
Minutes for Logistics Meeting (Khartoum)
Thursday, 10 May 2007. UNDP

1. Reiteration of last meetings discussion of the Joint Communiqué

The importance of NGO involvement in the process (esp. customs) is stressed.

No customs problems at present are reported. The English and Arabic versions are available in UNJLC website at <http://www.unjlc.org/sudan/coord/jointcommuniquedarfur>.

UNJLC encouraged all agencies that have violations of the joint communiqué to report immediately to OCHA. Contacts are Celine Esposito at espositoc@un.org, Christian Smets at smets@un.org, and Barbara Manzi at manzi@un.org.

Agencies and NGO are asked to ensure the "Darfur Fast Track Implementation Forms" are completed fully with all details requested.

2. Air operations,

UNHAS has a reduced schedule from 10 until 13 may. Two Dash-8's are experiencing technical problems. Monday 14th of may should be business as usual.

There is work taking place on the airstrip on Abye. Airstrip is currently moved and only UNMIS helicopters are in use.

Helicopter User Groups in Darfurs. UNJLC is tasked to facilitate special flight bookings. Field staff interested is advised to contact your local UNJLC representative.

3. Warehousing

WFP Warehouse Management and Pest Control

After the successful interagency warehouse training in Geneina, WFP has made the offer to start up a similar training in Khartoum. Reminder and further information will be sent out on the logs list.

Common warehousing in Abeye will be realised shortly with the generous help of UNDP and UNMIS. The location will be in the safe the children compound

4. Transport

Common Service Surface Transport

UNJLC and CARE are offering free surface transport for humanitarian actors to preposition cargo before the rainy season starts. Interested agencies need to complete the form and submit it to unjlc.khartoum@wfp.org.

Transport will be only provided between Khartoum and state capitals (El Fasher, Nyala, Geneina) Each Tuesday Alister Shields sends out a update on the progress. Trucks will be sent out when they only are filled. Cargo has to be brought to CARE Warehouse in Bahari.

Barges

Returnees will be starting to be transported by barge. UNJLC will follow up if the empty returnig barges can be used for spare.

5. Convoy

Darfur Convoy

The next convoy with light vehicles to Darfur is due to depart Khartoum the 16th of May. The convoy will be escorted by African Union in Darfur. The exact schedule will depend on the security situation of the roads. Agencies interested are invited to contact unjlc.khartoum@wfp.org or contact otto.bijleveld@wfp.org

North- South Convoy

UNJLC/UNDSS have successfully completed the light vehicle convoy from Khartoum to Juba. The aims of the mission were to deliver the vehicles safely to Juba and do some road survey/GPS work for the UNJLC mapping project. Six vehicles were participating from UNJLC, UNDSS, Warchild and WFP. A detailed report will follow on the logs list.

6. NFI's Common pipeline in Darfur & RoS

NFI & ES Coordination meetings will be held next Thursday 16th May. Darfur 10:00 am and RoS 11:00. NFI's can be requested through the usual channels (an assessment and request form)

7. Returnees update

Two departure centres for Khartoum were severely damaged by the haboob. Only Es Salam currently is functioning.

8. Any Other Business

United Nations mine action monthly sitrep (April 2007) has been circulated. For UNMAO report distribution list contact lisa@sudanmap.org. The most recent Sudan Land mine update map is available at www.sudan.map.org

The Next logistics meeting will be Thursday, 8th June at UNDP large conference room at 1400.

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