Meeting Minutes, 22 October 2019
Juba, South Sudan

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Juba, OCHA Conference Room

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

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ACTION POINTS
- Organisations to continue sharing critical physical access constraints information with the Logistics Cluster to ensure the accuracy of the access constraints map.
- Partners to inform the Logistics Cluster on the kind of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) related information and updates they would like to benefit from.
- Partners to communicate with the Logistics Cluster a list of equipment/assets to be submitted to UNMISS.
- The Logistics Cluster to follow up with OCHA and NGO forum to address the CID clearances issue for medical supplies.

AGENDA
1. Inter-Cluster Working Group Priority (ICWG) Locations
2. Road Operations Update
3. River Operations Update
4. Air Operations Update
5. Trainings
6. EVD Preparedness
7. AOB

1. Inter-Cluster Working Group Priority (ICWG) Locations

- Partners were informed that no ICWG priority locations have been identified this week.
- Organisations interested in transporting items to 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.
2. Road Operations Update

Access Constraints

- There have been no significant changes to the overall physical access situation in-country however, partners were informed that there have been some reported access constraints on the roads from Juba to Bor, Wau to Raja, and Kuajok to Wunrok. Partners with information related to these road sections are kindly asked to share this with the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster has received information regarding a bridge that has been cut off near Yirol on the road from Juba to Rumbek. Partners confirmed that the road is passable but with difficulties. Organisations with information related to this road section are kindly asked to share this with the Logistics Cluster.
- Partners were informed that the rainy season is expected to last until the end of November, slightly later than previous years, meaning that it is expected that roads will reopen later than usual this year.
- 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 has reached Wau. The Western Corridor Convoy originally planned for 18 October was cancelled due to lack of interest however the next convoy on this route is set to depart 1 November.
- The Logistics Cluster coordinated a convoy towards Mundri – Yambio which departed on 13 October. This Force Protection convoy faced some physical constraints near Mundri but has now resumed.
- Partners were informed that a convoy towards Kapoeta departed on 19 October and is expected to reach Torit soon.
- Organisations interested in joining road convoys were reminded 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.

3. River Operations Update

- The Bor-Renk barge departure has been pushed back due to a delay in obtaining the necessary clearances. The Logistics Cluster will keep partners updated as the situation changes and will advise when the barge can depart. Partners were also advised that the Logistics Cluster is still accepting interest for this movement.
- As a result of the delay for the departure of the Bor-Renk barge, boat convoy movements on the Sobat River have been impacted as cargo loaded onto the barge is to be transhipped into these boats in Malakal.
- The Logistics Cluster is accepting interest for upcoming river movements from Bor to Old Fangak and from Malakal to Tonga and the Sobat River route. Organisations interested in joining any of these are requested to submit a Service Request Form to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org as soon as possible.
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- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that river movements along the Sobat River are now reaching locations past Mandeng up until Jikmir.
- The Logistics Cluster River Routes Map which shows the different locations accessible by river transport is available on the [website](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a).

4. Air Operations Update

- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster has one fixed-wing aircraft based in Juba, and for the time being has positioned both Logistics Cluster helicopters in Bor to clear a backlog of cargo. The Logistics Cluster is using a WFP aircraft in Rumbek to ensure operations are not affected.
- 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.

5. Trainings

- Partners were informed that so far in October 2019, the Logistics Cluster has conducted three trainings in two different field locations (Rumbek and Yambio) reaching 70 trainees from 17 organisations. A warehouse safety training, facilitated by Tristar, will be held 23 October in Juba at the UNHCR compound.
- Organisations were reminded that given the high level of interest in trainings, the Logistics Cluster may not be always able to accept all nominations. It was emphasised that partners should nominate the most appropriate staff member based on their role in the organisation and the relevance of the training topic.
- The Logistics Cluster will organise a Warehouse Management Training at the end of November, date to be confirmed. Further information regarding registration, date and location will be communicated via the mailing list.

6. Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness

- With the aim of improving the EVD related information shared, partners were requested to communicate with the Logistics Cluster the kind of information and updates they would like to receive at coordination meetings. Organisations were invited to email their ideas to [southsudan.evd@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.evd@wfp.org).
- For further information on EVD preparedness, partners are invited to consult the dedicated section available on the [South Sudan Logistics Cluster webpage](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a). 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 were requested to communicate a list of needed equipment/assets (e.g. heavy machinery, forklifts, etc.), including location, with the Logistics Cluster for submission to UNMISS.
- Partners raised that since September, organisations have been asked for CID clearances when flying medical supplies out of Juba airport but have received no official notification of this change. The Logistics Cluster will raise this with OCHA and the NGO Forum. Organisations are encouraged to report all bureaucratic impediments to accessreporting@un.org.
- The issue of vehicle disposal was raised. Partners discussed this and confirmed that there has been no change to the existing vehicles disposal procedure, and discussed the easiest methods for disposal including auction or donation.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 5 November in the OCHA main conference room, Juba at 12:00.

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