Location: WFP Conference Room, Khartoum

Date: 4 September 2018

Chair: WFP Sudan Supply Chain/Logistics

Participants: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS), CONCERN WORLWIDE, HUMANITARIAN AID COMMISSION (HAC), INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS (ICRC), MEDICINES SANS FRONTIERES (MSF-CH), OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (OCHA), SAVE THE CHILDREN (SCI), UMCOR, UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF), UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP), UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNFAO), UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR), WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP)

Action Points:

• WFP to ensure that fuel is provided for use by agencies in all field offices with fuel depots
• Interested organisations to contact WFP for trainings
• Logistics Sector Coordinator to facilitate the update and sharing of Access Constraints Map
• Organisations were requested to participate in surveys regularly circulated by UNOCHA
• Organisations to share information regarding road access constraints with their sector coordinator
• WFP to share UNHAS schedule and flight locations with organisations
• At the request of the HAC representative, organisations to share funding status at future meetings
• The sector to initiate mapping of all humanitarian agencies’ warehouses
• WFP to share contact information of clearing agents based in Port Sudan

Agenda:

1. Update on WFP agency fuel provision
2. Updates from agencies
3. Access Constraints
4. AOB

1. Update on WFP agency fuel provision

• Participants were shown a presentation on the status of fuel access. A total of 15 Service Level Agreements have been completed so far.
• Only two agencies requested for fuel during the month of August.
• 2,400 liters of fuel was issued to UNICEF and 400 liters to UNEP.
• WFP will ensure that fuel is provided for use by agencies in all field offices with fuel depots.
2. Updates from agencies

WFP:

- Humanitarian agencies are able to access WFP storage services at warehouses across the country on a cost-recovery basis.
- WFP can facilitate the transportation of humanitarian cargo on behalf of humanitarian agencies on a cost-recovery basis within Sudan, and can facilitate overland transport to South Sudan (Aweil and Bentiu).
- Participants were advised that WFP is able to organize and conduct logistics trainings for interested humanitarian agencies in the areas of warehousing, commodity management, fleet management and Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) construction. These trainings can be conducted in both field locations and Khartoum. Any interested parties should contact WFP.

UNICEF:

- Challenges which were experienced in custom clearance procedures has now reduced.
- UNICEF has been experiencing challenges with local vendors as they are hesitant to submit invoices. This is because once agencies submit payment to the banks in US Dollars, vendors can only access the funds in SDG which is not their preference.

ICRC:

- ICRC advised that they have also experienced issues with their local suppliers not submitting invoices for payment even after delivering the goods, and it is now becoming challenging to find suppliers. This could be attributed to unavailability of hard currency.

UNDP:

- UNDP advised that the finance working group is currently putting together proposals to solve the issue of local suppliers/vendors not submitting invoices for payments since they can only withdraw cash in SGDs despite humanitarian agencies making paying for services rendered in US Dollars. This proposal will be submitted to the relevant HAC unit for discussion.

OCHA:

- OCHA urged that information regarding physical road accessibility be regularly updated and that an Access Constraints map be reintroduced and shared weekly. Maps are a crucial part of information sharing. The Logistics Sector Coordinator will facilitate this.
- Humanitarian agencies were encouraged to participate in the online surveys regularly circulated by OCHA.
HAC:

- Will continue to work with humanitarian agencies in providing support and guidance in areas where there could be bottlenecks to services such as customs clearances. Agencies requiring such support should not hesitate to contact HAC.

3. Access Constraints

- Participants were requested to share information regarding access constraints with the sector coordinator.

4. AOB

- Participants requested that UNHAS flight locations and schedule be circulated. WFP agreed to share this information.
- The HAC representative requested that an update on funding status be included in meetings.
- Participants discussed the possibility of having field locations join the meetings via webcam. The meeting resolved that only locations where the same challenges were occurring could be invited to attend the meetings on webcam.
- In response to inquiry on how the exit of UNAMID from West Darfur will affect fuel supply/availability, WFP informed the participants that it was in the process of buying fuel tankers to increase fuel storage capacity for monthly fuel purchases. This will ensure adequate supplies are made available to humanitarian agencies.

The next meeting will be held on 2 October 2018 in the WFP conference room at 10:00.

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