MEETING MINUTES

Juba, South Sudan

10 July 2013

Chair: Logistics Cluster Officer
Participants: ACEM, CRS, DCA, IOM, LRDO, Malaria Consortium, Mercy Corps, OCHA, Samaritan’s Purse, UNHCR, UNMISS, UNOPS, USAID/OFDA

Action Points:

• The Logistics Cluster is currently conducting a transport assessment related to the humanitarian pipeline; meetings with pipeline managers and key stakeholders are currently being arranged. Partners are requested to coordinate with the Logistics Cluster to ensure they are available to participate.

• The Logistics Cluster is exploring options for increasing common storage capacity in Melut.

• The Logistics Cluster will coordinate with WFP to identify options for increasing inter-agency storage capacity in Bor. Partners are requested to continue to notify the Logistics Cluster of their storage needs which will assist in the planning process for common storage.

• The Logistics Cluster is currently conducting a joint road assessment mission with UNOPS of the Juba-Rumbek-Bentiu road corridor. The mission report will be shared once it is available.

• Partners are requested to continue to send road condition updates to be incorporated into the weekly Access Constraints Map.

Agenda:
1. General Humanitarian Update
2. Access Constraints
3. Common Transport Services (CTS) Update
4. A.O.B.

General Humanitarian Update

• The lack of access and insecurity has presented significant challenges to the humanitarian community in assessing the needs of, and providing assistance to, affected populations in Jonglei State.

• OCHA estimates that the rainy season will make up to 90 per cent of Jonglei State inaccessible by road.

• Humanitarian partners continue to face difficulties identifying key areas where populations are located and where response can be provided.

• On 4 July, an assessment was conducted in Pibor which found that the number of civilians in the town remains low - approximately 200 (OCHA).

• Humanitarian actors continue to respond to the needs of approximately 4,000 civilians in Gumuruk through protection and post-distribution monitoring missions.

• In Northern Bahr el Ghazal, there has been a reported increase (OCHA) in the number of IDPs requiring humanitarian assistance (approximately 20,000).

• The Logistics Cluster GIS Officer, with WFP, OCHA, and MSF-Spain, conducted a joint road assessment in Aweil North/East Counties. The full report is available here: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/sss19a/Aweil-counties-road-assessment-130704/view.

• Logistics Cluster staff in Bor continue to support assessment missions, conducted to identify population centres, in cooperation with UNHAS through the use of two UNHAS helicopters.

• On 9 July, one UNHAS helicopter was used for the evacuation of three humanitarian staff members from Pibor to Bor due to rising insecurity.

CTS Update

• As many new participants were present during the coordination meeting, the Logistics Cluster provided a brief on services available. A detailed presentation on Logistics Cluster services will be provided to partners following the next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting.

• In June, the Logistics Cluster responded to 45 service request forms (SRFs) and moved 398 mt (722 m³) of humanitarian cargo on behalf of 23 UN agencies and NGOs.

• There are currently nine trucks based in Upper Nile, two trucks supporting the Jonglei response, one truck in Wau, and one truck in Yida. The CTS truck fleet will remain in those locations for the duration of
the rainy season unless needed for emergency assistance in other locations.

- Two CTS barges, one WFP barge, and one UNHCR barge were sent from Juba to Malakal during June. The barges took two weeks to arrive in Malakal, a significant decrease in lead time compared to last year’s barge movements. As there were four barges travelling together, enough to require a dedicated Pusher, the number of stops along the way was significantly decreased. Future barge movements will continue to operate using this revised strategy.


- Partners are requested to continue to submit all SRFs to southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org.

Access Constraints Update

- Physical access constraint changes:
  - Malakal–Poloich Road corridor is closed for all traffic;
  - Most roads in Jonglei State are closed due to rains and poor infrastructure. However, the Boma-Waat and Kapoeta–Kuron road sections remain open, but difficult to pass, for light vehicles only;
  - Rumbek–Benti Road corridor is closed for all traffic: this is due to the deteriorated Mayendit-Kuach section.
  - All traffic to Bentiu is currently passing along the Wau-Wunrock-Mayom route, with difficulty, and organizations should anticipate further deterioration during the rainy season;
  - The roads leading to Aweil North County are passable for light vehicles only.

- The latest access constraints map is available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a/south-sudan-access-constraints.

A.O.B.

- On 10 July, the Logistics Cluster will be holding a User Group meeting immediately following the coordination meeting to discuss road/airstrip prioritization for UNOPS ERU project under the Logistics Cluster. The meeting will assist the Cluster and UNOPS in preparing a proposal for the second round allocation of CHF 2013. User Group members were reminded that their attendance and input for this discussion are vital for developing a substantial work plan.

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