South Sudan – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: UNMISS Logistics Base, Bentiu
DATE: 15 December 2017
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS: IOM, DRC, Mercy Corps (MC), Action for Conflict Resolution (ACR), Concern World Wide (CWW)

ACTION POINTS: 
- Partners were advised to ensure proper weight indication on the SRF and on the store release form.

AGENDA:
1. Logistics Cluster Operational Update
2. Western Corridor Convoy Coordination
3. Access Constraints
4. Partner Updates
5. AOB

1. Logistics Cluster Operational Update

- The Logistics Cluster in Bentiu continues to facilitate access to logistics common storage and transport services to support the ongoing humanitarian response activities in Rub Kona Protection of Civilians (POC) sites.

- The Logistics Cluster Bentiu has six mobile storage units (MSUs) located at UNMIS logistics base for common storage, with a total of 1440 m² of storage capacity with 240 m² free space available. Partners with large storage usage and low turnover are requested to complete their distributions before the next preposition cycle starts.

- The Logistics Cluster Bentiu has facilitated 15 charter flights in the past two weeks on behalf of MSF, DRC and Mercy Corps.

- The Logistics Cluster requested all agencies to send their approved Flight Safety Assurances (FSAs) and cargo waybills to the Logistics Cluster in order to plan reception of their charter flights in advance.

- The Logistics Cluster Bentiu has facilitated 28 Common Transport Service (CTS) rotations in the past two weeks to POC sites and Bentiu Town.

- The Logistics Cluster requested all partners to send requests for CTS via email. A duly filled Service Request Form (SRF) with weight and volume indicators will be mandatory from 18 December 2017 onwards.

- Partners were informed during the meeting of the need to ensure the manifest of people boarding planes chartered for cargo transport are approved by the South Sudan Civil Aviation Authority.

- Partners were advised to ensure the accuracy of information on cargo weight when requesting release of cargo from Logistics Cluster MSUs. Requests received with no accurate weight indicated on the store release form shall not be processed by the Logistics Cluster for release.

2. Western Corridor Convoy Coordination

- The Logistics Cluster informed organisations to prepare for the upcoming western corridor convoy and also requested partners to release cargo from the Bentiu warehouse to create enough available storage space.

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that the Mayom to Bentiu road is now open and the first Logistics Cluster coordinated road convoy is departing mid-January and is expected to arrive late in January 2018.

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3. Access Constraints

- The Beyond Bentiu Response transport network was shared and explained to the participants during the meeting.
- The road from Bentiu to KOCH is accessible by all type of vehicles, however organisations have reported roughness of the road.
- The roads from Bentiu to Dingding, Pakur, Dhorboor to Kaljak are accessible by all vehicles however the surface is bumpy.
- The road leading from Bentiu to Guit town is accessible by all type of vehicles. The road surface has been reported as rough/bumpy.
- The road from Bentiu to Pariang is accessible.

4. Partner Updates/AOB

- Participants were advised that the Logistics cluster Bentiu Saturday working hours: 0830 hrs to 1330 hrs.

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting in Bentiu will be held on Friday 29 December 2017 in the conference room at the UNMISS Logistics Base at 10:00a.m.

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