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| CHAIR | National Logistics Cluster Coordinator |
| PARTICIPANTS | Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), Action Against Hunger (AAH Spain), ALIGHT, COOPI, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO Nairobi), Emergency NGO, FCDO UK, GOAL, IMMAP, IMPACT Initiatives, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Medical Corps (IMC) International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF Geneva) Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF France), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF Spain), Medair, Mercy Corps, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA Sudan), Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), The Global Fund, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), USAID, Welthungerhilfe (WHH), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), World Vision International (WVI). |
| AGENDA | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revision of Previous Action Points2. Logistics Cluster Updates3. Chad-Sudan- X-Border Operations4. Partners Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks5. AoB |
| ACTION POINTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logistics Cluster will circulate via mailing list the Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring survey link.• Partners interested in the upcoming training in Port Sudan in February, can reach out to sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org.• Logistics Cluster to share contact list of shipping companies operating in Port Sudan, transport companies and local vehicle importation dealers, for partners inputs.• Partners are encouraged to fill in the online data template (here) on physical access and constraints (road conditions, entry/exit points and warehouse capacity) both within Sudan and cross-border areas, for mapping purposes. |

1. Action Points

CCPM

- Partners are encouraged to contribute to the Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) exercise by filling in the survey that has been circulated through the mailing list, to review what has been achieved over the past 12 months and to reflect on the cluster strategy for the months ahead. The survey covers activities under the Sudan Logistics Cluster operations, including the dedicated cross-border coordination mechanism.
- Deadline for completing the survey has been extended to 23 January 2024. Results of the survey will be presented and discussed in a cluster meeting to agree on areas of improvement, best practices and mutualization of efforts among partners.

Information sharing

- Partners to share with the Logistics Cluster team additional contacts of shipping companies operating in Port Sudan, transport companies and local vehicle importation dealers to consolidate the list and make it available for a wider group. The mentioned file will be circulated via mailing list.
- Partners are encouraged to fill in the online data template ([here](#)) on physical access and constraints (road conditions, entry/exit points and warehouse capacity) both within Sudan and cross-border areas, for mapping purposes.

2. Logistics Cluster Updates

Logistics Common Services

- Latest Sudan Concept of Operations is available on the [Logistics Cluster page](#). The current set up is as follows:
 - Nairobi, Kenya [Regional Level]: Coordination and Information Management
 - Port Sudan, Sudan [Country Level]: Coordination
 - N'Djamena, Chad [Chad -Sudan Cross-Border] Coordination and Information Management
 - Kosti, Sudan [Inter-Agency humanitarian Convoy Coordination]

- The Logistics Cluster is providing free-to-user common storage at three locations including Port Sudan, Kosti and Gedaref with a total capacity of 11,000 m².
- Currently Wad Madani is not accessible, and the service has been suspended.
- To date, 17,663 m³ of relief cargo has been stored on behalf of 15 partners, with 2,104 m³ received and 2,129 m³ dispatched during the month of December only.
- The temperature-controlled common storage in Port Sudan, with storage capacity up to 190 m², is operational and partners have been sending their requests to use the facility.
- The Logistics Cluster will keep monitoring storage needs and consider increase of storage capacity, when possible, in Port Sudan and other locations.
- To access the storage services a Service Request Form must be filled in and it can be submitted [online](#) or through the [Excel file](#). Partners are to send separate requests for each facility there are interested in using.
- Once the consignment has been accepted, partners will have a tracking code that they can use to track the cargo in RITA, the cargo tracking system the Logistics Cluster uses. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to access services can be found [here](#).
- If items are still under clearance process, partners can still submit their SRF with a tentative date for their consignment to arrive at the facility. The Logistics Cluster team remains available in case of any delays with the expected consignment.

Customs and Government Clearance

- The procedure of customs clearance was exposed once again and a detailed document on the custom clearance procedure will be uploaded on the Logistics Cluster Website.
- According to the newly established procedure for medical shipments, humanitarian organizations are to send a request to Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) with supporting importation documents; once the approval letter is received, this has to be shared via email with the national pharmaceutical board that provides feedback within three working days.
- The IMPACCT working group can be engaged to look into specific aspects of the custom clearance requirements for technical advice. For additional information, partners can contact impacct.2021@gmail.com.
- The procedure for obtaining government clearance for the movement of cargo to different locations was also explained, and a detailed document on this will be uploaded to the Logistics Cluster website. The government departments which give this clearance include HAC, General Intelligence Service (GIS) and Military Intelligence (MI).

Updates on Inter-Agency Convoy

- Cross line convoys from Kosti to Kordofan and Darfur states are currently on hold.
- The last convoy departed on 11 December 2023 and a total of 247 trucks left from day one.
- OCHA Convoy Movement Coordination (CMCoord) cell encourages partners to share their movement plan, in order to consolidate the information and share it with relevant parties to for deconfliction purposes ahead of each planned movement.
- Any update on future convoys and plans are shared through the Logistics Cluster communication channels.
- OCHA CMCoord cell encourages partners to report access incidents, restrictions, including new informal procedures and requests, via <https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/ubV6zJMA>. The reporting mechanism is confidential and sensitive data will be not shared in future reports.

Logistics Training Needs

- The Port Sudan face-to-face training on Humanitarian Emergency Logistics and Warehouse and Commodities Management is postponed to February 2024 due to a limited number of expressions of interest.
- Partners are encouraged to reach out to Sudan Logistics Cluster (sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org) to share candidates' information. A dedicated email with info on the training will be circulated in the coming days.
- Partner organizations are encouraged to share any additional training needs and their planned capacity building initiatives for the benefit of the community members.
- A dedicated online training platform is available on the Logistics Cluster website, hosting a wide range of online resources available to all partners: <https://logcluster.org/en/trainings>.

2. Cross Line and X-Border Updates

- On the advice of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), plans are being made to initiate cross-border operations through South Sudan to enhance humanitarian access. OCHA briefed the participants on the plan to initiate cross-border operations through this corridor. The Logistics Cluster has also submitted its strategy in this regard.
- OCHA confirmed that the corridor through Ethiopia will remain part of the contingency plan.

4. Chad-Sudan- X-Border Logistics Coordination Group Updates

- A total of 33 cross-border (X-Border) movements were registered via notification system (HISM) in 2023, concerning a total of 7,672 mt.
- Partners shared their tentative X-Border plan for 2024, resulting in a total of 25,171 mt of supplies planned to cross the border.
- January tentative plan for X-Border movements resulted in 2,069 mt of planned supplies targeting Darfur areas.
- Partners requested support to clarify regulations, and if any limitations, for local procurement, mostly non-food items (NFIs), between Chad and Sudan. The team is liaising with OCHA Chad to seek clarification from central authorities and will keep partners informed. So far there are no objections from local stakeholders for humanitarian actors using the notification system to send commodities from Chad into Sudan.
- The Logistics Cluster team is supporting efforts of advocacy with donors to establish common storage solutions in Abeche, Farchana and El Geneina.
- Partners expressed interest in Temperature Controlled storage (below +25°C) in East of Chad and Darfur. The team is exploring possible solutions.
- Partners agreed to have a monthly X-Border Coordination Meeting, thus next meeting will be held in February.
- For more information, partners can reach out to the Chad-Sudan- X-Border Logistics Coordination Group via christophe.vial@wfp.org.

5. AoB

Procurement Working Group

- First meeting occurred in early December. Topics to be discussed include cross-border order procurement challenges, market assessment and supplier database, common transportation for staff movement, banking, and accommodation challenges.
- Partners interested to join the working group, can reach out to Donovan Naidoo – IOM DNAIDOO@iom.int, currently chair of the working group.
- Schedule of the Procurement Working Group (PWG) will be conducted either on a bi-weekly basis or monthly basis. The final solution will be identified during the next meeting.

Sudan Operation

Sudan – Coordination Meeting Minutes

16 January, 2024



Next Sudan Logistics Cluster meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30 January 2024, 15:00

Khartoum time | Online.

Partners can share topics to be included in the next agenda meeting, via

sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org.

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