South Sudan – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: OCHA, Juba
DATE: 23 September 2014
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator


ACTION POINTS:
• Logistics Cluster to share the WFP Prepositioning-Sites.
• Logistics Cluster to circulate dangerous goods guidelines to avoid Partner’s cargo rejection.
• Logistics Cluster to consolidate partners cargo for the next barge movement in order to secure space on the barge.

AGENDA:
1. Update on Current Situation
2. Logistics Update – Gaps and Constraints
3. Briefing on Logistics Cluster activities
4. AoB

1. Update on Current Situation
• The Logistics Cluster Coordinator informed that the replacement MI26 helicopter is due in country on Wednesday and will be deployed to Wau after the Civilian Aviation Authority (CAA) clearance as fuel is available there. When sufficient fuel is available in Rumbek, the MI26 will operate from there. In the meantime, the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) has availed 2 extra MI8 helicopters, for the Logistics Cluster operations, which increases the total number of helicopters operating out of Rumbek to 4 MI8s/MTVs.

• The Logistics Cluster Coordinator informed that a newly contracted fixed wing aircraft (Hawker-5MT), will start service in approximately 2 weeks. It will operate from Juba to the East, Jonglei State and Malakal/Paloich. In addition, the Logistics Cluster will bring in 30 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) this year to support the preposition stocks on top of current stocks.

• The Logistics Cluster Coordinator has also secured a fixed wing plane to deliver cargo supplies to Bentiu pending the drying out and grading of the Bentiu airstrip. See a picture of the runway on the link below: http://www.logcluster.org/sites/default/files/styles/conops_map_wide/public/runway_bentiu_september_2014.jpg?itok=tRjvVzbt.

2. Logistics Update – Gaps and Constraints
• Inadequate fuel in Rumbek continues to be a major challenge to the Logistics Cluster operations with UNHAS efforts to supply fuel in Rumbek and various locations by trucks facing delays due to road constraints. The estimated time of arrival (ETA) for fuel is later this week.

• The Logistics Cluster Coordinator also stated that the Rumbek airport will continue to stop air operations at 1600hrs as earlier communicated.

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It was also advised that the Juba-Rumbek road repair has commenced. Partners will be informed on any progress during the next meetings. The current state of the road means the estimated transit time is 3 weeks.

### 3. Briefing on Logistics Cluster Activities

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator presented the WFP 2015 Prepositioning-site list, which will further be circulated in electronic form to partners. Partners should respond and indicate their interests to use the sites to determine if the Logistics Cluster should set up Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) or identify any locations not identified so a pre-positioning plan can be formulated.

#### Barge Update

- The current barge route is from Juba to Malakal/Melut. If organizations are interested in reaching additional locations (i.e. Maban/Doro), they are advised to contract road transport from Malakal/Melut.
- The 2nd barge has already departed and preparations for the 3rd barge ongoing.
- Cargo requested to move via the barge must be cleared by each respective organization, through the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC). Cover letters (similar to tax exemption requests) are to be addressed to:
  - The Director General of NGO Affairs, Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), Republic of South Sudan.
- The Logistics Cluster advised all partners that all barge movements will be free to users.

#### Dry Season Planning

- The Logistics Cluster noted that dry season planning is currently underway. In preparation for the General Assembly Event in September. The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) requested the Logistics Cluster to present a list of infrastructure projects that should be completed in the dry season. A preliminary list of possible infrastructure projects (roads, ports, airstrips) has been compiled and shared with participants. Further suggestions should be addressed to the Cluster Coordinator.
- Logistics Cluster will check on updated information from Lankien, Akobo and Pochalla airstrips, most importantly because of the possibility to use fixed wings for cargo deliveries once the airstrips dry out.
- The Logistics Cluster coordinator informed the organizations that Pipeline reports-request for November to January will be out next week.

### 5. AoB

- Before closing, the Logistics Cluster Coordinator referred participants to the dedicated website for the South Sudan operation on which the most recent Access Constraints map has been uploaded: [http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraint-maps-19th-september-2014](http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraint-maps-19th-september-2014)

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