South Sudan – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: OCHA, Juba
DATE: 7 November 2017
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: • ACTED, ACF-USA, ACEM, Concern, CHIDDO, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), CEFORD, GIZ, GOAL, Health Care Africa (HCA), HealthnetTPO, International Rescue Committee (IRC), IFRC, IOM, FAO, Mine Action Group (MAG), MSF-Switzerland, Norwegian People’s Aid (NPA), Nile Hope, Oxfam, OCHA, Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), TADO, Tearfund, THESO, Samaritan’s Purse, Samaritan Touch Organisation (STO), Save the Children International (SCI), South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC), Solidarites International, United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), UNFPA, UNOPS, UNMISS, War Child Holland, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and Women Action Sustainable Initiative.

ACTION POINTS: • Organisations to share latest information on physical road conditions
• Organisations to preposition barge cargo in Bor
• Organisations to complete the 2017 Annual Logistics Cluster Feedback Survey

AGENDA: 1. Operational Update
2. Plans and Priority Locations
3. Dry Season Planning
4. AOB

1. Operational Update

• The Logistics Cluster detailed the fleet which includes one Mi8 helicopter in Rumbek, two Mi8 helicopters in Bor and a fixed-wing Buffalo plane in Juba.

• The Logistics Cluster hub in Juba reopened on Friday 3 November and the Buffalo is now operating on a free to user basis to remote fixed-wing locations in the country.

• Participants were reminded to ensure accurate reporting of airstrip conditions; the plane will only fly to locations which have been dry for at least four days.

• A detailed figure on air deliveries per item and location can be found in the Annex.

• The Logistics Cluster is currently receiving cargo in Bor for the third barge movement of 2017. Participating organisations are urged to position their cargo in Bor by Friday 17 November as the loading is expected to commence soon.

• The Logistics Cluster conducted a Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) in Yei, details of the assessment will be shared at the next coordination meeting.

• The Logistics Cluster informed participants of its annual user feedback survey. The survey is available at the following link and will remain open until Wednesday, 22 November: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/logistics-cluster-south-sudan-user-survey-2017

www.logcluster.org
2. Plans and Priority Locations

- The priority locations as confirmed by the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) are Bieh, Bauw, Chuil, Pading, Jikkow, Karam, Kassingor (assessment), Keew, Wichmoun, Kuerynang, Maruo, Mathiang (assessment) Motot, Pagil, Pakur, Pathai, Pulchuol and Yuai. Currently, there is no pending cargo for priority locations and hence items are moved to non-prioritised locations.


3. Dry Season Planning

- Organisations were informed that Logistics Cluster coordinated convoys are expected to start mid-December or as soon as roads dry up. It was agreed that departures (twice a month) would be set along the western corridor to support prepositioning in key hubs.

- The Logistics Cluster reminded participants to begin procuring visibility items for convoys (large banners, flags etc. with agency logos) as this is an important risk mitigation measure and must be strictly adhered to.

- Organisations were reminded to share information on physical road conditions including open routes, payloads, and transit times; this will be used to update the physical Access Constraints map.

- The latest Access Constraints map is available at the following link: http://www.logcluster.org/map/south-sudan-access-constraints-map-10-november-2017

4. AOB

- Participants were updated on the next set of basic logistics training courses organised by the Logistics Cluster. The November courses are being held from 14 to 21 November.

- Participants were reminded on the type of cargo that the Logistics Cluster does not accept for airlift including non-collapsible jerrycans and diesel in drums larger than 200 litres.

- Participants were introduced to Mohamed El Husseini - Logistics Cluster GIS Officer. All mapping/GIS requests should be sent to mohamed.elhusseini@wfp.org.

- The new Logistics Cluster Service Request Form (SRF) and instructions on completing the form have been sent through the mailing list and can be downloaded at the following links:
  - SRF User Instruction: http://www.logcluster.org/document/service-request-form-user-instructions

- OCHA gave a presentation on bureaucratic access impediments affecting humanitarians and participants discussed some of the challenges affecting their operations. Reporting of bureaucratic access issues must be reported through the following OCHA contacts: Gaele Chojnowicz: chojnowicz@un.org and OCHA access: accessreporting@un.org

The next coordination meeting is on 21 November, at 12:00 at the OCHA main conference room.
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Annex:

Air Deliveries 23 Oct - 6 Nov- 343mt