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.

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 Abbacri 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 Jebeeha. WFP’s storage facilities for inter-agency use have been set up in Kadugli, Abu Jebeeha, 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 by using the WFP Service Request Form (SRF).

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