LOCATION: OCHA Main Conference Room, Juba
DATE: 28 December 2013
CHAIR: Acting Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS: ACTED, Intersos, UNOPS, UNHAS, IMC, MSF-F, MSF-S, ICRC, Oxfam, Mentor Initiative, and IRC

ACTION POINTS:
- UNHAS advised that the regular schedule is still being adhered to and the standard booking procedures apply. Partners were requested to submit all requests to unhas.southdan@wfp.org.
- The Logistics Cluster to follow up with the relevant authorities to try and implement a fast track customs clearance process to ease the current delays.
- The Logistics Cluster to follow up with OCHA to see if there is a plan to arrange armed escorts for the humanitarian community on the Juba-Uganda corridor.
- The Logistics Cluster will follow up with the NGO Forum on whether visas can be issued on arrival in Juba.
- Partners were reminded to send all Service Request Forms (SRFs) to: southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org.

AGENDA:
1. General Humanitarian Update
2. Roundtable discussion on logistics plans/needs

1. General Humanitarian Update

- According to OCHA, the current crisis has resulted in the displacement of over 121,600 people, 63,000 of whom are seeking refuge in UN compounds across the country. Seven out of the ten states have been affected by the on-going violence. The current Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) breakdown is as follows:
  - Juba – 25,000
  - Bor – 15,000
  - Werkok – 6,000
  - Awerial County – 45,000
  - Rubkuey – 3,200
  - Leer – 1,900
  - Koch – 1,900
  - Turalei – 600
  - Bentiu – 8,000
  - Pariang – 3,000
  - Malakal – 12,000

- At the UNMISS compounds which are hosting a large amount of IDPs, water and sanitation needs are of great concern to the humanitarian community.

- UNHAS advised that the regular schedule is still being adhered to and the standard booking procedures apply. Partners were requested to submit all requests to unhas.southdan@wfp.org. UNHAS continues to fly to most locations (pending security clearance). From 19-26 December, UNHAS relocated 860 humanitarian workers from field locations to Juba.

- Due to the recent reduction in commercial air capacity in and out of Juba, UNHAS has implemented a temporary two week air service from Juba to Nairobi (and return). The service will commence on 30 December and will operate on Mondays and Fridays – standard UNHAS booking procedures apply.
The Logistics Cluster, in collaboration in UNHAS, will be consolidating cargo requests for Nairobi-Juba. If there is enough demand, UNHAS will look into the possibility of chartering a fixed-wing for this route as UNHAS has sufficient capacity in country.

• The Logistics Cluster has erected one Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) in one UNMISS compound (Tomping) for inter-agency storage needs. An additional MSU will be set up in UNMISS Juba 3 in the next 72 hours.

2. Roundtable discussion on logistics plans/needs

• All partners expressed concern regarding the tax exemption/custom clearance process in country. Several partners are planning to send humanitarian supplies from Nairobi to Juba and are concerned about the delays at customs due to the urgency of the IDP response. The Logistics Cluster will continue to follow up with the relevant authorities to try and implement a fast track clearance process in light of the current emergency.

• Logistics Cluster partners advised there is a need for common transport support from the Juba airport to their respective warehouses. The Logistics Cluster will continue to liaise with WFP to utilize their trucking fleet in Juba as there is only one Common Transport Service (CTS) truck in Central Equatoria.

• The Logistics Cluster was requested to follow up with OCHA to see if there is a plan to arrange armed escorts for the humanitarian community on the Juba-Uganda corridor.

• NGO partners are trying to find out if given the emergency situation, visas will be able to be issued upon arrive in Juba. The Logistics Cluster will follow up with the NGO Forum on this issue.

• Fuel is a concern for partners operating in Maban and Yida, as fuel supplies are expected to run out in 3-4 week’s time.

• Partners were reminded to send all Service Request Forms (SRFs) to southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org.

• The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting will be held on Friday, 03 January 2013 at 14:00 at the OCHA Office in Juba.

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