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ACTION POINTS

- Organisations to submit their Service Request Forms (SRFs) for the upcoming March barge movement and start moving their cargo to Bor.
- Organisations to notify the Logistics Cluster of interest in participating in upcoming convoys and begin clearance processes.
- Organisations to share information regarding physical access constraints with the Logistics Cluster.

AGENDA

1. Air Operations Updates
2. Barge and Convoy Movements
3. Physical Access Constraints/Road Conditions
4. Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness Update
5. AOB/Action Points

1. Air Operations Updates

- Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster has three dedicated air assets: one Mi8 helicopter based in Rumbek, one Mi8 helicopter based in Bor, and a Buffalo fixed-wing aircraft based in Juba.
- Organisations are encouraged to continue liaising with the Logistics Cluster if in doubt about where to pre-position cargo.
- Organisations were reminded to submit accurate weather and security reports to the UNHAS Radio Room by 7:30 on the morning of flights to avoid flight delays or cancellations and to strictly adhere to UNHAS Aviation Security Procedures.
- The priority locations for February onwards are as follows:
 - Koch, Leer, Mayendit Counties
 - Panyikang, Canal/Pigi, Fangak Counties
 - Kajo Keji
 - Wau – Greater Baggari
 - Yirol East and West
 - Pibor area, Gumruk and Lik
- The Logistics Cluster will transport goods by road when accessible, rather than by air, as this is more cost-effective.
- The Logistics Cluster reminded all partners that it does not prioritise cargo and that this is instead done by the Inter-Cluster Working Group. Partners are advised to contact the relevant cluster coordinator to discuss cargo priority.

2. Barge and Convoy Movements

- The first barge of the year arrived in Malakal on 27 January.
- The second barge of the year will be departing early March. Organisations interested in participating should send their SRF to the Logistics Cluster and begin moving their cargo to Bor as soon as possible.
- The ad-hoc convoy to Pibor planned for 6 February has been postponed to 11 February. Organisations interested in joining should send their requests before 7 February.
- New convoy documents and common procedures were presented for checkpoints.
- The January-February convoy schedule is available [here](#). Organisations are advised to express their interest and start clearance processes as early as possible.

3. Physical Access Constraints/Road Conditions

- With the upcoming dry season, new roads are becoming accessible for the transport of humanitarian cargo.
- WFP is currently assessing roads in Jonglei and Unity. The updates will be integrated into the Access Constraints Map and if the roads are found to be passable, a convoy will be organised accordingly.
- Organisations are requested to share information on physical access constraints with the Logistics Cluster to help in the decision-making process and ensure the Access Constraints Map is kept up-to-date.
- The latest Access Constraints map is available at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/map/south-sudan-access-constraints-map-1-february-2019>

4. Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness Update

- There are currently no confirmed cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in South Sudan or Uganda, but preparedness efforts are underway. The Logistics Cluster continues to be a member of the National Task Force and is taking the lead of the Logistics Ebola Task Force along with WHO.
- Isolation Units have been set up in the following three priority areas:
 - Nimule (managed by Cordaid)
 - Yei (managed by Action Africa Help)
 - Yambio (managed by World Vision)
- The Logistics Cluster and WFP are currently working with UNHRD to procure four ambulances to support EVD preparedness activities.
- WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, is working with WHO to support kit preparation for the EVD vaccination programme.
- The Logistics Cluster has added a folder on its website with downloadable copies of flyers, community sensitisation products, and sample lists of preparedness items suggested for organisations to procure such as buckets, chlorine solution, nitrile gloves, etc. Organisations are invited to share those documents with their teams and entourage to ensure that everyone is properly informed. The documents can be accessed at the following link under the Ebola Virus Guidance box: <https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a>.

5. AOB/Action Points

- Nimule Border Tax Exemption difficulties:
 - Many organisations are still facing difficulties at the Nimule border. OCHA is liaising at ministerial level to try to clarify the situation.
 - Organisations are strongly encouraged to share the constraints they face with the OCHA Access Unit by writing to accessreporting@un.org or by submitting an online form accessible [here](#).

**The next coordination meeting is scheduled for 12 February 2019 at
12:00 at the OCHA main conference room.**

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