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# Meeting Minutes, 7 May 2019

South Sudan



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Juba, OCHA Conference Room
<b>DATE</b>	7 May 2019
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	ACTED, Carter Center, CHIDDO, Concern Worldwide, Cordaid, CRS, Food for the Hungry, HDC, HFO, IOM, Medair, Mercy Corps, Nile Hope, NSDO, Oxfam, PASS, Save the Children, UNFHQ, UNHCR, UNMISS, Water for South Sudan, World Relief,
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners to share information on physical access constraints with the Logistics Cluster.</li><li>• Organisations interested in hosting or facilitating trainings are encouraged to contact the Logistics Cluster Training Officer at <a href="mailto:karolina.greda@wfp.org">karolina.greda@wfp.org</a>.</li><li>• Organisations in EVD priority locations are reminded to identify the landing strips near Point of Entry sites.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bureaucratic Constraints Discussion</li><li>2. Access Constraints</li><li>3. Road Transport &amp; Convoy Updates</li><li>4. Air Operations Updates</li><li>5. River Operations Updates</li><li>6. Training Updates</li><li>7. EVD Preparedness Updates</li><li>8. AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Bureaucratic Constraints Discussion

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- The Logistics Cluster received information that the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) is approaching some organisations to request a clearance fee for customs clearance of relief items. None of the meeting participants received such requests or was aware of such practice. Participants were asked to keep OCHA informed in case of any such requests.
- Organisations experiencing delays in obtaining JVMM clearances, RRC clearances and/or experiencing any other bureaucratic impediments are requested to contact OCHA ([accessreporting@un.org](mailto:accessreporting@un.org)).

## 2. Access Constraints

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- The latest Access Constraints map is available at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/map/south-sudan-access-constraints-map-3-may-2019>. There have been no updates in the past two weeks.
- Partners are requested to share information with the Logistics Cluster regarding physical access constraints to ensure the map is kept up-to-date.

### 3. Road Transport & Convoy Updates

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- Many roads are expected to deteriorate during the rainy season, such as the road between Mayom-Bentiu-Yida which will likely become impassable. The Logistics Cluster will share updates with partners as they become available.
- Organisations are encouraged to plan and preposition their cargo in Bentiu and Northern Unity ahead of the rainy season. There are two convoys planned along the Western Corridor: 17 and 31 May.
- Convoys from Juba to Yei and Kapoeta, as well as from Bor to Jonglei will be organised on an ad hoc basis. Partners should contact the Logistics Cluster if they are interested in transporting cargo along this route.
- The next convoys from Juba to Yambio are scheduled for 15 May and 19 June. The road between Maridi and Yambio is recommended only for trucks carrying no more than 20 mt due to many potholes.
- The next convoy to Gumuruk-Pibor-Likuangole will depart from Bor on 14 May. The road between Pibor and Likuangole has deteriorated due to heavy rains. It is now passable only for light vehicles and trucks of less than 15 mt in weight.
- The Logistics Cluster [Convoy Routes map](#) provides an overview of the convoy routes and defines the common convoy route names.
- The Logistics Cluster convoy schedule for May and June is available on the Logistics Cluster website [here](#).

### 4. Air Operations Updates

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- Air assets are comprised of two Mi8 helicopters (one each in Bor and Rumbek) and one fixed wing Buffalo based in Juba.
- Organisations are invited to check with the Logistics Cluster if in doubt of where to preposition their cargo.
- Organisations were reminded to share weather and security updates with the Logistics Cluster no later than 7:30 on the morning of an expected flight.
- Organisations were reminded to submit Service Request Forms to [southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org) to ensure the entire operations team receives the request.
- The new priority locations determined by the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) are as follows:
  - Kajo Keji - accessible by road;
  - Cuibet – accessible by road on the Western Corridor Convoy route;
  - Yirrol West - accessible by road on the Western Corridor Convoy route;
  - Panyikang and Canal/Pigi Counties - served by river or air;
  - Pibor County - accessible by road, next convoy to Pibor on 14 May;
  - Nassir and Maiwut Counties – served by air.

### 5. River Operations Updates

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- Locations to be served by river (barge or boat, depending on accessibility) are:
  - Diel/Atar 3
  - Kaka
  - Khorfulus

- Kodok
  - Malakal
  - Melut
  - New Fangak
  - Old Fangak
  - Renk
  - Tonga
  - Wadakona
- Air services to the above locations will be used only in case of an emergency. More locations may become available depending on demand and boat availability. Organisations should inform the Logistics Cluster if they are interested in transporting cargo by river to other locations.
  - Organisations wanting to access river transport services should submit their [SRF](#) to [southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org). For instructions on how to fill out the SRF, please refer to the [User Guidelines](#).

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## 6. Training Updates

- The Logistics Cluster has brought in a dedicated Training Officer as continued training is a Logistics Cluster priority in 2019, and this will assist the cluster to adequately respond to increasing training needs.
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to organise Basic Humanitarian Logistics trainings. Two sessions are scheduled at the end of May (27-28 & 29-30 May) and will be hosted by Save the Children and IOM. An invitation with detailed instructions on how to sign up will be sent out to the mailing list in the coming days.
- Mobile Storage Unit trainings will also be organised depending on the availability of space to conduct the practical exercise on the setup and dismantling of the equipment.
- Based on bilateral discussions with a few organisations, the Logistics Cluster is designing a training programme for the rest of the year. More feedback and inputs are welcome to ensure that the trainings effectively address partner needs. Organisations interested in hosting or facilitating any of the trainings are encouraged to contact the [Logistics Cluster Training Officer](#).

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## 7. EVD Preparedness Updates

- The Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Logistics Technical Working Group (TWG) is supporting WHO and UNICEF with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) stock reconciliation. Based on requirements from the IPC, WASH, Case Management and Safe & Dignified Burial (SDB) TWGs, PPE stocks will be replenished accordingly. The Logistics Cluster will support in airlifting these items.
- Participants were updated on logistics assessments carried out in support of EVD preparedness activities. Over the coming week, follow up visits are planned to Nimule, Yambio and Yei and organisations are invited to join.
- In support of EVD common storage needs in Nimule, the Logistics Cluster will erect an MSU.
- DFID-funded EVD ambulances were airlifted to Nimule and Yambio. One more ambulance will be delivered to Yei once all registrations and clearances have been obtained.
- EVD preparedness materials are available on the [Logistics Cluster website](#).

- Organisations operating in EVD priority locations are asked to identify and share coordinates of the landing strips near Point of Entry/screening sites. The Logistics Cluster will then organise a mission to assess the sites.
- Organisations were informed about the WFP Regional Bureau's plan for an EVD-dedicated staging area in Uganda. Critical EVD response items will be procured as part of preparedness measures and in the case of an outbreak, WFP will facilitate the swift deployment of these items to the affected areas.
- As of 4 May, there were 1,488 confirmed cases and 963 confirmed deaths in DRC. The numbers suggest that the outbreak in DRC is not contained, highlighting the importance of regional preparedness activities.
- Queries related to EVD preparedness can be addressed to Patrick Mills Lamptey ([patrick.millslamptey@wfp.org](mailto:patrick.millslamptey@wfp.org)) and Fiona Lithgow ([fiona.lithgow@wfp.org](mailto:fiona.lithgow@wfp.org)).

## 8. AOB

- Information on upcoming trainings, map updates and transport plans will be shared through the mailing list. The Logistics Cluster Weekly Transport schedule is published on a regular basis on the [Logistics Cluster website](#).
- Organisations were reminded to always copy [southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org) when requesting air transport services (or any other services) to ensure a timely response.

**The next Logistics Cluster meeting will be held on 21 May in the OCHA conference room, Juba at 12:00.**

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