Meeting Minutes, 10 September 2019
Juba, South Sudan

LOCATION: Juba, OCHA Conference Room
DATE: 10 September 2019
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS: ACTED, Action Against Hunger (ACF), American Refugee Committee (ARC), Aliab Rural Development Agency (ARUDA), Carter Center, Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD), Healthcare Foundation Organisation (HFO), Humane-Aid for Community Organization (HACO), Joint Aid Management (JAM), Johanniter International (JOIN), Malteser International, Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, Medair, Medici con l’Africa (CUAMM), Mentor Initiative, Mercy Corps, Peace Action and Social Service (PASS), Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), Relief International, Tearfund, UNHCR, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Universal Intervention and Development Organization (UNIDOR), UNMISS, Water for South Sudan, World Relief, World Vision International

ACTION POINTS:
- Logistics Cluster to finalise river transport map
- Logistics Cluster to share registration information for upcoming trainings
- Partners to start thinking about their pre-positioning strategy
- Partner organisations encouraged to increase internal EVD preparedness efforts

AGENDA:
1. Road Operations Update
2. River Operations Update
3. Air Operations Update
4. Pre-positioning Strategy
5. Trainings
6. EVD Preparedness
7. AOB

1. Road Operations Update

Access Constraints
- There have been no significant changes in the physical access situation in-country. Please note that the Wunrock - Abiemnhom road is now impassable for all vehicle types due to physical constraints.
- Organisations were reminded to share any relevant, road status updates with the Logistics Cluster to ensure the access constraints map is kept up-to-date.

Convoy Schedule
- Recent planned convoys to Torit-Kapoeta (5 September) and Yambio (16 August) were cancelled due to lack of interest. The Western Corridor convoy planned for 30 August has been delayed due to movement constraints in Juba. It’s now planned to depart on Wednesday 10 September.
- 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 planned for 20 September; the road is currently open until Wunrock. 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 Lainya-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 Malakal – Ulang boat convoy reached its destination on 7 September, transporting 39 mt of cargo. The barge connecting Malakal to Bor arrived on 8 September and is currently offloading, transporting 98 mt of humanitarian cargo.
- The Bor – Malakal barge is set to start loading next week. Organisations with cargo pre-positioned in Bor and interested in joining this river movement are invited to submit a Service Request Form to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org, as soon as possible.
- Partners were presented with the new River Movement Schedule document which shows intended river movements from September until November. The document is available on the website.
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that a River Routing Map is currently being finalised and will be shared via the mailing list 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
  - 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
- Organisations interested in transporting items 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 for guidance.
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- Organisations were reminded that for any air movements, field teams are requested to provide weather and other updates by 7:30 am on the morning of the flight, 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 cause technical problems and delays.

4. Pre-positioning Strategy

- Partners were requested to start thinking about their pre-positioning strategy for the upcoming dry season. The Logistics Cluster advised that there will continue to be an increase in the use of road and river transport through the end of 2019 and into 2020.
- Organisations were advised that air operations are planned to reduce, either through the discontinuation of one asset or a reduction of the minimum guaranteed hours contracted. Air transport will only be used when no other transport options are available to drive operational cost-efficiency although the Logistics Cluster will maintain flexibility for priority cargo and locations.

5. Trainings

- Partners were informed that the Warehouse Management training successfully took place 9-10 September in Juba in collaboration with IOM, Save the Children and UNICEF. During this two-day event, 29 participants representing 27 organisations were trained.
- Organisations were reminded that selection process for trainings is on a first come-first served basis. A list of no-shows is kept, and organisations on this list will be considered but not prioritised in the selection process for future trainings. Therefore, it is requested that if a participant needs to cancel its participation, that organisations notify the Logistics Cluster immediately to ensure the vacant spot can be filled.
- The dates and locations of the Logistics Cluster Induction Training sessions planned for September are still to be confirmed. Further information regarding registration, dates and locations will be communicated via the mailing list.

6. Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness

- Partners were highly encouraged to implement EVD preventive measures internally such as installing hand washing stations, disseminating EVD posters, and organising briefings with their staff. It was emphasised that these measures are not costly but would be essential in the event of an Ebola outbreak in South Sudan.
- The Logistics Cluster recently recruited EVD storekeepers to be based in Juba, Nimule, Yei and Yambio.
- 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 has produced a dashboard highlighting all the activities undertaken in at-risk locations. The dashboard is available here.

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• 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).

7. AOB

• Partners raised that they have been experiencing customs clearance difficulties at the Juba International Airport. Organisations facing this issue were requested to share information with the Logistics Cluster so that they can raise the issue through the appropriate channels.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 8 October in the OCHA conference room, Juba at 12:00.

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