LOCATION: South Sudan
DATE: 22 December 2013

General Humanitarian Update

- On 15 December, heavy fighting broke out in Juba and has now spread across the country. Government authorities have declared a national curfew from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

- On 19 December, the humanitarian community conducted several Initial Rapid Needs Assessments (IRNAs) in Juba in the following areas:
  - UNMISS base in Jebel (Juba 3);
  - UNMISS base in Tomping;
  - Juba Teaching Hospital;
  - Five neighbourhoods in town.

- The preliminary findings reported from these assessments are that there is an immediate need for site planning and management, emergency latrines, hygiene promotion, water purification/storage, provision of emergency food (sugar/CSB++), and primary health services and nutrition screening. The humanitarian community is now responding the needs.

- According to OCHA, there are approximately 42,000 people who have been displaced by violence who are seeking refuge at UN compounds in Juba, Bor, and Bentiu. The humanitarian community is providing health and WASH supplies and are preparing to start NFI and food distributions on 22 December.

- UNHAS suspended its services on 16-18 December due to insecurity and restricted staff movement in Juba and in Jonglei state.

- From 19 December, UNHAS resumed its operations, and between 19 and 22 December, the service relocated 443 humanitarian workers from 80 humanitarian aid organisations from 19 locations, including Bor, Pibor, Malakal, Akobo, Alek, Agok, Rumbek among others, to Juba.

- In order to address the immediate needs for security relocations, UNHAS reinforced its fleet by adding an additional Dash 8 for one week.

- UNHAS is continuing operating its regular schedule and addressing ad-hoc requests to respond the needs of humanitarian community operating in South Sudan. Security relocations and medical evacuations of humanitarian staff are treated as priority. UNHAS is working in close collaboration with Logistics Cluster to track and address requests for relocations of humanitarian personnel.

- Relocation requests are to be directed to southsudan.logs@logcluster.org. Regular UNHAS flight requests are to be submitted to unhas.southsudan@wfp.org.

Logistics Cluster Common Services

- All river transport ex-Juba has been suspended until further notice which is affecting organization’s ability to maintain their fuel supplies in Upper Nile State.

- The Logistics Cluster conducted a Coordination Meeting on 22 December at 2 p.m. at OCHA in Juba to discuss the logistics needs of partners and identify key gaps. The next coordination meeting will be held on 28 December at OCHA in Juba (exact time to be confirmed).
The Logistics Cluster has loaned two MSUs to partners to assist with the storage needs surrounding the IDP distribution in Juba (UNMISS Compound Tomping and UNMISS Juba 3). Four additional MSUs remain in storage available for deployment.

The IHP humanitarian camp equipment currently stored in Juba will be erected in both UNMISS compounds in Juba for the utilization of humanitarian partners during distributions for IDPs.

CTS Fuel boat no. 34 which departed Juba on 15 December returned to Juba on 20 December before reaching final destination with all cargo still onboard – all affected partners have been notified.

CTS Barge No. 4 offloaded in Malakal on 19 December for onward transport to Melut.

All common transport requests should continue to be submitted to southsudan.logs@logcluster.org for consideration (pending security constraints).

Access Constraints

- No physical access constraints updates have been received since 13 December.
- Detailed information on the latest physical access constraints can be found here: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a/south-sudan-access-constraints

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