MEETING MINUTES

Juba, South Sudan
28 May 2013

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator


Action Points:

- The Logistics Cluster will look into an insurance company policy on vehicles which are stolen with or without a tracking device.
- The Logistics Cluster will draft SOPs regarding the use of the helicopters and circulate them once available.
- The current CTS Officer will be on leave for one month. Organizations are requested to contact southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org.
- Partners to send cargo information by COB 29 May so that the Logistics Cluster has an indication of needs for a barge movement.
- UNMISS requested for partners to contact them directly if they have additional information requests: noordam@un.org.
- Please contact the Logistics Cluster via email if any organisations would like to present information on project interventions and lessons learned at the next Cluster meeting.

Agenda:

1. General Update
2. Common Transport Service (CTS) Update
3. UNMISS/Jonglei Update
4. Access Constraints
5. UNOPS Update
6. A.O.B.

General Update

- As access issues remain in Jonglei State and there is a continued and growing concern for a humanitarian presence, UNHAS has recently submitted a CERF proposal for the deployment of two helicopters. The helicopters are only for the Jonglei response and will be used for primarily medical evacuations, assessment missions, and to utilize empty rotations with life-saving cargo. The helicopters usage for cargo transportation will be prioritized by OCHA and the ISWG, with the Health Cluster taking the lead on requesting medical evacuations. The Logistics Cluster will draft SOPs and circulate them once available.

CTS Update

- The current CTS Officer is going on leave for one month. Organizations are requested to contact southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org. Other contacts are also available on the website.
- CTS operations are on-going as normal. The Logistics Cluster noted that an increased 4,163mt (9,550m³) have been moved in 2013 to-date, which is nearly the full amount moved for all of 2012. IOM stated that due to the increase in demand and movements, the CTS fleet has had to undergo significantly more maintenance and partners should be patient if there are a few delays due to maintenance.
- The Logistics Cluster currently has nine trucks deployed to Upper Nile State which are positioned to provide support for barge and inter-camp movements throughout the rainy season. One truck is currently in Unity State (Yida) and will remain through the rainy season as well. IOM are working to replace the current 4x4 truck with a 6x4 which will be able to better handle muddy conditions. One truck is also in Wau, supporting the greater Bahr el Ghazal region and Warrap/Abyei.
- The Logistics Cluster has been providing a fortnightly boat service from Juba to Unity and Upper Nile States however the Unity state boat service will cease as partners have indicated their prepositioning of fuel has...
been largely successful and the road from Bentiu to Yida (and other camps) is deteriorating. Boats to Upper Nile will continue, as needed.

- Requests for movement of cargo via barge continue to be received however there is currently not a large enough consolidation of cargo to justify a movement. Partners are requested to send in requests if their organization has cargo that needs to be moved. IOM and the Logistics Cluster are working to ensure that the lead times for cargo delivery is greatly reduced from 2012 delivery times. Partners agreed to send in information on cargo by COB 29 May so that the Logistics Cluster has an indication of needs.

**UNMISS/Jonglei Update**

- UNMISS provided a presentation on key hot spot areas where some information is available in Jonglei State. Due to the small presence remaining in Jonglei, information is sparse and UNMISS requested for partners to contact them directly if they have additional information requests: noordam@un.org.
- Current hot spots in Jonglei include (but are not limited to): Manyabol, Gumruk, Pibor, Boma, Yuai, Duk Padiat.
- OCHA also confirmed that there are no humanitarians in Pibor providing services and reports are that there is still a large military presence which is expanding.
- The Logistics Cluster inter-agency storage units may be affected by the reported looting in Pibor, Likongole, Boma, and Akobo. Staff are scheduled to go to Pibor on 30 May to do a stock check. As soon as the Logistics Cluster has confirmation of the status of stocks, affected organizations will be contacted.

**Access Constraints**

- Logistics Cluster staff are currently updating the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) which is scheduled to be available for partners in August 2013. The LCA is a tool that incorporates major logistical information for the entire country and is a good tool for new logisticians coming to work in South Sudan.
- The Logistics Cluster updated partners that we are gathering relevant information and working with Customs authorities to develop a step-by-step guide which can assist with tax exemption and customs clearance processed.
- One partner noted that they were requested to pay a 3% tax at the border in Nimule, however the County Commissioner’s office assisted and they did not pay the tax.
- There has been little rain in South Sudan over the past week and physical access continues in most parts of the country due to the dry conditions. However, weather forecasts show heavy rains over the next two weeks.
- Partners requested access to weather reports and OCHA confirmed that the Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) Cluster is the focal point for weather reporting. Partners were requested to contact the FSL Cluster leads directly for weather reporting.
- Physical Access Constraint Changes:
  - Pagak-Mathiang – UNOPS is currently working on the road, however this will not secure that this corridor maintain access;
  - Kapoeta-Boma – Road is physically passable, however partners are encouraged to contact their relevant security focal points for updated information.
- Partners are requested to continue to send updates as it assists the benefit of the entire humanitarian community.
- The latest access constraints map is available at: [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a/south-sudan-access-constraints](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a/south-sudan-access-constraints).

**UNOPS Update**

- The work on Yida-Pariang road is on-going and a completion date will soon be available (likely end of June). Four contractors are currently operating and working as quickly as possible to complete the work before heavy rains set in.
- The work on Adjoung Thok airstrip is currently on-going but UNOPS are facing significant challenges with the distance required to get basic materials such as water which is needed for compacting.
- Two engineers remain in Pibor, however no work has been completed on the airstrip since 01 May due to security restrictions. UNOPS has agreed that instead of extending the airstrip they will focus on maintain the 600m airstrip during the rainy season and will conduct extension works once rains and security allow.
- UNHCR has agreed with their contractor in Maban that they will maintain the airstrip during the rainy season.
A.O.B.

- Please contact the Logistics Cluster via email if any organisations would like to present information on project interventions and lessons learned at the next Cluster meeting. Also, organisations are requested to let the Cluster know if the security briefing conducted by UNMISS was useful and participants would like to invited them to further meetings for updates.

- One NGO reported that a vehicle was stolen in Juba and they were unable to recover the asset. The NGO recommends that organizations look into vehicle tracking systems as the insurance company they are using has increased the premium due to the lack of tracker. The Logistics Cluster will look into insurance company policies on vehicles which are stolen with or without a tracking device.

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