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ACTION POINTS

• Logistics Cluster to share guidance document of logistics efficiencies and pre-positioning strategy.
• Partners to start thinking about their pre-positioning strategy.
• Organisations to continue sharing critical data to support accuracy of the maps.
• Logistics Cluster to share registration information for upcoming trainings.
• Partner organisations encouraged to increase internal EVD preparedness efforts.

AGENDA

1. Pre-positioning Strategy
2. Inter-Cluster Working Group Priority Locations
3. Road Operations Update
4. River Operations Update
5. Air Operations Update
6. Geographic Information Systems
7. Trainings
8. EVD Preparedness

1. Pre-positioning Strategy

• Partners were requested to begin planning 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.
• Partners were reminded that the Logistics Cluster has Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) available for loan in case organisations require additional storage in locations where they wish to pre-position cargo.
• A document providing guidance to partners on the Logistics Cluster’s Logistics Efficiencies and Pre-positioning Strategy is currently being drafted and will be shared with partners via the mailing list shortly.

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2. Inter-Cluster Working Group Priority Locations

- The list of priority locations determined by the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) is as follows:
  - Terekeka, Tali and Tindilo – 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 Service Request Forms (SRFs) to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org. If in doubt about where to pre-position cargo, partners can also consult the Logistics Cluster for guidance.
- Organisations were informed that following a request at the ICWG, the number of locations considered as priority has now reduced. Partners were therefore advised to monitor the changes more closely.

3. Road Operations Update

Access Constraints

- There have been no significant changes in the physical access situation in-country. Please note that the Kuajok - Wunrock road is currently being monitored for physical constraints. Partners with information related to this road section are kindly asked to share this with the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster received information regarding a bridge that has been cut off near Kapoeta, making the road from Torit to Kapoeta only accessible for light vehicles. Partners with information related to this road section are kindly asked to share this with the Logistics Cluster.
- Organisations were reminded to share any other relevant road status updates with the Logistics Cluster to ensure the access constraints map is kept up-to-date.

Convoy Schedule

- The Western Corridor Convoy departed from Juba on October 4 and is currently en route. Upcoming Western Corridor Convoys are planned for 18 October and 1 November.
- Partners were informed that a road convoy towards Mundri is set to depart on 11 October and will be coordinated by Force Protection.
- The Logistics Cluster still hasn’t received any interest for the convoy towards Kapoeta, originally meant to depart on 10 October.
- Organisations were reminded that convoys towards Kapoeta and Yambio are organised on a monthly basis. 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 recently updated Logistics Cluster Convoy Routes map provides an overview of convoy routes and defines the common convoy route names.
4. River Operations Update

- The Bor – Malakal barge is already loaded and set to depart as soon as the Logistics Cluster receives all the necessary clearances.
- Partners were advised that the Logistics Cluster is still accepting interest for upcoming boat river movements. Two of the mentioned convoys will be departing from Malakal to serve Madeng and Fakwar (via Tonga), and a third boat convoy will be going from Bor to Old Fangak. Organisations interested in joining any of these river movements are requested to submit a Service Request Form to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org as soon as possible.
- Partners were reminded that the River Movement Schedule document shows intended river movements from September until November. The Logistics Cluster will remain flexible during this transition period to accommodate partners while organisations get used to this new transport modality.
- The Logistics Cluster presented the recently produced River Routes Map which shows the different locations accessible by river transport. The map is available on the website.

5. Air Operations Update

- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster reduced its air assets to one fixed-wing aircraft based in Juba.
- 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 schedule delays.
- All Logistics Cluster cargo destined for Melut is currently on hold as the airstrip is still not accessible. Once clearance is given, the Logistics Cluster will start moving cargo towards this destination.
- Partners were reminded of all the different factors considered to determine the Air Operations Flight Schedule including ICWG priority locations, priority cargo (e.g. medical supplies), weather conditions, asset availability, appropriate documentation received, airstrip conditions, etc.

6. Geographic Information Systems

- Partners were reminded of the maps available to partners including Concept of Operations, Physical Access Constraints, Road Convoy Routes, River Transport Routes, Road Distances Map, South Sudan Transport overview, UNHAS Air Service, South Sudan Elevation Map, State Maps and Counties Maps.
- Organisations were encouraged to continue sharing critical data to support accuracy of the maps.

7. Trainings

- Partners were informed that during September 2019, the Logistics Cluster conducted five trainings in three different locations reaching a total of 107 trainees from 68 organisations.
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- Organisations were reminded that the selection process for trainings is on a first come-first served basis. A list of no-shows at trainings 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 is no longer able to attend, that organisations notify the Logistics Cluster immediately to ensure the vacant spot can be filled.
- The dates and locations of Logistics Cluster Training sessions planned for October are still to be confirmed. Further information regarding registration, dates and locations will be communicated via the mailing list.

8. Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness

- The Logistics Cluster recently produced a video showing the efforts undertaken in EVD Preparedness at country level. Partners were shown the video that is available at the following link.
- Partners were highly encouraged to implement internal EVD preparedness measures such as installing hand washing stations, disseminating EVD posters, and organising briefings with their staff. Partners were shown examples of simple handwashing stations to replicate in their offices.
- The Logistics Cluster recently recruited EVD storekeepers to be based in Juba, Nimule, Yei and Yambio.
- 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 22 October in the OCHA conference room, Juba at 12:00.

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