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CHAIR Logistics Cluster

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ACTION POINTS
- Organisations to share any physical road accessibility updates with the Logistics Cluster.
- Organisations that have transported cargo on Barge #5 to confirm receipt of their cargo.
- Logistics Cluster to send departure notification for upcoming river movements.

AGENDA

1. Air Operations Updates
2. Road Operations Updates
3. River Operations Updates
4. COVID-19 Updates

1. Air Operations Updates

- The Logistics Cluster has four air assets available to serve the humanitarian community from its three dispatch hubs in South Sudan: two fixed-wing planes based in Juba, one helicopter in Bor, and one helicopter in Rumbek.

- Current list of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) priority locations:
  - Reachable by air:
    - Ayod County: Multiple locations;
    - Fangak County: Toch and Nyadin;
    - Nyriol County: Lankien and Walgak;
    - Uror County: Motot, Pathai, Pieri and Yuai.
  - Reachable by road:
    - Tonj East & South Counties: Multiple locations.

- To ensure a timely response, the Logistics Cluster is prioritising COVID-19 related cargo and remains flexible to facilitate the movement of COVID-19 related cargo by air, even if the final destination is reachable by other transport means. Partners needing to transport COVID-19 related cargo should contact the Logistics Cluster team at southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.

- Clarification was asked on how ICCG priorities and COVID-19 priorities are combined for flight prioritisation. The Logistics Cluster explained that ICCG priority locations are assessed by the Needs Analysis Working Group (NAWG) which considers the various responses for different sectors across the country. The Logistics Cluster will prioritise both ICCG locations and COVID-19 related cargo.
Organisations are encouraged to follow normal procedures and submit their Service Request Forms (SRFs), specifying if it is COVID-19 related cargo.

- Organisations are encouraged to submit SRFs early and position their cargo at the relevant Logistics Cluster transit warehouse. If partners are unsure as to where to pre-position cargo for onwards air transport, they should contact the Logistics Cluster.
- Organisations were reminded of the importance of sharing weather and other updates with the UNHAS radio room before 7:30 on the day a flight is scheduled, especially during rainy season as most airstrips are likely to be impacted by rains. Lack of contact from focal points will result in flight cancellation. southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org should be copied in all emails regarding air operations.
- The Logistics Cluster will resume the facilitation of Special Focus Coordination Meetings, with the first one scheduled for 30 June, focusing on air transport operations. As a reminder, the objective of these meetings is to have more discussion-based sessions to better identify gaps, constraints and potential solutions. An invitation will be circulated through the mailing list shortly.

2. Road Operations Updates

- Organisations were reminded to share any physical road accessibility updates with the Logistics Cluster. The Access Constraints Map is published weekly and the latest version is available here.
- The Western Corridor Convoy (WCC) that departed Juba on 6 June is en route and the trucks are currently stuck in Mayom due to access constraints. The next WCC is scheduled for 19 June and organisations interested in joining should submit their Logistics Cluster Convoy Request Form to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- Organisations interested in joining upcoming Logistics Cluster convoys are encouraged to submit their request forms, respecting registration deadlines available on the Convoy Schedule June – July 2020. Partners were reminded that with the start of the rainy season, the Logistics Cluster will reduce the frequency of WCCs to twice a month. Equatoria convoys will continue to be organised once every two months, with the next convoys to Kajo Keji, Kapoeta, Yambio, and Yei to take place in July.
- Organisations interesting in transporting cargo to deep field locations in Unity, Northern and Western Bahr El Ghazal through the Beyond Bentiu and Beyond Wau responses are invited to consult the Weekly Transport Plan and submit their interest to the Logistics Cluster according to indicated deadlines.

3. River Operations Updates

- Barge #5 reached its final destination Renk on 7 June. Organisations that have transported cargo on this route are requested to confirm receipt of their cargo by sending an email to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- Barge #6 has departed Bor on 31 May and is offloading cargo in Malakal prior to proceeding to Melut, its final destination.
- The Logistics Cluster coordinated the departure of an ad hoc barge movement (#7) to transport COVID-19 related material. The estimated date of arrival in Malakal is 25 June. Organisations interested in moving cargo along this route are requested to submit their Service Request Form and Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) clearances for Barge #8, planned to depart around 20 June.

https://logcluster.org/ops/ssh11a
Organisations needing to backload cargo from Renk to Bor and locations in between are also invited to submit their requests to the Logistics Cluster.

- The second Logistics Cluster-coordinated boat (#9) convoy from Bor directly towards Sobat river locations departed Bor on 26 May and arrived in Mandeng on 9 June. Organisations interested in transporting cargo to locations along this recently introduced boat convoy route are invited to submit their SRF to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org. The next departure (#11) is scheduled for 23 June.

- The boat trip #7 transporting cargo from Malakal to Sobat river locations is set to depart on 16 June as all clearances have already been completed. The Logistics Cluster will send a departure notification to participating organisations.

- The Logistics Cluster is currently consolidating cargo for Boat #10 from Bor to Old Fangak. Organisations interested in transporting cargo along this route are requested to submit their interest to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.

- Organisations are invited to consult the recently revised River Movement Schedule, May – July 2020 for further information on planned river movements.

### 4. COVID-19 Supply Portal

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and templates (authorisation letter, staff register, Q14 tracker) were developed by WFP and WHO in an effort to streamline the Q14 procedure for humanitarian staff travelling out of Juba. The documents were shared through the Logistics Cluster mailing list. The humanitarian community has requested the National Task Force to consider modifying the need to have the authorisation form countersigned by the Ministry of Health, however, original countersigned documents continue to be required at airport check-in until further notice.

- Due to the global shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), an inter-agency technical team is prioritising distribution of limited in-country stocks for frontline health workers involved in case management of confirmed cases. The Logistics Cluster is supporting with central stock management and transport when needed. In the past two weeks, 124,000 masks were dispatched across the country to International Medical Corps (IMC), MSF Belgium, MSF France, MSF Holland, MSF Spain and WHO. In total, WFP donated 300,000 masks.

- Partners are encouraged to submit their orders for essential COVID-19 supplies through the WHO Supply Portal. It is important to note that donor funding must be identified and confirmed prior to submitting an order in the system. To date, five orders were submitted for PPE and diagnostics equipment, totalling over USD 5 million. For any questions, organisations should contact the Country Supply Coordinator: ekeyap@who.int.

- In support of the National Response Plan on COVID-19, the Logistics Technical Working Group is mapping the PPE pipeline to quantify and track items ordered outside the WHO Supply Portal. Organisations are contacted bilaterally to share information on their pipelines.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 14 July at 12:00 and will be held online.

The Logistics Cluster will organise a Special Focus Coordination Meeting on Air Operations on 30 June at 12:00, which will be held online.
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