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ACTION POINTS

- Organisations to submit their Service Request Forms (SRFs) for the mid-April barge movement and start moving their cargo to Bor.
- Organisations to submit their request to join the first Jonglei convoy by Wednesday 27 COB.
- Organisations to share information regarding physical access constraints with the Logistics Cluster.

AGENDA

1. Logistics Cluster Updates
2. Air Operation Updates
3. River Operation: Barge Movements
4. Road Operation: Convoys and Access Constraints
5. Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness Update
6. AOB/Action Points

1. Logistics Cluster Updates

- UNHAS gave a presentation on the responsibilities for airfield focal points on the ground receiving UNHAS and Logistics Cluster flights. The documents presented will be shared via the mailing list along with the meeting minutes.
- The Logistics Cluster Officer from the Bor hub gave a presentation on its main activities. Organisations operating in Bor are invited to reach out to the hub with requests for common logistics services (air, road and river).
- The priority locations for March onwards are as follows:
 - Kajo Keji (reachable by road)
 - Cuibet (reachable by road; the Logistics Cluster offers a Western Corridor Convoy every two weeks)
 - Yirol West/East (reachable by road; the Logistics Cluster offers a Western Corridor Convoy every two weeks)
 - Panyikang/Canal/Pigi (Tonga, Diel) (The Logistics Cluster supports by river or air)
 - Pibor (reachable by road; the Logistics Cluster coordinates convoys to this location)
- The [Weekly Transport Plan](#) for this week has been posted on the website and shared via the mailing list.
- The Logistics Cluster reminded organisations that transporting cargo by road (when accessible) rather than by air is a more cost-effective option. As such, organisations were urged to take advantage of the greater road access provided by the dry season to transport as much cargo by road as possible.

2. Air Operation Updates

- Organisations were advised 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 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.

3. River Operation: Barge Movements

- The second barge movement of the year will depart mid-March; loading will start in Bor next week. No more SRFs can be accepted for this movement.
- The Logistics Cluster is organising a barge movement from Malakal to Tonga in mid-March. Interested organisations should submit SRFs as soon as possible.
- The third ex-Bor barge movement of the year will depart mid-April and make stops in New Fangak and Tonga. These locations will no longer be served by air, except for emergencies and/or rapid missions.
- Organisations are strongly encouraged to plan for stock-outs and to use the barge movements for pre-positioning.
- More river locations will be offered in the coming months including movements from Malakal to other locations.

4. Road Operation: Convoys and Access Constraints

- The Logistics Cluster, as a coordination mechanism, does not facilitate air cargo transport to locations that are accessible by road, except in cases of extreme emergencies.
- Many locations in Jonglei State are now accessible by road. SRFs for air transport will no longer be accepted for these locations until further notice, except in case of emergency.
- Organisations are strongly encouraged to plan and pre-position cargo by road during dry season. At the start of the rainy season, if a large amount of cargo is requested to be transported by air, the Logistics Cluster will not accept the SRF and raise the issue with the Organisation's Country Director and cluster lead.
- The first convoy to Duk-Ayod-Uror-Nyiol will depart on 2 March. Last minute requests will be accepted until COB Wednesday 27 February.
- The convoy to Yambio that was scheduled to depart on 14 February is on hold due to security reasons. A Force Protection convoy will be organised, and departure details will be shared with participating organisations.
- The next Western Corridor convoy will depart on 8 March; organisations are requested to submit their requests as soon as possible. More information will be shared via the mailing list.
- The road between Guit and Leer is only passable for light vehicles and trucks up to 20 mt.
- Most locations in Koch Leer counties are now served by road as part of the Beyond Bentiu Response. If organisations have cargo pre-positioned in Bentiu for Central Unity, they are invited to contact the Logistics Cluster hub in Bentiu to request Common Transport Services (CTS).

- The cluster is still flying to Central Unity locations ex-Rumbek. If organisations have cargo in Juba or Rumbek for Central Unity, this can be flown from Rumbek. If cargo is already in Bentiu, it will be transported by road during the dry season. The cluster will not be positioning a helicopter in Bentiu, so organisations were requested not to pre-position all Central Unity cargo in Bentiu with the expectation that it will be transported by air during the rainy season.
- 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 version of the map can be found [here](#).

5. 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.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to offer priority support in the transportation of EVD preparedness materials.
- UNHAS is now offering a temporary free service to transport passengers to Yambio, Yei and Nimule in support of Ebola Preparedness activities.
- The Logistics Cluster is supporting the stocktaking of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Ebola kits in South Sudan.
- Four ambulances are ready to be deployed as part of the Ebola Preparedness activities but are currently held due to tax exemption issues.
- Organisations engaged in Ebola Preparedness activities and wanting to join the Logistics Ebola task force are invited to reach out to Patrick Mills Lamptey (Patrick.millslamptey@wfp.org).
- The Logistics Cluster has added a section 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 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>.

6. AOB/Action Points

- Organisations are reminded to share all bureaucratic access constraints, including any issues with tax exemption and customs clearances at the Nimule border, 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 March 2019 at
12:00 at the OCHA main conference room.**



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