Location: WFP Conference Room, Kassala
Date: 24 November 2019
Chair: WFP Sudan Supply Chain/Logistics
Participants: UNHCR, SUDAN VISION, WAAD ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (WOD); MUSLIM AID.

Action Points:

- Request information concerning fares for personal travels using UNHAS, for INGO staff.
- Discuss with UNHAS the possibility of scheduling a flight to Kassala once a month.
- To explore possibility of having discussions with Badr airline (commercial airline) in Kassala as concerns luggage limit and flight schedules increase luggage limit.

Agenda:

1. UNHAS Operation
   - UNHAS is requested to schedule at least one flight per month to Kassala; to support travel for international staff.

2. Open discussion/contribution from agencies
   - Participants enquired on whether WFP offers services like warehousing and vehicles maintenance in Kassala. WFP responded that this was affirmative and any agencies requiring such services to approach WFP.
   - WFP was requested to share the list of potential stationary suppliers in Kassala; as it will be beneficial to agencies looking to procure the same.
   - Participants wanted to know the established rate for commercial car rentals, it was noted that rates vary based on distances and road condition but were generally between 4,000 – 5,000 per day all inclusive (driver + fuel).

3. WFP Fuel access for humanitarian agencies
   - It was noted that currently fuel was at times available in the local petrol stations. Fuel can be accessed after obtaining permit from local authorities.
   - The cost of fuel accessed from WFP is different from the local rates, as the local rates are subsidized by the government.

4. Physical road access information/data.
   - NGOs to share any updates/changes happening to routes with meeting participants for further actions.
5. AOB

- WFP will conduct warehouse management training to all CPs in east, dates will be shared once confirmed by CO.
- All CPs who receive in-kind food assistances from WFP are requested to ensure that the signature and stamp are done at the time of receipt and on site.
- It was reported that Badr Airline, a commercial airline operating between Khartoum and Kassala; begun scheduling additional flights on Saturdays, this brings their flights to four per week. Participants explored the possibility of approaching Badr airlines to schedule one flight on to Thursday afternoon instead of morning. It is noted that currently this is the only commercial airline plying the route.
- Limitation of cargo (10 Kgs per passenger) on Badr airline was also a concern noted by the participants. It was suggested if the airline could be approached to increase this allowance to 20 - 25 Kgs.

The next meeting will be held on 22 December 2019 in the WFP conference room at 12:00 PM.

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