Coordination Meeting Minutes, 14 November 2019
Bor, South Sudan

LOCATION: WFP Compound
DATE: 14 November 2019
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

ACTION POINTS:
- Partners requested to ensure packaging quality is of high standard to avoid air delays due to damage.
- Partners to share information on condition of airstrips with Logistics Cluster.
- Partners to nominate their staff for upcoming Logistics Cluster trainings in Bor.

AGENDA
1. Air Operations Updates
2. ICWG Priority Locations
3. River & Road Operations Updates
4. Physical Access Constraints
5. AOB

1. Air Operations Updates

- Partners were advised that an additional Mi8 helicopter has been deployed to Bor, to be dedicated to the 2019 Flooding response. Organisations were reminded that service request procedures remain as usual during this flooding response.
- The order of prioritisation for air transport is:
  - Inter-Cluster Flood Survival Kit Missions (S/NFI, WASH, FSL, Health)
  - Non-Inter-Cluster missions to flood-affected locations
  - Any static responses, any other cargo/locations
- Partners were also informed that the first inter-cluster response is ongoing in Pibor town.
- Organisations interested in transporting items to both priority and non-priority locations, including those in greater Jonglei State and surrounding areas, should submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org. If in doubt about where to pre-position cargo, partners can consult the Logistics Cluster for guidance.
- The Logistics Cluster has facilitated the airlift of more than 73 mt of materials since the start of November 2019, reaching five field locations in Greater Jonglei and Upper Nile on behalf of nine organisations.
- Partners were requested to work closely with their suppliers to ensure that packaging of cargo is at a high standard to minimise any issues when loading cargo for airlift.
- Organisations were requested to share relevant information regarding the physical condition of airstrips with the Logistics Cluster to ensure that updated information is shared with Bor organisations.
2. River & Road Operations Updates

River Operations Updates

- Participants were advised that the departure of the Bor to Malakal barge (number 11 for 2019) continues to be on hold as the wait continues for the appropriate clearances. Partners were also advised that the boat convoy to Old Fangak is ready to depart and is also waiting for clearances.

- Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster Bor team is now accepting interest for the next river movement from Bor to Renk (number 13). Organisations interested in joining are requested to submit an SRF to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org and pre-position cargo to the WFP riverside warehouse in Bor.

- Partners were advised that as part of the ‘Logistics Efficiencies and Pre-positioning Strategy’, the Logistics Cluster is looking at expanding river operations by increasing the use of boat convoys. As per the River Movement Schedule, the Logistics Cluster proposes boat convoys from Bor to Fangak areas and from Malakal towards both Tonga and Ulang (Sobat River).

Road Operations Updates

- Partners were requested to begin planning their pre-positioning strategy for the upcoming dry season. The Logistics Cluster reminded organisations to maximise the use of road operations where possible to decrease the reliance on costly air operations.

3. Physical Access Constraints

- 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 levels.

- The Juba to Bor road is open and accessible but with slight difficulties for heavy trucks (capacity of 40 mt and over). The transit time is estimated at up to two days (48 hours). The Logistics Cluster suggests using trucks with a maximum weight of 20 mt for this route.

4. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster informed organisations that the cluster warehouses at the WFP compound are nearly full with air transit cargo. Partners were informed that space is still available at the Logistics Cluster riverside warehouses in case any partner needs space for common storage or to position cargo in transit.

- Partners were advised that the Logistics Cluster will be conducting two trainings in Bor early December - a Logistics Cluster Induction Training (4 December) and a Service Request Form Training (5 December). Partners were encouraged to nominate their staff for both trainings before the 22 November deadline.
The next Logistics Cluster Meeting will be held 19 December 2019 at 10:00 in the WFP Conference Hall, Bor.

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