

## Sudan Operation – Snapshot Transport and storage in El Obeid

### Overview

- **El Obeid** is the capital of North Kordofan state, **located** 700 km southeast of Khartoum and has approx. 600,000 inhabitants.
- It serves as the **main hub** for Darfur operations and interventions in South Kordofan.
- **Road access** from Khartoum is **good** all year round. No bottlenecks to report.
- Trucks leaving the capital need 10-12 hours to reach El Obeid.
- **WFP, UNOPS, SRSC**, as well as the NGOs **Plan Sudan and Islamic Relief Worldwide**, maintains **permanent offices in El Obeid**. UNICEF is being hosted by the Ministry of Finance; WHO is occasionally using an office container on the WFP storage compound at the airport.
- The only **regular Inter-Agency meeting** is the monthly **SMT**, chaired by WFP.

### Main WFP storage compound



- The main WFP warehouse compound is located at the western outskirts of the town, along the road to Darfur, since 2003.
- Land and storage facilities are being rented from the Agricultural Bank of Sudan (ABS).
- **4 concrete warehouses** with a **capacity of 3,500mt** each are available for WFP food. 1 concrete warehouse is used by ABS.
- Another compound is being used next to these concrete warehouses. **31 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs)** have been erected there in 2005. These MSUs have a size of 32x10m each; total storage capacity is 13,500 mt.
- Both sites are currently full and with no storage space available. This is a result of limited security escorts for convoys to Darfur.



- No other humanitarian organisations are using these sites. UNOPS/ UNHCR (NFI Common Pipeline) and SRCS have their own warehouses in town.

### Storage facility at the airport

- WFP maintains a third storage compound in El Obeid next to the airport since 2011.
- **31 Flospan aluminium prefabs** (24x10m) are available for **food and NFIs**. Total storage **capacity** is 12,400 mt.
- So far, 1x prefab and 1x flospan has been made available for **inter-agency storage**, which so far was only **used by UNICEF and WHO**.
- WFP is taking care of the loading of trucks, also on behalf of other organisations, upon request.
- **10 office containers** have been positioned on the site for WFP staff based on the compound. One container has been made available to WHO staff.



### Transport capacity

- The **WFP fleet** in El Obeid consists momentarily out of **14x all terrain trucks** and **1x tow truck**.
- These trucks serve those areas difficult to access and not served by commercial companies.
- **Main commercial transporters are Abbarci and Raiba**. WFP has contracts with both and uses them for primary transport to main locations in Darfur and South Kordofan.
- A **workshop** which services the WFP fleet of trucks is **located** on the **WFP storage site at the airport**.
- Two trucks were modified in Khartoum to serve as **fuel tanks**, but these have not yet been deployed to North Kordofan.



### Inter-Agency logistics service provision from El Obeid to South Kordofan

Since 01 August 2012, WFP is offering – free of charge – transport and temporary storage services in South Kordofan as part of the logistics common service, as agreed with UN agencies.

For this project, 20 WFP all-terrain trucks have been deployed to South Kordofan. They are based in Kadugli and Abu Jebbeha. WFP's storage facilities for inter-agency use have been set up in Kadugli, Abu Jebbeha, and Talodi. At each location four Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are available; each MSU has a capacity of 400 MT.

**Organizations that require transport and/or temporary storage services in South Kordofan can submit their requests to [sudan.cargo@wfp.org](mailto:sudan.cargo@wfp.org) by using the WFP Service Request Form (SRF).**

The planned duration of this project is until 31 December 2012.