
Meeting Minutes, 13 August 2019

Juba, South Sudan



LOCATION	Juba, OCHA Conference Room
DATE	13 August 2019
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	ECHO, Healthcare Foundation Organisation (HFO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Johanniter International (JOIN), Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Touch Africa Development Organization (TADO), The Mentor Initiative, UNHCR, UNMISS, UNOPS
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logistics Cluster to share more information regarding empty containers available for partners.• Logistics Cluster to update partners on the implementation of an intended river transport schedule/plan• Logistics Cluster to share further information on upcoming trainings to be organised in September.• Partner organisations encouraged to increase EVD preparedness efforts internally.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Logistics Cluster Update & ICWG Priority Locations2. Road & River Operations3. Trainings4. EVD Preparedness

1. Logistics Cluster Update & ICWG Priority Locations

- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster is offering empty containers (free-of-charge) to interested organisations. Further information, including current availability and procedures for requesting, will be shared through the mailing list in the coming days.
- The list of priority locations determined by the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) is as follows:
 - Boma County - Served by air from Juba or Bor
 - Canal/Pigi County - Served by air or river
 - Cuibet - Served by road
 - Duk County - Served by air from Bor
 - Kajo Keji - Served by road
 - Nassir & Maiwut Counties – Served by air from Juba or Bor
 - Palouny, Uror County – Served by air from Bor
 - Panyikang County - Served by air or river
 - Pibor County - Served by air from Juba or Bor
 - Renk - Served by river from Bor or Malakal
 - Ulang - Served by air or river
 - Yirol West – Served by road
- Organisations interested in transport to both priority and non-priority locations are invited to reach out directly the Logistics Cluster team: southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.

2. Road & River Operations

Road Transport

- Convoys to Torit-Kapoeta and Yambio set to depart this week have been cancelled due to lack of participation. Organisations should advise the Logistics Cluster of any interest in participating in future convoys along this route.
- The Western Corridor Convoy is set to depart on 23 August 2019. The road is currently open until Abiemnhom.
- Recently, the first Logistics Cluster convoy to Kajo-Keji in 3 years took place. Three trucks safely reached their destination.
- Convoys from Juba to Kajo-Keji, Kapoeta and Yei are organised on an ad hoc basis and organisations interested in transporting cargo to these and other destinations are invited to express their interest by submitting Service Request Forms (SRFs) to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- The Logistics Cluster [Convoy Routes map](#) provides an overview of convoy routes and defines the common convoy route names.
- The Logistics Cluster Transport Plan including convoy schedule for August is available on the Logistics Cluster website [here](#).

River Transports

- Organisations were reminded it is their responsibility to move their cargo from Juba to Bor when using Logistics Cluster river transport services. Please note that the Juba to Bor road is open and accessible for all vehicle types including heavy trucks (capacity of 40 mt and over). The transit time is estimated up to 48 hours (two day trip), depending on vehicle type used.
- The Bor – Old Fangak boat convoy departed on 10 August 2019 and is expected to arrive in the coming days.
- The Malakal – Bor barge is currently loading cargo and is set to depart this week.
- The Logistics Cluster has received expressions of interest from some partners to organise river convoys to Renk and Ulang from Malakal. Partners interested in transporting cargo to these destinations are invited to submit SRFs to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster is currently contracting a convoy leader for river movements, which will enable the implementation of an intended river transport schedule/plan.

3. Trainings

- The Logistics Cluster is organising a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) installation training. This two-day training will be hosted by Tearfund on 19-20 August in Juba at the Tearfund office compound. Nominations are open to partners until midday, 16 August 2019. Interested organisations can nominate candidates [here](#).
- The Logistics Cluster is planning to organise both a Warehouse Management Training and a Logistics Cluster Induction Training in September. Further information will be communicated shortly via the mailing list.

4. EVD Preparedness

- As lead of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Logistics Technical Working Group, and as part of efforts to promote EVD awareness among partners not actively engaged in preparedness activities, the Logistics Cluster presented basic information on the virus, preventive measures and ongoing preparedness activities in South Sudan.
- Partners were highly encouraged to disseminate EVD posters in their offices to increase awareness, and to organise internal briefings with their staff. The following [video](#) can be used as a tool for such sessions.
- Participants were also encouraged to implement monitoring mechanisms to track staff travel to and from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- To date, no EVD cases have been reported in South Sudan. However, as the EVD outbreak in DRC has not yet been contained and the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, preparedness efforts are being scaled up in-country.
- The Logistics Cluster has augmented its EVD common storage capacity in Juba, Nimule, Yambio and Yei, and has a stock of MSUs available to deploy to high-risk locations in the country.
- For further information on EVD preparedness, partners are invited to consult the dedicated section available on the [South Sudan Logistics Cluster webpage](#). The Ministry of Health of the Republic of South Sudan has also set up a dedicated hotline for raising any alerts (6666).

The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 27 August in the OCHA conference room, Juba at 12:00

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