Location: Virtual meeting
Date: 01 April 2020
Chair: WFP Sudan Supply Chain/Logistics
Participants: OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (OCHA), MERCY CORPS, OXFAM, CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS), WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP), MUSLIM AID, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO), INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC), UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN’S FUND (UNICEF), UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR).

Action Points:

- WFP to share their list of suppliers for medical items with OMT Procurement working group. LET Coordinator to liaise with the INGOs Steering Committee for the same.
- Wider discussions to be held between UNHAS, OCHA and other relevant actors regarding the new procedure imposed by the Civil Aviation Authority requiring each passenger to have a letter from his/her respective head of agency confirming the passenger is a humanitarian worker.

Agenda:

1. COVID-19
   - Brief from OMT Procurement working Group
   - Brief from UNHAS
2. Update from Agencies

- **COVID-19**
  - The participants were updated on the Sudan UNHCT COVID-19 Preparedness, the document has 8 pillars. Lead agency has been assigned for each pillar. Operation and Logistics is pillar 8 and WFP is the lead agency.
  - The Logistics key issues to be addressed such as requirements, needs, gaps will be incorporated as activities under pillar 8.
  - A COVID-19 Task Force has been formed and holds meeting daily at 9 a.m.

- **OMT Procurement working Group**
  - The OMT Procurement working group is currently consolidating COVID-19 related items, especially those expected to come from outside the country, in order to advocate through the Resident Coordinator’s office for express release from the government.
  - UNDP, UNICEF, FAO and WHO have already submitted the lists.
  - WHO has shared a list of local vendors who can supply Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) material.
  - There is no funding earmarked for this procurement, this is to give visibility to the United Nations Humanitarian Country Team (UNHCT) plan.
  - The supply plan is to fit in with the plan for the Ministry of Health (MOH) to ensure there is no oversupply or under supply of items.
• **UNHAS**
  - UNHAS flights had been temporarily halted by the civil aviation, however this has now been resolved and flights will resume normal operations from 5th April.
  - Civil Aviation Authority has imposed new procedures, each passenger is now required to have a signed letter from their respective head of agency confirming the passenger is indeed a humanitarian worker.
  - Humanitarian agencies who require to charter cargo flights from outside the country can contact UNHAS who will be able to facilitate through WFP Aviation in Rome.

• **From Agencies**
  - Participants enquired how WFP was going to be able to support humanitarian actors with transportation requirements with current the fuel shortage which is affecting the capacity of commercial transporters.
  - WFP responded that it had a fleet of WFP owned trucks positioned within the states which could be utilized. In addition WFP has arrangement with their shortlisted commercial transporters to issue fuel to them and recover the cost from the invoices.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 April 2020 at 11:00.

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