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Bentiu, South Sudan

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ACTION POINTS
• WHH to dispose of their expired items currently held in the common storage space, Logistics Cluster to follow up

AGENDA
1. Operational Update
2. Access constraints

1. Operational Update

Air Operations:
• The Logistics Cluster facilitated the reception of seven charter flights on behalf of seven organisations operating in Bentiu during July 2019.

• Attending organisations were reminded to comply with aviation security procedures and other operational instructions. Cargo documents like waybills and packing lists must be signed by concerned authorities to avoid interruption during reception of charter flights at Rubkona airstrip.

• The Logistics Cluster reminded all agencies receiving cargo at Rubkona airstrip to inform the Logistics Cluster Bentiu with 72 hours’ notice and submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) to enable the Logistics Cluster to arrange handlers in advance and allocate Common Transport Service (CTS) trucks according to the weight and volume of cargo shipped.

Common Transport Service:
• During July 2019, the Logistics Cluster Bentiu supported and moved 428 mt of assorted humanitarian supplies to locations within Rubkona county using CTS trucks.

• Organisations were reminded that the Logistics Cluster fleet capacity consists of 4 CTS trucks (3 with 15 mt capacity, and a crane with uplift capacity of 3.5 mt). The trucks will only support cargo transportation within the logistics base, Rubkona town and Bentiu town.

• Agencies that rely on Logistics Cluster support were asked to submit SRFs to the Logistics Cluster Bentiu 14 hours prior to departure for SRF registration and truck allocation.

• The Logistics Cluster also reminded partners to issue waybills and SRFs to CTS truck drivers to track CTS truck movements.

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Common Storage Facilities:

- The storage capacity in Bentiu is $10m^2$ indoors and $85m^2$ outdoors. Participants were advised that there is currently outdoor storage space available at the Logistics Cluster Bentiu Hub. There is currently no available indoor storage space and the Logistics Cluster is unable to accept new items into the warehouse until agencies currently storing goods release items.
- Participants were also informed that Logistics Cluster indoors and outdoors warehouses currently hold over $890m^3$ of assorted humanitarian supplies in Bentiu Hub.
- Partners were reminded to monitor the expiry dates of their stored items. It is the responsibility of both Logistics Cluster staff and partners' logistics personnel to identify and report on any items expiring in the store.
- Organisations storing items in the Logistics Cluster warehouse shall be updated on item expiry 3 months in advance by Logistics Cluster staff.
- WHH was requested to dispose of their expired items currently held in the common storage space. The Logistics Cluster will follow up to ensure that the disposal process is done, and items removed from the warehouse.
- Organisations requiring storage services are requested to submit SRFs 24 hours beforehand to the Logistics Cluster Bentiu team for approval as acceptance is mandatory for any items entering to Mobile Storage Units.

Western Corridor Convoy Coordination:

- Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster is continuing to coordinate convoys along the Western Corridor which currently ends in Abienhom due to road conditions. Convoy movements from Juba in the direction of Unity State have been put on hold until dry season.

Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR)

- The Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) has been suspended until further notice due to the rainy season/road impassability. Organisations will be updated on when it will resume. For the time being, the Logistics Cluster will only consider BBR requests to locations that have been assessed as accessible.

2. Access Constraints

- Due to the rainy season, the road from Abienhom to Bentiu is completely closed. Organisations were reminded to share any relevant, new information regarding the status of the roads from Juba to Bentiu with the Logistics Cluster Bentiu. This will help to ensure that information regarding the roads in Unity state is shared and the access constraints map is kept up-to-date.
- The latest access constraints map has been published on the Logistics Cluster website. This map only reflects physical access information received from partners at the county and state levels and it can be found here.

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will be held on Friday 6 September 2019 at 10:00 in the Logistics Base conference room (IOM Conference Hall).
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