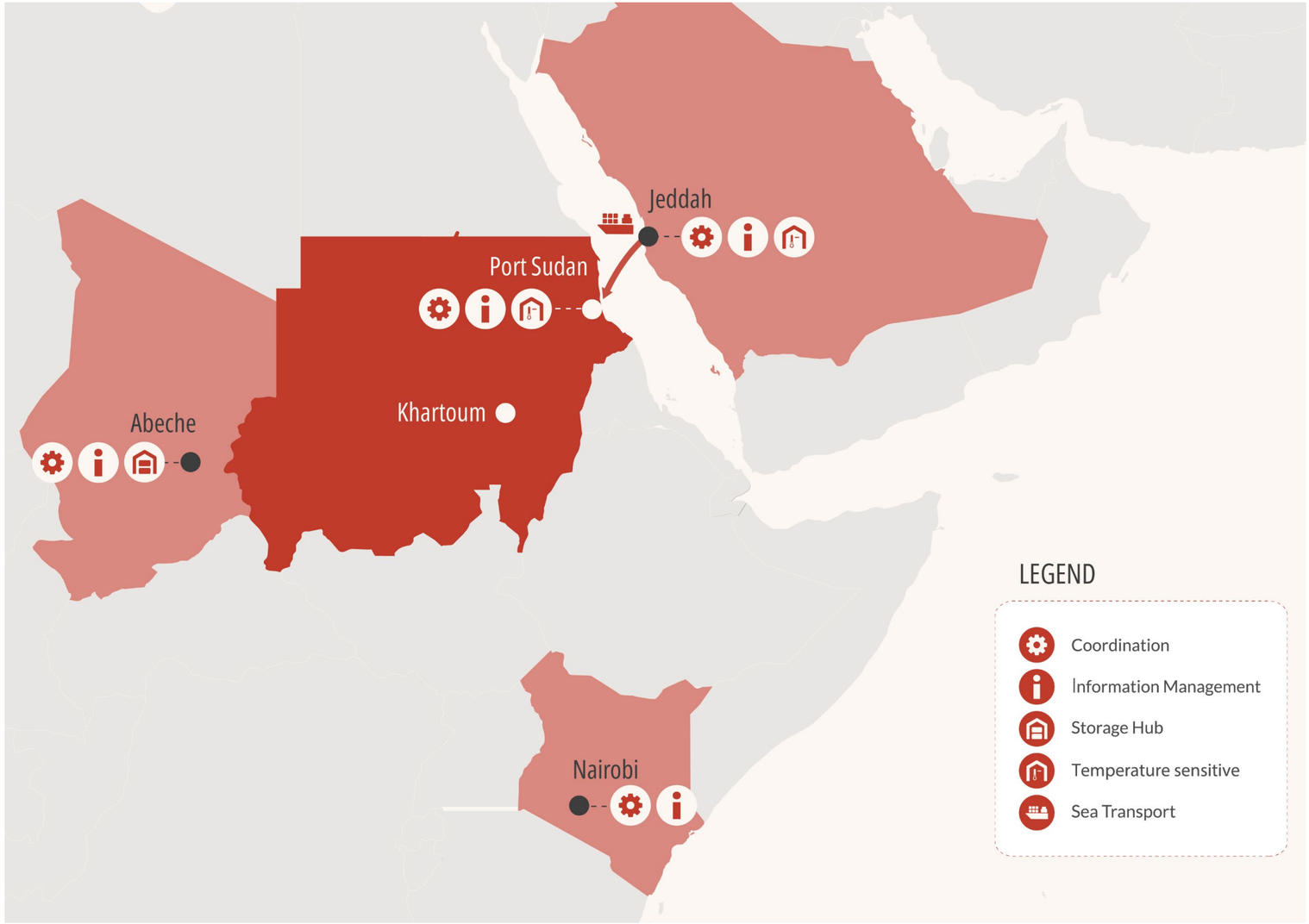

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