

LOCATION: OCHA, Juba
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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS:

- ACEM, Across, ADRA, ARC, Care, CRS, FAO, GOAL, ICRC, IMC, Intersos, IOM, LWF, Mercy Corps, MSF-B, MSF-S, NGO Forum, PAH, Samaritan's Purse, UNHCR, UNICEF, WRSS, WVI

ACTION POINTS:

- The Logistics Cluster is currently revising the SOPs to include the required endorsement by cluster leads for all airlift requests. The SOP will be shared with the ICWG for final endorsement and distributed to all partners once finalized.
- The Logistics Cluster will share OCHA's response matrix with partners to ensure all logistics activities are being properly reflected.
- The Logistics Cluster will raise the issue of bureaucratic impediments being implemented by RRC surrounding the loading of trucks at the Access Working Group (chaired by OCHA) scheduled for 19 March.

AGENDA:

1. Humanitarian Update
2. Follow-up of Action Points
3. Common Transport Services
4. Access Constraints Update

1. Humanitarian Update

- A representative from OCHA provided the following general humanitarian update to meeting participants:
 - As South Sudan has been declared at level three emergency, the IASC Emergency Directors will be in Juba on 19 March to determine what additional support is required for emergency response.
 - Heavy fighting was reported in Malakal; OCHA advised that if fighting continues to take place it will impact the humanitarian community's ability to respond in Malakal Town and in the PoC area as all movements will be restricted.
 - CCCM Cluster is currently facing a funding deficit for pre-rainy season IDP site preparations. The IDP site in Mingkaman has been identified as high priority.
 - The humanitarian community is working to decongest the IDP site in Tomping and relocate IDPs to the site in Juba 3, however movement has been slow.
 - The CHF Reserve recently granted US\$20 million to the FSL and NFI/Shelter Clusters. It is likely that CERF will provide additional funding to the other key clusters, including Health, Nutrition and CCCM.
 - Prior to every ICWG on Tuesday, OCHA circulates a response matrix to cluster leads for follow up during the meeting. The Logistics Cluster will share the matrix with partners to ensure all logistics activities are being properly reflected.

2. Follow-up on Action Points

- The Logistics Cluster will explore options to fill the storage and trucking gap in Maban. *The current trucking need is in Maban; the CTS fleet currently located in this location will remain.*

- Partners were requested to mobilize their teams on the ground in order to facilitate the offloading of air assets. *The Logistics Cluster has witnessed an improvement on this since last week.*
- The Logistics Clusters requested partners to double check SRFs before submitting to the Logistics Cluster for action; partners were also requested to ensure that all transport requests are endorsed by each respective Cluster Coordinator in order to avoid duplication and ensure proper coordination. *The Logistics Cluster will revise the SOP accordingly and share with partners once finalized.*
- The Logistics Cluster has procured 11 additional MSUs and partners were requested to advise on any storage needs they have. *The MSUs are expected to arrive in the next two weeks.*
- Partners were reminded that when being faced with humanitarian access issues, to fill out OCHA's Humanitarian Access Report Form. *The Logistics Cluster re-circulated the humanitarian access report form on the Logistics Cluster mailing list.*

3. Common Transport Services

- Since 9 January, the Logistics Cluster has organized 154 flights, dispatching over 615 mt to 17 different locations on behalf of 19 humanitarian organizations.
- Over the last week, the Logistics Cluster airlifted humanitarian supplies to Bunj, Labrab, Maban and Malakal on behalf of Mediar, UNICEF, UNHCR, and WFP.
- The Logistics Cluster has five common storage facilities in Juba, three in Malakal, and one in Bentiu. The Logistics Cluster continues to monitor the warehouse stock reports via the relief item tracking application, RITA.
- The current CTS fleet locations are as follows:
 - Maban – 7 trucks
 - Malakal – 2 trucks
 - Bentiu – 1 truck
 - Wau – 1 truck
 - Juba – 1 truck
- On 11-12 March, Logistics Cluster operations in Juba were suspended due to a security incident at the airport in Juba.
- The Logistics Cluster currently has two fixed wing cargo planes and one helicopter in country. One of the fixed wing planes is undergoing maintenance and is expected to be operational by the end of this week.
- Due to storage constraints in Bentiu and Malakal, all items transported to these areas must be for immediate distribution.
- The Logistics Cluster is currently revising the SOPs to include the required endorsement by cluster leads for all airlift requests. The SOP will be shared with the ICWG for final endorsement and distributed to all partners once finalized.
- Partners were reminded to submit all transport requests and inquires to southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org

4. Access Constraints Update

- To date, all roads in South Sudan are physically passable.
- A number of partners advised that they have been approached by RRC and instructed to provide additional documentation and their supervision when loading cargo in trucks. The Logistics Cluster will raise this issue at the Access Working Group (chaired by OCHA) which is taking place on 19 March.
- Several partners advised that any tax exemptions which were signed by the previous Director of Customs are no longer valid and the documentation must be resubmitted.

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