
Meeting Minutes, 9 April 2019

South Sudan



LOCATION	OCHA Conference Room, Juba
DATE	9 April 2019
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	CAFOD, CRS, DFID, GOAL, Healthcare Foundation Organisation (HFO), IsraAID, Johns Hopkins Programme for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics (JHPIEGO), Joint Aid Management (JAM), Lacha Community and Economic Development (LCED), MEDAIR, MHA, Nile Hope, NRC, OCHA, OXFAM, PWJ, Street Children Aid (SCA), Touch Africa Development Organisation (TADO), UNIDOR, UNMISS.
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All organisations wishing to move cargo from Malakal through the three pilot river routes are to forward their requests to the Logistics Cluster.• Partners are asked to identify landing strips near Point of Entry Sites for EVD preparedness mapping.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. General Updates2. Air and Barge Operational Updates3. Access Constraints4. Road Transport and Convoys Update5. Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness Update6. AOB

1. General Updates

- Organisations report to have been receiving a communication instructing them to register all cargo coming into the country via an Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTN). OCHA and the NGO Forum are currently monitoring the situation and have requested organisations receiving this communication to contact accessreporting@un.org.

2. Air and Barge Operational Updates

- The weekly air operations plan has been circulated through the mailing list and is available on the [Logistics Cluster website](#).
- One Mi8 helicopter has been re-positioned from South Sudan to Beira in Mozambique for the Cyclone Idai emergency response. There is one buffalo fixed-wing based in Juba and one Mi8 helicopter based in Rumbek that are continuing to move cargo.
- Organisations are reminded to call the UNHAS radio room/Logistics Cluster team with weather and other updates by 07:30 (local time) if they are receiving a flight that day. This is to avoid flight delays and/or cancellations.

- Organisations expecting consignments arriving by air are reminded to have staff ready at the airstrip to receive cargo deliveries.
- The new priority locations determined by the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) are as follows:
 - **Kajo Keji**- Accessible by road
 - **Cuibet**- Accessible by road
 - **Yirol East and West**- Accessible by road
 - **Panyikang and Canal/Pigi counties**- Supported by river and air
 - **Pibor County**- Accessible by Road
 - **Nassir and Maiwut counties**- Supported by air
- In terms of generator transport, organisations are reminded that generators over 100 kg must be on a trailer that can be rolled onto the fixed wing aircraft. Generators to be transported on the Mi8 helicopter must weigh less than 100 kg and be of less than 10 KVA. Organisations may also need a forklift or crane for loading and offloading, depending on the size of the generator. More information about generator transport is available [here](#).
- The third barge movement of the year departed Bor 16 March. It has now arrived in Malakal and is being offloaded.
- The fourth barge movement is tentatively scheduled for mid-April. It has been loaded and is expected to depart shortly.
- The fifth barge movement is expected to depart mid-May and will include stops in New Fangak and Tonga on the way to Malakal. Interested organisations should submit their SRFs by 20 April and pre-position their cargo in Bor by 30 April.
- Organisations are reminded that plans to expand river operations with movements out of Malakal are still ongoing. To participate in boat transport movements, organisations are to follow the same procedures as for the barge movements.
- The three pilot routes are as follows:

Route	Stops	Frequency
Northern Route	Malakal—Kodok—Melut	Monthly
Extended Northern Route	Northern Route stops, plus Kaka—Wadakona—Renk	Ad hoc basis by request, not to exceed Quarterly
Southern Route	Malakal—Atar 3/Diel—Tonga—New Fangak	Quarterly
Sobat River Route	Malakal—Khorfulus (other locations by request)	Quarterly

3. Access Constraints

- The Access Constraints Map is available on the [Logistics Cluster website](#). With the upcoming rains, all members are reminded to report affected routes to the Logistics Cluster for the map to be updated.
- A road mission was conducted from Raja to Dolo and Chandioy, the roads are now reported passable for trucks up to 10 mt.
- Organisations are reminded that access constraints discussed by the Logistics Cluster relate only to the physical condition of roads and not security conditions as per its mandate.

4. Road Transport and Convoys Update

- Organisations are asked to move as much cargo as possible by road during the dry season. If a location is accessible by road, air requests will not be accepted. Air support to these areas will only be carried out in case of emergency.
- Organisations interested in a potential convoy to Yei are invited submit their interest to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- The convoy schedule for April-May 2019 is available on the [Logistics Cluster website](#).
- Organisations facing delays in obtaining JBVMM clearances have been informed that the Logistics Cluster is currently working with OCHA to get blanket clearance letters for all convoy routes. Outstanding clearances for April should be obtained shortly.

5. Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness Update

- Two Logistics Cluster staff have been deployed to assist with EVD stock management in Nimule and Yei.
- The Logistics Technical Working Group will go on an assessment this week in Maridi and Yambio.
- DFID-funded EVD ambulances were handed over to organisations this week. The Logistics Cluster will fly the ambulances to their final destinations once all registrations and clearances have been obtained.
- Organisations in EVD priority locations are asked to identify the landing strips near Point of Entry sites.
- Queries related to EVD preparedness can be addressed to [Jessie Cochran](#) and [Patrick Mills Lamptey](#).

6. AOB

- JAM has empty trucks going from Juba to Bor to collect cargo in Bor. Organisations interested in using the available space should contact JAM.

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The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 23 April in the OCHA conference room, Juba at 12:00.

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