
Meeting Minutes, 2 July 2019

South Sudan



LOCATION	Juba, OCHA Conference Room
DATE	2 July 2019
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	ACTED, ARC, CAFOD, Carter Center, CHIDDO, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Food for the Hungry, IsraAid, IRC, Lacha Community and Economic Development (LCED), Medair, Mercy Corps, MSF-Spain, NCA, Nile Hope, OXFAM, Plan International, Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), Samaritan Purse, Touch Africa Development Organization (TADO), TearFund, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMISS, World Relief, Water for South Sudan (WFSS).
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners to share information on physical access constraints with the Logistics Cluster.• Partners to indicate their interest to join upcoming convoys and river movements ahead of time.• Organisations to share their bureaucratic impediments with accessreporting@un.org.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Access Constraints2. Road Transport & Convoy Updates3. Air Operations Updates4. River Operations Updates5. EVD Preparedness Updates6. AOB

1. Access Constraints

- Heavy rains have significantly deteriorated the road accessibility in-country. For most roads, the Logistics Cluster advises to use trucks of 20 mt maximum capacity.
- All roads in Unity and in Jonglei States are impossible to access for all types of trucks.
- The road from Juba to Terekeka is cut-off due to heavy rains. Reparation efforts are ongoing, and the access is expected to reopen in the coming days.
- The latest Access Constraints Map is available [here](#).
- Partners are requested to share information with the Logistics Cluster regarding physical access constraints to ensure the map is kept up-to-date.

2. Road Transport & Convoy Updates

- The Western Corridor Convoy is no longer going beyond Abiemnhom due to road conditions.
- The Western Corridor Convoy set to depart on 28 June is on hold due to the inaccessibility of the Juba-Terekeka road. Participating organisations will be notified as soon as the road re-opens.
- The next convoy to Yambio is set to depart on 17 July, organisations interested to join should express their interest before 10 July.

- The first Logistics Cluster convoy to Kajo-Keji took place on 26 June. Three trucks safely reached their final destination.
- Convoys from Juba to Yei, Kajo-Keji and Kapoeta are organised on an ad hoc basis. Partners should contact the Logistics Cluster at southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org if they are interested in transporting cargo along these routes.
- The Logistics Cluster [Convoy Routes map](#) provides an overview of convoy routes and defines the common convoy route names.
- The Logistics Cluster convoy schedule for July and August is available on the Logistics Cluster website [here](#).
- In all convoys coordinated by the Logistics Cluster, a convoy leader is appointed and drivers of both trucks and light vehicles are expected to comply with all convoy procedures and directions from the convoy leader. Please see the [Humanitarian Road Convoy Guidelines](#) for detailed requirements.

3. Air Operations Updates

- Air assets are comprised of two Mi8 helicopters (one each in Bor and Rumbek) and two fixed-wing aircraft in Juba.
- A new CASA C-295 fixed-wing aircraft arrived in-country in May to test its effectiveness on airstrips during the rainy season.
- Organisations were reminded that the rainy season flight plans require a lot of flexibility as plans may have to be changed at the last minute. It is also crucial that a precise report on the airstrip conditions is provided as the fixed-wings planes can only land in airstrips that have been dry for at least three days.
- Organisations are invited to check with the Logistics Cluster if in doubt about where to preposition their cargo.
- Organisations were reminded to share weather and other relevant updates with the UNHAS Radio Room/Logistics Cluster no later than 7:30 on the morning of an expected flight.
- Organisations were reminded to always submit SRFs to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org to ensure the entire operations team receives the request.
- The current priority locations determined by the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) are:
 - Boma – Air support
 - Uror (Palouny) – Air support
 - Kajo Keji – Convoy coordination support
 - Yirol West – Accessible by road
 - Panyikang, Canal/Pigi Triangle – Air and River support
 - Pibor – Air support
 - Riang (Ulang) – Air support
- When submitting an SRF for a priority location, partners should ensure that they have their cargo ready immediately to avoid delays.

4. River Operations Updates

- Locations to be served by river (barge or boat, depending on accessibility):
 - Sobat River Locations (Wathjack, Khorfulus, Baliet, Chuil, Luil, Dome, Ying, Ulang and any in between)
 - Diel/Atar 3
 - Kaka

- Kodok
 - Malakal
 - Melut
 - New Fangak
 - Old Fangak
 - Renk
 - Tonga
 - Wadakona
- Air services to the above locations will only be available in case of emergency. More locations may become available depending on demand and boat availability. Organisations should advise the Logistics Cluster of interest in transporting cargo to other river locations.
 - The Seventh 2019 Barge trip from Bor to Malakal departed on 24 June. The barge will stop in New-Fangak and Atar 3/Diel-Malakal before reaching Malakal. Participating organisations will be notified of the progress and should be on stand-by for offloading.
 - The duration of barge trips from Bor to Malakal is from one to two weeks, depending on the number of stops in between. The total lead time can be one to two months, including loading and offloading.
 - The Third 2019 Boat convoy is finishing the loading process. It will travel from Malakal to various locations along the Sobat River. Organisations will be notified of the progress and should be on stand-by for offloading.
 - Organisations interested to join the Fourth 2019 Boat convoy from Malakal to Ulang are invited to send their [Service Request Forms \(SRF\)](#) before 9 July.
 - Organisations wishing to access Logistics Cluster-facilitated river transport should submit [Service Request Forms \(SRF\)](#) to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org. For instructions on filling out the SRF, please refer to the [User Guidelines](#).

5. EVD Preparedness Updates

- There has been no new EVD case in Uganda, but the situation remains out of control in DRC. A confirmed case was found in Ariwara, 70km from the Kaya border. Even though there is no need to panic, organisations should scale-up their preparedness activities.
- EVD related cargo requests continue to be treated as a priority by the Logistics Cluster. Organisation are invited to send their [Service Request Forms \(SRF\)](#) as soon as possible.
- The dedicated UNHAS flight service for EVD partners to Yei, Nimule, Tambura, Maridi and Yambio has been suspended for the time being until additional funding is received; however, UNHAS continues to serve these locations through its usual routes.
- EVD preparedness materials are available on the [Logistics Cluster website](#).
- Queries related to EVD preparedness can be addressed to Patrick Mills Lamptey (patrick.millslamptey@wfp.org) and Fiona Lithgow (fiona.lithgow@wfp.org).

6. AOB

- Organisations are reminded to fill in the [Logistics Cluster mid-year survey](#).

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- Information on the 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 are reminded to always copy southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org when requesting air transport services (or any other requests) to ensure timely response.
- Organisations are encouraged to report their bureaucratic impediments to accessreporting@un.org.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 16 July in the OCHA conference room, Juba at 12:00.

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