SITUATION REPORT

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SITUATION UPDATE

Humanitarian Update
- Humanitarians continue to express concern about reports of armed elements in refugee sites in Upper Nile State.
- During November there has been an increase in the rate of new arrivals into Unity State (as compared to October). This trend is expected to continue in the coming months as road conditions improve. Aid organizations have responded by establishing small transit sites in Unity State.
- UNHCR continues working to identify new sites capable of hosting refugees in both Upper Nile and Unity States. These are needed to facilitate the movement of some refugee settlements, and to accommodate the increase in the refugee population. A new process to register refugees (Using fingerprint, or biometric verification to assist aid agencies in their 2013 planning and prepositioning efforts during the dry season) was launched in November and is on-going.
- Preliminary results of the November Integrated Food Security Phase Classification showed slight improvements in food security, however the situation remains fragile.
- WFP airdrops of food into Yida, Unity State continued during the month of November; these are in addition to flights scheduled by other organizations. The Logistics Cluster continues to coordinate air movements into the refugee settlement (Currently housing more than 60,000 refugees from Sudan).

Security
- The disputed Mile 14 area in the border area of Northern Bahr el Ghazal State was reportedly bombed on 20-22 November. No casualties were reported, however concern within the humanitarian community continue to increase as the security situation in South Sudan becomes increasingly fragile.
- The security situation in Pibor County, Jonglei State, remains tense with clashes reported between the South Sudan army and non-state armed actors in Likuongole. Estimates indicate that as many as 10,000 people have been displaced by the fighting. Theft of aid items and unexploded ordnance (UXO) remain significant constraints on the distribution of humanitarian supplies.

Infrastructure/Access
- In November, as the flood waters recede, several roads began to open for light vehicles or large 4x4 and 6x6 trucks.
- Key transport corridors into Unity State’s Yida refugee camp have begun to open for transport, easing the pressure to use air assets and the congested airstrip.
- Other key roads are beginning to open in Upper Nile State and, as of the last week in November, the road from Malakal to Maban County via Paloich is open.
- Significant restrictions remain on road movements in Jonglei, Western Bahr el Ghazal, Unity, and Lakes States.
- Access for humanitarian organizations was impeded during the month of November due to new processes for requesting tax exemptions. The Logistics Cluster continues to monitor the situation on behalf of the humanitarian community and is liaising with OCHA to report significant challenges to the HCT.
LOGISTICS COORDINATION

- Regular Logistics Cluster meetings were held in Juba, with ad-hoc meetings in Bor, Yida, and Maban.
- The Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator visited the South Sudan project to meet with partners and visit current intervention sites.
- One Logistics Cluster Air Operations Officer continues to coordinate air traffic and WFP air drops in Yida, Unity State.
- A Logistics Cluster Officer was deployed to Jonglei State to coordinate helicopter operations.
- The Logistics Cluster continued to provide input to the weekly Refugee Status meetings concerning Upper Nile and Unity States.
- The Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP) 2013 has been completed and the Logistics Cluster has sent the completed CAP 2013 document to all partners via the mailing list. The Logistics Cluster project proposals included: UNHAS; the continuation of Logistics Cluster coordination and information management activities; IOM and Logistics Cluster common transport services in 2013; and emergency road and airstrip repair to be conducted by UNOPS.
- The Logistics Cluster is actively engaging with OCHA and UNMISS to streamline civil/military coordination.

TRANSPORT SECTOR

- During November, the South Sudan Logistics Cluster received a total of 72 Service Request Forms (SRFs) and delivered in excess of 245mt [877m³].
- New reports of flooding have decreased in November, easing reliance on helicopters. However, residual floods are still creating access constraints, impacting the humanitarian community’s ability to respond in support of many across South Sudan (especially Jonglei, Unity and Upper Nile States).

Air Transport

- The Logistics Cluster re-deployed one Mi8 MTV heavy lift helicopter to support the increasing demands of humanitarian organizations responding to crises in Jonglei State, following improvements in the security situation. During the three week operation the Logistics Cluster moved more than 40mt of medical supplies, nutrition supplements, and WASH materials on behalf of WHO, PAH, CASI, WFP, and InterSOS. The helicopter has since moved back to Malakal following the conclusion of the airlift.
- In total the two Logistics Cluster helicopters transported over 50mt [109m³] of emergency supplies during the month. The cargo moved included: WASH equipment (latrine slabs and soap), medical supplies, NFI kits, and emergency nutrition supplies.
- A Buffalo fixed wing aircraft has also transported over 36mt [109m³] of relief items on behalf of UNHCR, IRC, and Samaritan’s Purse based on a sharing agreement between WFP and the Logistics Cluster in November.
- Based on the decrease in demand for the use of air assets (As the rainy season ends) UNHAS has discontinued the contract for two helicopters (Used to support their operations). Beginning in December the Logistics Cluster and UNHAS will be cost-sharing the two remaining helicopter assets to ensure continuity of both passenger and cargo services.

River Transport

- In November the Logistics Cluster and IOM secured two fuel boats for inter-agency transport to Upper Nile State. The boats carried a total of 280 barrels of fuel (approximately 56,000ltrs).
- Two barges (Loaded in October) arrived in Malakal and Melut and have been offloaded of their cargo. The first barge carried 131mt (701 m³) of NFIs on behalf of MSF H, DRC, IOM, GOAL, CRS, ICRC, WHO, and MAF. The second was a flat deck barge that transported over 40mt (352 m²) on behalf of WHO, UNICEF, IOM, MSF-B, and Solidarités.
- One boat carrying 35mt of emergency medical supplies was dispatched to Malakal on behalf of WHO. Onward transport to the final destination has been provided by the Logistics Cluster.

Ground Transport

- Most of the roads in Jonglei, Unity, Warrap, Western Bahr el Ghazal, and Upper Nile States remain closed or passable with significant delay due to the rainy season.
- Despite limited and damaged infrastructure, the Common Transport Service (CTS) truck fleet moved a total of 85mt [484m³] during November.
- The current CTS truck fleet consists of: five trucks in Maban County serving Melut-Palouch-Maban; one truck in Malakal; two trucks in Bentiu; three trucks in Juba/Bor; two trucks in Wau, serving the Greater Bahr el Ghazal area.
STORAGE

- The monthly warehouse report has been distributed to organisations currently utilizing the Logistics Cluster common warehouses across the country.
- The Logistics Cluster User Group met and discussed the issue of new storage location(s) in South Sudan for 2013. However, the discussion was tabled until the next User Group meeting in December/January.
- During both of the regular fortnightly meetings in Juba, the Logistics Cluster stressed the need for participating organisations to communicate their anticipated storage needs for 2013. Feedback is needed so erection of the Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) can take place, and be operational in adequate time to support the humanitarian response.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT & GIS

- The Access Constraints Map has been regularly updated and distributed as well as posted on the website.
- The Detailed Transport Maps for all ten states have also been updated and posted to the website.
- Monthly SitReps, Meeting Minutes, Snapshots, photos, and blog posts are regularly shared via the Logistics Cluster South Sudan Website.
- To be added to the mailing list and receive our regular updates in your inbox, please write to the General Email address listed below.

ASSESSMENTS

- UNOPS conducted an assessment of the Juba-Rumbek corridor to the northwest of South Sudan. The assessment has been distributed to partners. UNOPS is looking into funding to begin rehabilitation on sections of the road to potentially commence in December.
- UNOPS continued work on infrastructure repairs in both Maban and Yida airstrips in November. The infrastructure works in Maban (Doro airstrip) have been substantially completed up to 1,400m and only small works remain. The full completion date is anticipated to be 07 December.
- Hand compaction and rehabilitation works are on-going on the Yida airstrip by UNOPS. Consequently, UNHAS has begun fixed wing operations into Yida. Works will continue to be conducted by UNOPS and are slated to be completed by the end of December.

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