SOUTH SUDAN – MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Juba, South Sudan
DATE: 29 October 2013
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: UNMISS, Danish Church Aid, EDC, Solidarities’, USAID/OFDA, UNOPS, MSF-B, Mercy Corps, Medair, Relief International, ARC, UNICEF, IOM, World Relief, OCHA

ACTION POINTS:

- The Logistics Cluster will work with WFP and MSB to create SOPs for camp management and access to the sites. The SOPs will be circulated to the Logistics Cluster mailing list as well as the Bor team.
- Partners should continue to inform the Logistics Cluster with any access updates so that it can be shared with the community.
- Partners were informed that they need to factor all transport costs into their 2014 budgets as the Logistics Cluster will be moving to cost-recovery. Services will continue, however organizations are required to sign a Service Level Agreement to access the services. Cost-recovery will be effective 01 January 2014.
- Any organization who wishes to be a regular user of the online version of access constraints should contact the Logistics Cluster for login information.

Humanitarian Hub Update – Pibor County

- The Logistics Cluster, OCHA, and partners met yesterday and agreed that WFP will be responsible for the light management of the temporary humanitarian hubs in Pibor County.
- The standby partner, MSB, will be deployed to South Sudan on 31 October and the hub “kits” are expected to arrive in country the week of 02 November. The kits have been packed in 2.5mt sets and will be deployed with the technical staff from MSB to two locations initially, followed by the additional two locations.
- Of the total five kits, four are immediately required and one will be a contingency stock for an additional location. The kits can be erected and operational within 48 hours of deployment of the engineers and equipment.
- The Logistics Cluster is working with OCHA and WFP to ensure that the equipment will be cleared by Customs and ready to be deployed as quickly as possible after arrival in country.
- Prioritization of sites was discussed in Bor today and will be discussed at the ISWG on Wednesday.
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Common Services Update

- Since 01 October the Logistics Cluster has received 106 Service Request Forms and has dispatched 765mt/2,040m$^3$.
- Two barges have been loaded in the past two weeks with cargo on behalf of 15 organizations, destined for Malakal and Melut; they are expected to depart Juba Port at the end of the week.
- Three fuel boats have been dispatched in October for Upper Nile State. Loading has commenced today for the fuel boat which was affected by fire in July. The transporter has replaced all 140 drums of fuel and it will be sent to the original organizations affected. The free fuel boat service will only continue until the end of 2013.
- Partners were informed that they need to factor all transport costs into their 2014 budgets as the Logistics Cluster will be transitioning to cost-recovery. Services will continue (truck, boat, barge) however organizations are required to sign a Service Level Agreement to access the services. Cost-recovery will be effective as of 01 January 2014.
- All services will continue to be provided to users on a voluntary basis and are not intended to replace your logistics capacities, however provide cost-effective alternatives.
- Some organizations are currently utilizing the Logistics Cluster services (barge) on a cost-recovery basis. Any organization wanting to access the Cluster services will be required to sign a Service level Agreement.
- Please contact the Logistics Cluster for any questions regarding the transition to cost-recovery.

Flood Response Update

- Over the weekend the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) was called to a press conference held by the
Government where it was declared that seven of ten of the States in South Sudan are in a state of emergency due to extensive flooding caused by rains and lacking infrastructure. Following this, the humanitarian community has conducted the following responses:

- IRNAs conducted in three locations (Rumbek North, Twic East, Panyijar);
- Additional IRNAs planned for Tonj East, Mayendit, Yirol, and Lankien;
- NFI supplies have been moved into Rumbek North (228 family tents).
- All requests for flood response are to be channelled through OCHA.

Consolidated Appeal Update

- The Peer Review Team (PRT) met last week and discussed the four projects proposed under the Logistics Cluster. Following the PRT, some adjustments are being made and Project Managers are uploading their projects onto OCHA’s Online Project System (OPS). Once uploaded and reviewed, the Logistics Cluster Coordinator will approve them and they are sent to agency HQ for additional review before being accepted by the Humanitarian Coordinator.
- The 2014+ final CAP will be launched by the HC on 14 November 2013.

GIS Update and Access Constraints

- The GIS Officer provided a detailed update on all road access constraints changes, including photos received from partners in the field. Main access changes include:
  - Eight bridges along the Juba-Mangalla Road are either damaged or collapsed;
  - Wau-Aweil Road is passable for light vehicles only (15mt or less);
  - Road condition within Abyei town is significantly damaged and flooded, rendering it passable only after 3 days without rain;
  - Rumbek-Malek Payam (29.9km) is damaged, but passable with caution;
  - Malek Payam-Mayen Payam (70km) suffers from significant ruts caused by heavy truck traffic and several trucks are stuck along the road;
  - Mayen Payam-Amok Payam (8km) is severely damaged by ruts and rain and is passable for light vehicles only.
- The latest Access Constraints Map is available: [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssp11a/south-sudan-access-constraints](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssp11a/south-sudan-access-constraints)

UNOPS Update

- UNOPS operations are ongoing in Unity State with 98% of the total works completed. Two airstrips (Yida and Ajuong Thok) are fully functional following the closure of the Yida airstrip for maintenance it was opened on 08 October and partners were informed via the mailing list.
- The Pariang-Jamjeng Road assessment has been completed and a proposal has been submitted to donors for works so that it is passable during all seasons.
- UNOPS has also submitted a proposal for internal road works within Ajuong Thok.

A.O.B.

- The Logistics Cluster reminded all partners that the humanitarian community relies on information sharing between partners, especially as the rainy season begins to draw to an end. Partners should continue to reach out to the Logistics Cluster regarding any access updates so that it can be shared with the community.

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