South Sudan – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: OCHA, Juba
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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Action Contre la Faim (ACF), Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), CARE, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Food for the Hungry, GOAL, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), Intersos, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland), Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), OXFAM, Padang Lutheran Relief Society (PLCR), RUDI, Samaritan’s Purse, Save the Children, Solidarites, South Sudan Customs Service, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Universal Network for Knowledge & Empowerment Agency (UNKEA), United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), USAID/OFDA, Welthungerhilfe/German Agro Action, World Vision.

ACTION POINTS:

• South Sudan Customs Services (SSCS) gave a brief presentation to all meeting participants; the Logistics Cluster will circulate the presentation with the meeting minutes.

• SSCS will provide guidance on the importation of vehicles to the Logistics Cluster which will be circulated on the mailing list.

• All organizations were urged to ensure quick offloading in field locations as this affects the amount of cargo that can be delivered on a daily basis.

• The Logistics Cluster will circulate a warehouse capacity template to be filled out by all partners by 11 September.

• All partners were kindly requested to ensure their logistics counterparts are labelling all cargo properly prior to delivery to the Logistics Cluster warehouse.

• The Logistics Cluster will produce a one page guidance document on how to package dangerous goods.

• All organizations interested in the next barge movement are requested to submit SRFs to southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org and begin the clearance process with the local authorities. Once the cargo is cleared, please advise the Logistics Cluster.

AGENDA: 1. Presentation from South Sudan Customs Services
2. Briefing from the Logistics Cluster Coordinator
3. Barge Update
4. Access Constraints

1. Presentation from South Sudan Customs Services

• South Sudan Customs Services (SSCS) gave a brief presentation to all meeting participants which covered the issues they currently face, their plans for improvement, and key tasks from the humanitarian community; the Logistics Cluster will circulate the presentation with the meeting minutes.

• One NGO partner requested guidance on the procedure for importing vehicles; SSCS will provide this information to the Logistics Cluster to be circulated widely with the humanitarian community.

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2. Briefing from Logs Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster presented meeting participants with key statistics from the previous week:

  - The Mi26 has been facing mechanical issues since 05 September. The contractor has advised that the aircraft cannot be repaired in country and a replacement will be sent from Russia. In the interim period, WFP has agreed to spare one rotation per day to the Logistics Cluster until the replacement aircraft arrives.

  - In support of the cholera response, urgent cargo was delivered in Malakal and Paloch over the weekend. However, cargo was not offloaded in Paloch in a timely manner which resulted in one lost rotation. Following this incident, all organizations were urged to ensure quick offloading as this affects the amount of cargo that can be delivered on a daily basis.

  - Dry season planning is underway; the Logistics Cluster continues to send out information requests to partners regarding infrastructure and logistics capacity. Regarding warehouse capacity, the Logistics Cluster will circulate a warehouse capacity template to be filled out by all partners by 11 September. This information will assist the humanitarian community when shaping the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) which will feed into the Strategic Response Plan (SRP).
Last week, the Logistics Cluster circulated a preliminary list of proposed infrastructure projects for 2015; input received from partners has been consolidated and will be presented to the HCT. The list circulated was not sorted in order of priority or importance.

The Juba-Rumbek road now has eight critical sections that require urgent repair; the road is nearly impassable at present. The Logistics Cluster met with UNOPS on 08 September to discuss options to expedite the start of these repairs.

On 17 September, the Logistics Cluster will participate in the Humanitarian needs overview (HNO) workshop. During this session, all Clusters will be providing information on their respective operational capacities and plans for 2015 which will shape the SRP.

One partner advised that there are reports that the Juba airport will be closed for cargo plans due to repairs as of 20 September. The Logistics Cluster will urgently investigate this issue.

The presentation of cargo at Logistics Cluster warehouses continues to be in poor condition (no labels, inaccurate SRFs, no SRFs). All partners were kindly requested to ensure their logistics counterparts are labelling all cargo properly.

In some cases, partial consignments are dropped off at the warehouse. For these deliveries, organizations are kindly requested to fill out the Partial SRF form which will assist the warehouse staff to consolidate all consignments appropriately.

One partner advised there have been issues with the offloading of cargo at the Juba warehouse. Sometimes there are several organizations offloading during the same time and due to time constraints trucks are rejected and asked to return the following morning. This has cost implications for organizations; the Logistics Cluster will raise this issue with warehouse staff to ensure all offloading is done in a coordinated manner.

All partners were encouraged to raise any issues they are facing with the common services which will allow for the Logistics Cluster to address and/or resolve these problems.

The Logistics Cluster will produce a one page guidance document on how to package dangerous goods.

### 3. Barge update

All organizations interested in the next barge movement are requested to submit SRFs to southsudan.cargobooking@logcluster.org and begin the clearance process with the local authorities. Once the cargo is cleared, please advise the Logistics Cluster.

The Logistics Cluster will then coordinate with WFP to link up with their next barge movement (upon success of the ongoing movement).

### 4. Access Constraints

The most recent Access Constraints map can be found here: [http://logcluster.org/sites/default/files/maps/lc_ss_774_currentroadclosures_20140905.pdf](http://logcluster.org/sites/default/files/maps/lc_ss_774_currentroadclosures_20140905.pdf)

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