Common Transport Service: Nile River

Overview
The Logistics Cluster in South Sudan is currently offering Common Transport Services (CTS) to the humanitarian community in order to improve access to otherwise cut of areas and to assist with the provision of supplies for recent returnees.

As part of a multi-modal network, water-based transport along the Nile is offered to agencies and organisations that have north-bound emergency cargo.

Vessels
In partnership with IOM, the Logistics Cluster is able to offer a combination of boat and barge services in order to assist with deliveries between Juba and Renk (Upper Nile).

➢ Barge Service
Transportation of emergency humanitarian cargo between Juba and Malakal (Upper Nile) is available by barge. In certain instances the barge service can be extended to Renk (Upper Nile). Capacity for this service is 150 MT per vessel. Kindly note that this service is a one-way service only and south-bound cargo cannot be accommodated.

➢ Boat Service:
Inter-connecting boat services are available from Malakal to Bentiu (Unity) and from Malakal to Renk (Upper Nile). Capacity for this service is 45 MT per vessel.

Departure Dates
The barge and boat service does not operate on a fixed schedule. Once the Logistics Cluster has confirmed bookings equivalent to 75 per cent of vessel capacity, a departure date will be announced for within the following week. Travel time from Juba to Malakal is approximately two to three weeks. Booking status can be accessed online at www.logcluster.org

From Warehouse to Port of Departure:
Each organisation is responsible for organising the delivery of their cargo to Juba Port for loading and must have a member of staff present during loading in order to complete necessary Port Authority paperwork. Permission is required from the Port Authority in order to access the port. In certain cases when transport is unavailable, the Logistics Cluster may be able to provide a collection service from your warehouse in Juba.

From Port of Arrival to Beneficiaries
Organisations must ensure a member of staff is present at the port of arrival in order to ensure that all necessary port paperwork can be completed and to oversee the handling of cargo.

Charges
This service is offered to organisations on a free-of-charge basis. However, organisations should note that only loading costs are covered by this service. Organisations must provide their own handlers for offloading at the port of arrival. In the case of cargo in transit (i.e. transferred from barge to boat in Malakal), please note that handling charges will be incurred if no handlers are provided.

How to Book
In order to utilise this service, please email your Cargo Movement Request (CMR) to southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org

CMR forms are available online at www.logcluster.org