Meeting Minutes, 16 January 2020
South Sudan, Bor

LOCATION: WFP Conference Room, Bor

DATE: 16 January 2020

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Bor

PARTICIPANTS: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), International Aid Services (IAS), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Oxfam UK, Plan International, Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

ACTION POINTS:
• Organizations to submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) to transport cargo to flood response locations.
• Organisations to share relevant physical road condition information for roads connecting Bor to Pibor and to other counties in northern and central Jonglei.

AGENDA:
1. Air Operations Updates
2. ICCG Priority Locations/Flood Response Updates
3. River Operation Updates
4. Physical Access Constraints/Road Conditions
5. Dry Season Efficiencies & Prepositioning Strategy
6. AOB

1. Air Operations Updates

• In December 2019, the Logistics Cluster facilitated an airlift of 305 mt of cargo, reaching 28 locations in Greater Jonglei and Eastern Upper Nile counties, on behalf of 27 organisations.
• Organisations were reminded of the need to comply with aviation security procedures and other operational instructions by sharing information from field locations in a timely manner.

2. ICCG Priority Locations and Flood Response Updates

• Partners were reminded that the Logistics Cluster has been requested to support inter-cluster missions to flood-affected areas by transporting multi-sectoral flood survival kits. Partners were also reminded that cargo for the flood response has been prioritised by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)/Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) over all other cargo. The priorities for air transport are:
  1. ICCG missions-related cargo (survival kits: Shelter/NFI; Wash, Health, and Food Security)
  2. Non-ICCG mission cargo for flood response locations
  3. All other cargo/locations
• Organisations were advised that the first phase of the response has been completed.

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Partners were reminded that priority locations are defined by the ICCG at national level, and as such, all requests to prioritise locations for cargo airlifts should be made through the relevant cluster.

To avoid any duplication of efforts, partners were encouraged to work closely with their corresponding clusters if they are planning responses in any flood-affected areas.

Partners were informed that service request procedures remain the same for cargo to be transported as part of the flood response. Organisations wishing to transport relief items to locations affected by the floods are requested to submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org. User instructions explaining the SRF submission process can be found here.

The Logistics Cluster advised partners that certain locations can be supported by air from either Juba or Bor. Organisations in doubt of where to preposition cargo should contact the Logistics Cluster team in Juba.

3. River Operation Updates

- After delayed departure due to insecurity along the river route, the Bor-Renk barge departed Bor on 7 January. The barge Shoebill is carrying over 850 m3 of materials to different locations along the Nile river, including cargo for transhipment into boats in Malakal for further delivery to locations along the Sobat River. The barge arrived in Malakal on 16 January and offloading is progress.
- A boat convoy to Old Fangak departed Bor on 8 January, transporting over 256 m3 of humanitarian cargo on behalf of three Logistics Cluster partners. The boat arrived at its final destination on 12 January and offloading is in progress.
- Over 175 m3 of materials has been loaded on barge Nakhla for the next river movement towards Melut. The barge is scheduled to depart the third week in January 2020.
- The Logistics Cluster will share information regarding the next planned barge and boat convoy movements departing from Bor via the mailing list.
- The Logistics Cluster River Routes Map, which shows the different locations accessible by river transport, is available on the website. The Logistics Cluster will shortly share an updated version of this map.

4. Physical Access Constraints/Road Conditions

- The latest access constraints map has been published on the Logistics Cluster website. The map reflects physical access information received from partners at county and state level and can be found here.
- The Juba to Bor road is open and accessible for all vehicle types including heavy trucks (capacity of 40 mt and over). The transit time is estimated to be up to 36 hours (less than two days trip), depending on the type of vehicles used.
- The roads leading to Pibor, and all counties in northern and central Jonglei are still physically inaccessible. The planning for the upcoming Jonglei road convoy has been pushed to February 2020. The movement by road is not feasible as many road sections are still covered by water after the intense rains during the past rainy season.
5. Dry Season Efficiencies & Prepositioning Strategy

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6. AOB

- Participants were informed that space is available for common storage. Organisations should contact the Logistics Cluster team in Bor if they require storage space.
- Organisations were reminded that a fleet of three trucks is available for Common Transport Services support. Please note that prior notice of 24 hours is required for any transport request. The trucks will only support cargo movement within Bor town and surrounding areas.

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting will be held on Thursday, 20 February at 10:30 am in the WFP Bor conference room.

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