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Chair: WFP Sudan Supply Chain/Logistics
Participants: ADDITION FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, AMERICAN REFUGEE COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC RELIEF ORGANIZATION, NATIONAL INITIATIVE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, ORGANIZATION for PEACE and DEVELOPMENT, SUDANESE POPULAR COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF, WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME, WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL

Action Points:

- Coordination meetings to be conducted regularly.
- WFP to invite all Logistics focal points for UN/INGO operating in Nyala to the next meeting.

Agenda:

1. Introduction - Logistics Sector
2. Open discussion/contribution from agencies
3. WFP fuel access for 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, timeliness and efficiency of the logistics response.
- Efficient and timely logistics and telecommunications are key in enabling humanitarian assistance programmes.
- 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.
- It identifies and addresses logistics gaps and bottlenecks, and seeks to avoid the duplication of humanitarian efforts.
- Humanitarian Aid commission (HAC) which has the lead role in coordinating humanitarian assistance has a huge contribution to logistics capacity by providing land transport and warehouses.
- The meetings will be feeding into the bigger coordination meeting in Khartoum, and issues that reoccur and solutions are unavailable locally, will be escalated to the Khartoum meeting. If need be Nyala and Khartoum could conduct 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 the sector activities.

2. Open discussion/contribution from agencies

• Participants expressed their gratitude this initiative and fully supported the creation of a logistics sector coordination meeting.
• Participants noted that coordination will strengthen response while maximizing the capacity of each agency.
• In addition, the coordination meetings will build friendship and trust amongst the agencies as well as create an atmosphere for information exchange.
• Participants were also informed that there are plans to map all the warehouse in the country.

3. WFP Fuel access for humanitarian agencies

• Participants were taken through the process of the WFP fuel access to humanitarian agencies.
• They were informed that all the process is done in Khartoum.
• Some agencies represented in the meeting already completed SLAs with WFP.

4. AOB

• NIDO reported that they had challenges in receiving nutrition food in Jebel Mara areas due to small quantity
• WFP responded that it was not cost effective transporting small quantities of food commodities, hence that is why they wait to consolidate the small deliveries. This could cause delays.
• After discussions, it was deliberated that the meetings be conducted monthly, however there was no fixed schedule, this was to wait for the next meeting where it was anticipated more representatives from humanitarian actors will attend.
• Need for regular member attendance was stressed.

The next meeting will be held on 12 December 2018 in the WFP conference room at 10:00.

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