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<b>LOCATION</b>	Juba, OCHA Conference Room
<b>DATE</b>	10 March 2020
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	ACTED, Diar for Rehabilitation and Development Association (DRDA), Food for the Hungry (FH), GOAL, International Organization for Migration (IOM), IsraAid, Mobile Humanitarian Agency (MHA), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Relief International, Solidarités International (SI), Touch Africa Development Organization (TADO), United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), Universal Network for Knowledge & Empowerment Agency (UNKEA), USAID/OFDA, World Vision International (WVI)
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organisations to share relevant physical road accessibility updates with the Logistics Cluster.</li><li>• Logistics Cluster to provide updates on the rehabilitation of the roads to Bentiu and Pibor.</li><li>• Organisations to pre-position cargo in deep-field locations during dry season.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Air Operations Updates</li><li>2. Road Operations Updates</li><li>3. River Operations Updates</li><li>4. Training Update</li><li>5. AOB/Discussions</li></ol>

## 1. Air Operations Updates

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- The Logistics Cluster has four air assets available to serve the humanitarian community in South Sudan: two fixed-wing planes based in Juba, one helicopter in Bor and one in Rumbek.
- The Weekly Transport Plan is published on the [website](#).
- The Logistics Cluster does not prioritize cargo but allocates flights according to the prioritization list provided by the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICWG). When organisations see a need to add a certain location to the prioritization list, they need to contact a respective cluster lead.
- The current list of the ICWG Priority Locations is:
  - Greater Pibor area (including Pibor, Gumuruk, Lekuangle)
  - Flood response locations: Pading, Pamai, Walgak, Arkilla, Otallo

- In order to ensure safe and secure air operations, organisations were reminded that weather and other updates must be shared with the UNHAS radio room before 7:30 am on a day when flight is scheduled. Lack of contact from focal points will result in flight cancellation.
- Organisations were reminded to copy [southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org) in all emails regarding air operations.
- The following locations will no longer be served by air throughout dry season:
  - Bor South: Jalle
  - Twic East: Mabior
  - Duk: Duk Poktap, Duk Payuel, Duk Padiet, Duk Pajut, Duk Pagaak
  - Ayod: Mogok, Gorwai, Jiech, Wai
  - Uror: Yuai, Pieri, Motot, Pulchuol
- More locations will be added to the above list as roads become passable.

## 2. Road Operations Updates

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- Partners were reminded that the Logistics Cluster has adjusted the Road Convoy Schedule. Going forward, road convoys to the Equatorias (Kajo Keji, Kapoeta, Yambio, and Yei) will be scheduled once every two months. This decision is based on analysis of previous years, which showed that an average of five convoys per year were coordinated to these destinations. The road convoy schedule includes new locations which used to be served on an ad hoc basis (Kapoeta, Kajo Keji).
- Convoys ex-Bor to locations in Jonglei state (Mabior, Duk, Ayod, Mogok, etc.) will be organised on a monthly basis as roads are becoming passable (last week a convoy arrived in Motot). Convoys to Pibor are yet to be scheduled as WFP's road assessment is ongoing. The Logistics Cluster will share updates when available.
- The Western Corridor Convoy, which departed from Juba on 6 March, reached Rumbek on 10 March and will proceed to Wau and Aweil.
- The road to Bentiu remains inaccessible. WFP has contracted a company to do essential repairs on the Abienhom-Mayom stretch and the Logistics Cluster will inform partners as soon as repairs are completed. The road is expected to become passable by end of March.
- The latest Convoy Schedule is available [here](#).
- Upcoming convoys will be announced via the Logistics Cluster mailing list.
- Organisations were reminded to share any relevant physical road accessibility updates with the Logistics Cluster. The latest Access Constraints Map is available [here](#).

## 3. River Operations Updates

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- Barge #5 from Bor to Renk is scheduled to depart late March. Cargo consolidation is ongoing and partners were requested to submit their interest by 13 March. In April, the barge will return to Bor from Renk and organisations can submit their expression of interest for this trip by submitting their service request form (SRF) to [southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org).

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- Cargo is currently being consolidated in Malakal for a boat journey to Jikmir and other locations along the Sobat river, scheduled to depart next week. Organisations were reminded that the Logistics Cluster does not transport cargo by air to locations along the Sobat river: Canal, Dolieb, Khor Fulus, Nagdiar, Baliel, Adong, Abwong, Gel Achiel, Rianganom, Chuil, Dome, Duk, Ying, Ulang, Wathjak, Nyangore, Yomding, Kewer, Kuich, Nordeng, Nassir, Mandeng, and Jikmir. Cargo for these locations should be prepositioned in either Malakal or Bor (by using the organisation's own fleet capacity or commercially hired trucks) and an SRF for river transport service needs to be submitted to [southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org). The next boat trip from Malakal to Jikmir is scheduled for early April, and from Bor to Old Fangak late March. Organisations are requested to submit their interest as soon as possible.
  - Organisations were also reminded to factor into planning that river transport takes longer than other modes (e.g. the journey from Bor to Malakal takes one week). Additional time needs to be considered for planning as the lead times depend on the number of stops, time needed for loading/offloading in locations, as well as schedule changes due to cargo availability to ensure that a full barge is sent. Organisations are recommended to preposition cargo in Malakal/Bor and plan supplies for at least two months ahead.  
Organisations are invited to check the latest schedules, river operations strategy, and maps of river locations on the [website](#).

## 4. Training Update

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- Trainings scheduled for the month of March and April have been put on hold [updated after the meeting was held].

## 5. AOB

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- Manga Port is used by some organisations for cargo delivery to Bentiu. The Logistics Cluster can support with Common Transport Service trucks service to bring cargo from the riverside to Bentiu.
- The Logistics Cluster has not assessed the capacity of Adok Port but reminded organisations that roads in Central Unity State are opened and passable. In case of an emergency, the Logistics Cluster may be in a position to support by flying cargo to certain locations accessible by road or river. However, this will be reviewed and assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 7 April in the OCHA main conference room, Juba at 12:00. Note this is subject to change based on guidance on limiting gatherings due to COVID-19. Check the Logistics Cluster's website and mailing list for meeting updates.

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