MEETING MINUTES

Juba, South Sudan
20 August 2013

Chair: Logistics Cluster Officer
Participants: UNOPS, Medair, MAG, MSF-S, MSF, Danish Church Aid, UNMISS, OCHA, USAID/OFDA, AAH, MSF-B, Goal, ACEM, SSPACAO, Solidarités, JAM

Action Points:
- The Logistics Cluster will follow up with OCHA and UNDSS to plan a date of movement for an escorted convoy from Juba to Bor.
- IOM will discuss the issue of safety at Juba Port with the Port Authority.
- The Logistics Cluster will follow up with UNMISS regarding the condition of Boma airstrip.
- UNOPS requested the Logistics Cluster to liaise with UNHAS to conduct an assessment of the Ajuong Thok airstrip.
- A follow up Peer Review Team (PRT) meeting concerning Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) allocations will be scheduled next Monday, 26 August and all PRT members will be contacted bilaterally.
- Partners interested in leading discussions related to innovative logistics approaches are requested to contact the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster will follow up with authorities concerning regulations for vehicle fire extinguishers; any documentation received will be circulated to the mailing list.

Agenda:
1. General Humanitarian Update
2. UNMISS Update
3. Limitations, Gaps, & Constraints
4. Common Transport Services (CTS) Update
5. UNOPS Update
6. A.O.B.

General Humanitarian Update

- Registration in Gumruk is ongoing and is expected to finish by the end of the week.
- Response plans from Cluster Focal Points in Bor have not been finalized; current estimates of beneficiary numbers are difficult to verify as numerous groups are returning to the bush.
- WFP has continued distribution in Pibor over the past two weeks. However, due to a security incident it was halted on 19 August. A delegation will be travelling to Jonglei to discuss concerns with the government authorities.
- NFI and WASH supplies have been delivered in Labrab by the UNHAS helicopters and distribution should finish at the end of the week. Once distribution has finished, NFI and WASH supplies will be delivered to Dorein.
- Travel along the Juba-Bor road is currently restricted for UN movements and requires escort. The Logistics Cluster sent a message to the mailing list advising partners of an upcoming escorted convoy; however, this has been put on hold until further notice due to access constraints.
- Partners are encouraged to continue to inform the Logistics Cluster of convoy needs, especially for road travel in Jonglei State.
- OCHA provided an updated on the approximately 26,000 people in need in Northern Bahr el Ghazal (NBeG) State. Delays in implementing a response plan have been partially resolved, and Cluster Focal Points in NBeG are currently reviewing the most recent assessment report to determine gaps and needs of the people affected.
- OCHA reported that there have been floods in Maiwut County in Upper Nile State. They are currently working to assemble an assessment team to determine if a humanitarian response is needed.

UNMISS Update

- UNMISS provided an overview of operations and recent security developments in South Sudan.
- In Upper Nile State, there has been an incident with the local authorities, however it was diffused before it caused significant concern to beneficiaries and humanitarians operating in the area.
There have been reports of border clashes in Unity State but they currently appear to be isolated incidents. There have been continued reports of cattle raiding incidents throughout Jonglei State. The government has recently convicted several persons in Jonglei for human rights violations. This is seen to the humanitarian community as a significantly positive development.

**Limitations, Gaps, and Constraints**

**Customs Clearance & Taxes**
- Over the past two weeks there have been a few customs clearing/tax exemption problems reported by partners.
- Partners are asked to inform the Logistics Cluster of any issue related to customs clearance/tax exemptions, even if intervention/support is not needed, to facilitate tracking of related delays, in coordination with OCHA.

**Access Constraints**
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to follow up with OCHA and UNDSS to plan a date of movement for an escorted convoy from Juba-Bor.
- Physical access constraint changes:
  - Narus Junction-Kuron is passable only for 6x6 trucks after two dry days
  - Bammaiza-Bor Road is only passable for light vehicles, after two dry days
- The latest access constraints map is available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a/south-sudan-access-constraints.

**Common Transport Services (CTS) Update**
- There was a fire at Juba Port on 09 August which affected the CTS fuel boat and all fuel/oil was lost. All users affected have been informed. The fire was started due to refilling of drums at the Port, which is now restricted. All drums are now to be full before arriving at the Port. IOM has worked with the transporter and they have agreed to replace all of the affected fuel/oils which will be sent in one consignment in approximately seven weeks.
- One partner noted that the porters at Juba Port do not practice safe loading procedures and have been witnessed smoking while loading fuel. IOM will discuss the issue with the Port Authority.
- The Logistics Cluster received requests to move 310 drums of fuel and has arrange for two additional boats to be loaded this week. Boat 24 is loading today and Boat 25 will be loaded on Friday 23 August. Fuel will be moved on behalf of DRC, ICRC, IOM, SIM, Goal, Oxfam GB, and MSF-H.
- Barge planning is currently underway and IOM advised that they have secured one flat deck barge for possible loading next week. Confirmation will be sent to the Logistics Cluster and users who have submitted requests will be contacted individually for loading date and procedures.
- Partners were reminded to use the updated Service Request Form (SRF) (http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a/service_request_form) and to submit all requests to the following address to avoid delays:southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org.
- The two UNHAS CERF funded helicopters have moved a total of 126mt since operations began on 20 July and have moved 46.82mt (143.67m3) since the last meeting.
- The Logistics Cluster support cell in Bor has organized the movements of NFI and WASH supplies into Labrab and the deliveries should finish by the end of this week. Deliveries to Dorein are planned for Monday.
- UNHAS has faced fuel shortages in Bor, resulting in some flight delays and cancellations. The helicopter operation will be extended slightly to accommodate these delays. UNHAS is working to resolve the fuel issue.
- A partner requested additional information on the Boma airstrip. The Logistics Cluster will follow up with UNMISS regarding the airstrip condition.

**UNOPS Update**
- The Ajuong Thok airstrip has been completed and one NGO flight landed on Monday without incident. The airstrip is 800m x 40m. UNOPS requested the Logistics Cluster to liaise with UNHAS to conduct an assessment of the airstrip.
- The Pariang-Ajuong Thok Road project has faced some challenges due to the change in County Commissioner and tensions with the local community. UNOPS has installed an additional culvert and worked with the community to open access along the road.
- In Upper Nile State, the Maban-Melut Road is 46% completed and works are ongoing. The current UNOPS plan is to continue work on this road section throughout the rainy season, and the road and it is expected
to be completed in December 2013.

- There is no update on the Pibor airstrip. The equipment required to continue work on the airstrip cannot be moved into the area due to road conditions.
- UNOPS conducted an assessment of the Gumruk airstrip and has shared a draft copy with the Logistics Cluster. The final report will be shared with partners once available. The main findings are:
  - Gumruk airstrip is repairable
  - The road to Pibor crosscuts the airstrip and is causing damage, a diversion road will need to be constructed to avoid additional damage
  - Water for rehabilitation may become an issue. UNOPS will need a substantial amount of water for compression, available water is used by the local community and cannot be diverted for construction purposes
  - Local materials are available for a rapid repair of the airstrip (black cotton soil and sand), however if only local materials are used the airstrip will only be suitable for helicopters and light aircraft
  - The current dimensions are 800m x 40m
  - It is currently overgrown with grass. MSF-B has some local labour cutting the grass by hand

AOB

- The Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) Advisory Board has finished their deliberations. The Logistics Cluster Peer Review Team (PRT) recommended funding of USD 6.1mil and has been allocated USD 3.3mil. The total CHF portfolio was USD 33mil and the requests for funding were over USD 55mil. A follow up PRT meeting will be scheduled next Monday, 26 August and all PRT members will be contacted bilaterally.
- The Logistics Cluster asked partners if the current frequency of meetings is acceptable, or if it is excessive. Partners indicated that meetings should continue at the current schedule in Juba.
- Partners are requested to contact the Logistics Cluster in the event that they would like to lead a discussion on innovative approaches to logistics in South Sudan

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