MEETING MINUTES

Juba, South Sudan
23 July 2013

Chair: Logistics Cluster Officer


Action Points:

- The Logistics Cluster is conducting a transport assessment related to the humanitarian pipeline. During the past two weeks the Logistics Cluster Officer conducting the assessment has met with pipeline managers, donors and stakeholders in Juba. Once the transport assessment report is completed, it will be shared with partners.
- The Logistics Cluster has currently secured two MSUs in Bor to support the increased storage needs for the Jonglei response. Partners are requested to continue to notify the Logistics Cluster of their storage needs (southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org).
- Partners have been alerted that fuel drums arriving to Malakal via the Common Transport Service (CTS) have been reported to be filled less than full capacity. Partners were requested to check with their respective suppliers to ensure that each drum is being filled completely before loading. It is the organization’s responsibility to ensure the cargo that they are loading on CTS is correct. SOPs for Cluster services are available here: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a/standard-operating-procedures-120724.
- 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. Common Transport Services (CTS) Update
3. Access Constraints
4. UNOPS Update
5. A.O.B.

General Humanitarian Update

- In Jonglei State, the humanitarian community is currently focusing the emergency response on Labrab and Dorein. The estimated affected population in Labrab is 10,000 and 10,000-15,000 people are estimated to be in need of assistance in Dorein. The Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG) defined the priority item list for the emergency response as following:
  1. Food;
  2. NFI/Shelter;
  3. Medical supplies.
- Currently the two UNHAS helicopters are being used for food movements as determined by the priority list. To meet the food needs of the population, WFP is currently exploring different options to bring in additional air assets, whilst the Logistics Cluster is investigating the feasibility of acquiring additional aircraft for NFI cargo movements.
- The two UNHAS helicopters based in Bor continue to be utilized for interagency assessments, medical evacuations, and cargo movements. Since 26 June, a total of 72.2 mt of humanitarian cargo (food, NFIs, WASH, and medical supplies) has been transported to Gumuruk, Pochalla, Dorein, and Labrab.
- In Labrab, UNHAS advised that fixed wing aircraft could potentially be used once minor maintenance is completed on the currently overgrown 700m airstrip.
- In Northern Bahr el Ghazal, OCHA reported there are approximately 26,000 IDPs in need of humanitarian assistance. Furthermore the volatile situation near the border of Western Bahr el Ghazal is leading to movements of people to Aweil South County. OCHA expects to receive partner’s response plans by 24 July and will continue to follow up on cluster specific response plans.
CTS Update

- In July, the Logistics Cluster has responded to 67 Service Request Forms (SRFs) and moved 674 mt (1,650 m³) of humanitarian cargo on behalf of 24 humanitarian organisations.
- Two fuel boats were sent from Juba on 19 July and are expected to reach Malakal in approximately on 27 July. After offloading in Malakal the boat will take an additional two-three days to reach Melut. IOM will continue to track the boat cargo using RITA (Relief Item Tracking Application). The next fuel boat is expected to depart Juba on 1 August. Partners were reminded to clearly mark each fuel drums with the name of their organization for clear identification at offloading and final delivery.
- The next CTS barge is expected to depart Juba in three-four weeks.

Access Constraints Update

- The Logistics Cluster in coordination with UNOPS conducted a joint road assessment mission of the Juba-Rumbek-Bentiu road corridor. The mission report will be shared with partners once completed. Key findings include:
  - Terekaka to Yirol road is passable only for light vehicles - limited to 25 mt
  - Yirol to Aluaklau and Yirol to Awerial roads are under spot repairs by a private contractor, funded by China Aid.
  - Rumbek to Bentiu road is impassable for all traffic.
  - Mayom to Abiemnhom road is impassable for all traffic has and there are approximately 20 check points along the route.
  - Bentiu is currently inaccessible by road due to recent heavy rains.
  - Luri River Bridge is damaged and impassable for all traffic, only the drift is passable after three dry days.
- The latest access constraints map is available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a/south-sudan-access-constraints.

UNOPS Update

- A UNMISS Strategy Meeting will be held on 26 July to determine whether Pibor airstrip works can be resumed by UNOPS. UNOPS advised that even if security restrictions are lifted, operations will still be affected by the current weather conditions.
- The weekly ERU Status Report has been circulated to partners.

A.O.B.

- The Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) 2nd round allocation process has commenced; key deadlines for partners are as following:
  - 19-30 July: Partners to draft and submit project proposals/budgets to the Logistics Cluster.
  - 2-7 August: Peer review teams will undertake a light review of the proposals and prioritize/recommend project proposals and corresponding funding.
- One NGO advised that they’ve recently been charged minimal landing fees at Juba Airport. The Logistics Cluster is following up with different organizations that operate from Juba Airport to see what the standard landing fee rates are and will follow up with Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) if necessary.

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