
Meeting Minutes, 27 August 2019

Juba, South Sudan



LOCATION	Juba, OCHA Conference Room
DATE	27 August 2019
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	ACTED, Action Against Hunger (ACF), American Refugee Committee (ARC), Caritas Internationalis, Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD), Concern Worldwide, ECHO, Food for the Hungry (FH), GOAL, Healthcare Foundation Organisation (HFO), Humane-Aid for Community Organization (HACO), Oxfam, Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), IsraAid, Johanniter International (JOIN), Mercy Corps, Mission of Hope Africa (MHA), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), Peace Action and Social Service (PASS), Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), Samaritan's Purse, Save the Children International (SCI), UNHCR, UNMISS, Welthungerhilfe (WHH)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logistics Cluster to share a drafted boat convoy schedule with partners at the next coordination meeting• Logistics Cluster to produce a river transport map• Logistics Cluster to share with registration information for upcoming trainings with partners• Partner organisations encouraged to increase internal EVD preparedness efforts
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Road Operations Update2. River Operations Update3. Air Operations Update4. Trainings5. EVD Preparedness

1. Road Operations Update

Access Constraints

- There have been no significant changes in the physical access situation in-country. Please note that the Juba-Terekeka road has been repaired and is now passable for light vehicles and trucks up to 20 mt.
- Partners were recommended to move cargo with a maximum weight of 20 mt during the rainy season to avoid delays caused by trucks sinking into the mud. The Juba to Nimule road is currently the only section of road open to 40 mt cargo.
- Organisations were reminded to share any relevant, new road status information with the Logistics Cluster to ensure the [access constraints map](#) is kept up-to-date.

Convoy Schedule

- Recent planned convoys to Torit-Kapoeta (15 August), Yambio (16 August) and towards the Western Corridor (9 and 23 August) have been cancelled due to lack of participation. Organisations were advised that if interest is less than the seven-truck minimum typically required, the Logistics Cluster can instead connect organisations with WFP to send trucks with WFP convoys. Therefore, partners should continue to advise the Logistics Cluster of any interest in participating in future convoys along these routes.

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- The next Western Corridor Convoy is set to depart on 6 September (the road is currently open until Abiemnhom). The Logistics Cluster is also organising road convoys to Yambio (13 September) and to Torit-Kapoeta (12 September). Interested organisations are invited to express their interest in participating before the deadlines which are noted on the latest [Road Convoy Schedule](#).
- Convoys from Juba to Kajo-Keji 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 email to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- The Logistics Cluster [Convoy Routes map](#) provides an overview of convoy routes and defines the common convoy route names.

2. River Operations Update

- The Bor – Old Fangak boat convoy reached its destination on 16 August, transporting 27 mt of cargo. The barge convoy connecting Malakal to Rent arrived on 19 August, transporting 85 mt of relief items.
- The Malakal – Ulang boat convoy is currently loading cargo and is set to depart this week.
- Upcoming barge movements include Malakal - Bor (loading and inspection completed) that is set to depart by the end of this week. Once the barge has reached Bor, it will be loaded with cargo for Malakal and points between. Partners interested in transporting cargo to river destinations are invited to submit SRFs to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster has contracted a convoy leader for river movements which will enable the introduction of an intended river transport schedule/plan. A draft schedule will be presented to partners at the next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting.
- The Logistics Cluster is currently working on producing a river transport map detailing the various docking locations and routes available for cargo movements by river. The map will be presented to partners shortly.

3. Air Operations Update

- The list of priority locations determined by the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) is as follows:
 - Cuibet - served by road on the Western Corridor Convoy route
 - Gumuruk, Verteth, Likuangole, Pibor County - served by air from Bor
 - Kajo Keji – served by road, partners should inform Logistics Cluster of interest in a convoy
 - Kassengor, Boma County - served by air from Bor
 - Mading, Niang, Mandeng, Nassir County - served by air to Mandeng from Bor and Juba
 - Maiwut - served by air from Bor and Juba; currently on hold due to security concerns
 - Multiple Locations, Panyikang & Canal-Pigi Counties - served by river or by air, partners should inform the Logistics Cluster if interested in transporting cargo to these locations
 - Palouny, Uror County - served by air to Pieri from Bor and Juba
 - Renk - served by river from Bor and Malakal
 - Ulang - served by air from Bor
 - Yirol West – served by road on the Western Corridor Convoy route

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- Organisations interested in transport to both priority and non-priority locations are invited to submit SRFs to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org. If in doubt about where to pre-position cargo, partners can also consult the Logistics Cluster.
 - Organisations were reminded that for any air movements, field teams are requested to provide weather and other updates by 7:30 am, which requires partners to physically check the condition of the airstrip. For fixed-wing flights, organisations are requested to also send pictures of the airstrip with their updates. Inaccurate weather reports can initiate technical problems and schedule delays.
 - Partners were advised that new destination requests for the UNHAS flight schedules are discussed during the UNHAS User Group Committee Meeting. Organisations with such requests are encouraged to participate in this meeting and encourage any other interested organisations to attend.

4. Trainings

- Partners were informed that the Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) installation training successfully took place 19-20 August in Juba at the Tearfund office compound. During this two-day event 18 participants representing 14 organisations were trained.
- The Logistics Cluster is organising both a Warehouse Management Training on 9-10 September and two sessions of the Logistics Cluster Induction Training on 18 and 19 September (tentative dates) in Juba. Further information regarding registration 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 reminded that the Logistics Cluster has dedicated 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.
- The Logistics Cluster recently recruited EVD storekeepers to be based in Juba, Nimule, Yei and Yambio.
- The Logistics Cluster participated in a national EVD simulation exercise organised by WHO. The exercise was conducted simultaneously in Juba, Nimule and Yei.
- 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 10 September in the OCHA conference room, Juba at 12:00

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