Meeting Minutes
Kosti, Sudan 23 January 2019

Location: WFP Conference Room, Kosti
Date: 23 January 2019
Chair: WFP Sudan Supply Chain/Logistics
Participants: WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME, HUMANITARIAN AID COMMISSION, UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, SUDAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, ISLAMIC RELIEF WORLDWIDE, ADRA, UNITED NATIONS HABITAT, CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

Action Points:

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

Agenda:

1. Introduction - Logistics Sector
2. Open discussion/contribution from agencies
3. Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) LET sector
4. WFP fuel access
5. 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 the timeliness and efficiency of the logistics response.
- Efficient and timely logistics and telecommunications are key in enabling humanitarian assistance programmes.
- The humanitarian community often requires the support of coordinated logistics solutions when responding to emergencies and protracted crises. This includes the facilitation of common logistics services, logistics-related information management and mapping.
- The sector approach is designed to identify and address logistics gaps and bottlenecks, and to seek to avoid the duplication of humanitarian efforts.
- The Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC), which has the lead role in coordinating humanitarian assistance, makes a huge contribution to logistics capacity by providing land transport and warehouses.
- These meetings will feed into the bigger coordination meeting in Khartoum, and recurring issues without locally-available solutions will be escalated to the Khartoum meeting. If need be Kosti and Khartoum could conduct a 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 for this initiative and fully supported the creation of a regular Logistics Sector coordination meeting.
- In terms of common service support, participants were informed of the following available services which are provided on a full cost-recovery basis:
  - Vehicle maintenance
  - Transportation
  - Storage (warehouse space)
- The HAC enquired whether WFP was able to offer training/internships/jobs to local youth who have graduated from university. It was advised that all vacancy announcements/internship opportunities are published online [here](#) and are always shared widely. Everyone, especially youths, is encouraged to apply to posts which match their profile.

3. Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) LET sector

- Participants were briefed on the Logistics Sector Humanitarian Response Plan for 2019.
- For 2019 the sector will continue facilitation of common logistics services including storage, transport, common radio rooms, air transport, and capacity strengthening for the HAC.

4. WFP fuel access

- Participants were briefed on the process to access WFP fuel, including that the process is done at Khartoum level.
- Some agencies represented in the meeting have already completed Service Level Agreements with WFP.
- WFP informed participants that at 8:00 every morning, time has been set aside to serve agencies. WFP staff will be available at the petrol station to issue coupons and facilitate fuel issuance. This timing is to enable for an organized fuel issuance.

5. AOB

- Participants agreed to hold meetings on the first Tuesday of every month.
- Need for regular member attendance was stressed.

**The next meeting will be held on 5 February 2019 in the WFP conference room at 13:00.**

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