
Meeting Minutes, 4 February 2021

Khartoum, Sudan



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| LOCATION | Khartoum, Sudan – Online |
| DATE | 4 February 2021 |
| CHAIR | Logistics Cluster |
| PARTICIPANTS | CARE International (CI), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), International Aid Services (IAS), Mercy Corps, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Triangle Génération Humanitaire (TGH), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO). |
| ACTION POINTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisations experiencing challenges with customs and clearances to contact United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).• Update on locations for MSUs during the rainy season to be provided at next cluster meeting by partners. |
| AGENDA | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Logistics Needs and Gaps2. Refugee Crisis in Eastern Sudan and Geneina Crisis: updates from agencies3. AOB |

1. Logistics Needs and Gaps

- The situation in Port Sudan has improved but remains challenging due to congestion and delays in discharging newly arrived vessels.
- Delays in obtaining custom clearance are still experienced. Partners are encouraged to contact the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) for better visibility on challenges and potential support.
- Access challenges in and out of Geneina persist. A number of trucks are currently unable to proceed from Zalingei and Geneina.
- A planned humanitarian convoy from Zalingei to Geneina scheduled for last Tuesday was postponed. There are ongoing conversations between relevant parties on improving access conditions.

2. Ethiopian refugee crisis and the Geneina crisis

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS is closely monitoring the situation in Geneina together with the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) to assess access conditions and determine whether and when flights could be resumed.
- As an interim solution, limited seats may be available by helicopter from El Fasher to Zalingei subject to agencies getting clearances from UNDSS for the road sector Zalingei – Geneina.
- Access constraints for flights to Gedarif are in place till 12 April. On an exceptional basis (i.e. Medical evacuation - Medevac), a flight approval will be sought from relevant authorities.
- From 17 to 20 January access constraints led to the cancellation of Kadugli flights.

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

- Two trucks with educational and health supplies were dispatched this week to El-Gadarif.
- Access constraints in Geneina and Zalingei are affecting nutritional supplies and staff movement.
- There are currently four trucks carrying WASH, educational and nutritional supplies that are unable to proceed to Geneina from Zalingei.
- Stocks of mosquito nets stored in World Food Programme (WFP) warehouses will be needed for distribution presently.
- As part of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions, water trucking to different locations is continuing.
- There are supplies in Khartoum that are ready to be dispatched subject to access constraints improving.

WFP

- MSUs and remaining commodities to be relocated from Village 8.
- There are plans to move the MSUs currently in Um Rakuba to avoid damage during the rainy season.
- There is currently a closing stock of 39.531 mt stored in Um Rakuba; 154 mt in Tunaydba, 468 mt in Village 8.

United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)

- Distribution of core relief items continuing.
- Four airlifts carrying 5713 tents expected in February. The first airlift is scheduled for 9 February.
- Will provide an update at next Logistics Cluster meeting on follow-up on locations for potential move of MSUs from Um Rakuba.

Mercy Corps

- In the same situation as the rest of the partners with regard to cargo headed for Geneina regarding access constraints.
- Message detailing bottlenecks encountered to be shared with OCHA today.

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3. AOB

- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) planning to dispatch supplies to almost 11 states, with priority to be given to Darfur and Geneina, Service Request Forms (SRFs) to be submitted shortly.

The next meeting will be held on 11 February 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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