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CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Association of Christian Resources Organization serving South Sudan (ACROSS), CARE International, Child's Destiny Development Organization (CHIDDO), Children Organization for Peace Outreach and Development (COPOD), GOAL, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), INTERSOS, Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Medair, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), OXFAM, Save the Children, Tearfund, United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisations using Logistics Cluster facilitated services are encouraged to inform the Logistics Cluster about any delays in obtaining cargo clearances to support planning of mitigation measures.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bureaucratic impediments2. Air Operations Updates3. Road Operations Updates4. River Operations Updates5. COVID-19 Updates6. AOB/Discussion

1. Bureaucratic impediments

- In the past few months, several organisations have experienced issues with obtaining clearances for cargo movement, including significant delays. It has also been reported that cargo clearances, which are usually issued by the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), now involve more authorities. Requests for clearance should still be submitted to the RRC office for onward approval by relevant authorities, however, delays should be expected.
- The Logistics Cluster and other humanitarian agencies are advocating at the highest levels to reinstate procedures from before COVID-19 and will inform organisations when any significant outcomes or agreements are reached. In the meantime, WFP RRC clearance has been successfully used for all the Logistics Cluster movements by road and river. Moreover, for organisations unable to obtain a Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism (JBVMM) clearance, a blanket clearance obtained by OCHA covers all humanitarian cargo along all major routes.

- However, organisations still need to request RRC clearances for special commodities such as diesel, generators and vehicles, while the Logistics Cluster will obtain the necessary JBVMM clearances for these items on behalf of organisations using Logistics Cluster facilitated services.
- Organisations experiencing delays in obtaining JBVMM clearances, RRC clearances and/or experiencing any other bureaucratic impediments are requested to contact OCHA (accessreporting@un.org) or the NGO Forum (logistics@southsudanngoforum.org). Furthermore, user organisations are encouraged to inform the Logistics Cluster about any delays in obtaining cargo clearances to support planning of mitigation measures.

2. Air Operations Updates

- In view of the COVID-19 response, the Logistics Cluster is prioritising COVID-19 related cargo and remains flexible to facilitate the movement by air, even if the final destination is reachable by road or river. Partners needing to transport COVID-19 related cargo should contact the Logistics Cluster team at southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- Current list of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) priority locations:
 - Reachable by air:
 - Ayod County: entire county;
 - Fangak County: Toch and Nyadin;
 - Nyriol County: Lankien and Walgak;
 - Urur County: Motot, Pathai, Pieri and Yuai.
 - Reachable by road:
 - Tonj East and South Counties: multiple locations.
- 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 preposition cargo for onward air transport, they should contact the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster reiterated the procedures for receiving cargo to ensure efficient air operation:
 - Submit weather and security clearances by 7:30 am to the UNHAS Radio Room and to the Logistics Cluster on the day a flight is scheduled.
 - The weather and security clearances should be submitted in the following format:
 1. Location name, time and date;
 2. Local clearance – confirm it was obtained;
 3. Security situation – report if any significant incidents occurred;
 4. Weather situation – report if any rain in the past 3 days;
 5. Airfield conditions – ensure it was cleared by local authorities;
 6. Any restrictions;
 7. Airfield Focal Point (AFP) name and agency;
 8. Remarks.
- An example of a complete and correct security and weather update for Nyal was presented:
 1. Location Name, time and date: Nyal airfield, 7:16 Am, 13th July-2020;

2. Local Clearance: Local Authorities informed and no objections to UNHAS aircraft or cargo plane operations during the day;
 3. Security Situation: Security Situation is OK at airfield and in whole of Nyal and in immediate areas no cattle raiding;
 4. Weather situation: Clear weather at the moment, last record of the rain was yesterday and the sky is clear. There is no wind. Visibility at ground level is OK and more than 5 km. Lastly, the weather is fine;
 5. Airfield conditions: The helipad or airstrips are still wet but landable for helicopters only. The runway or helipad is now clear of trash or debris;
 6. AFP name and agency: XXXXX-IRC Nyal;
 7. Any restriction: No restriction and the runway is ok for helicopters only today;
 8. Remarks: Pilots have to discuss with focal point person on any airfield issue before they report it.
- A detailed presentation on air operation procedures used during a Special Focus Coordination Meeting on 30 June, can be found at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/document/south-sudan-special-focus-coordination-meeting-presentation-online-30-june-2020>.

3. Road Operations Update

- 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 13 July is en route. With the start of rainy season, the road to Bentiu has become impassable and the convoy route, passable for 30 mt trucks only, will end in Abiemnhom. The next WCC are scheduled for 17 and 31 July and interested organisations should submit their Logistics Cluster Convoy Request Form to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- WCC are organised twice a month, while Equatoria convoys are organised once every two months. Organisations interested in joining upcoming Logistics Cluster convoys are encouraged to submit their request forms, respecting registration deadlines available in the [Convoy Schedule July-August 2020](#).
- Organisations interested 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. As roads are becoming impassable across South Sudan due to rainy season across South Sudan, the Logistics Cluster Beyond Responses operation in Bentiu is gradually becoming limited.

4. River Operations Update

- Barge #8 reached its final destination Renk on 4 July. 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 #9 is expected to depart from Bor to Renk on 27 July. Interested organisations need to preposition their cargo at the Logistics Cluster warehouse by 20 July.
- The Logistics Cluster coordinated boat (#7) convoy from Malakal towards Sobat river locations departed on 16 June and arrived in Jikmir on 30 June. Some cargo (calcium hypochlorite/chlorine) belonging to an organisation based in Malakal was wrongly loaded and participating organisations are requested to confirm if they are in possession of the cargo so it can be returned to the owner.
- The next boat departure from Bor to Old Fangak (#10) is scheduled for 23 July, and the next departure from Bor to locations along the Sobat river (#11) is scheduled for 28 July. Organisations interested in transporting cargo are invited to submit their SRFs to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- Detailed river movement schedules can be found at the following links:
 - May-July 2020: <https://logcluster.org/document/south-sudan-river-movement-schedule-may-july-2020>
 - August-October 2020: <https://logcluster.org/document/south-sudan-river-movement-schedule-august-october-2020>.

5. COVID-19 Updates

- To date, nine requests from three organisations for essential COVID-19 supplies, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and diagnostic equipment, with a total value of USD 7.2 million, were uploaded in the [WHO Supply Portal](#).
- For any questions regarding the portal, organisations should contact Paul Ekeya, Country Supply Coordinator: ekeyap@who.int.

6. AOB/Discussion

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that the fast tracking procedure developed and agreed upon with the Ministry of Health for Ebola virus disease (EVD) preparedness related items applies also to COVID-19 cargo such as PPE. For further details, organisations can contact the Ministry of Health Incident Manager Dr. Angok Kuol (angokkuol@gmail.com) and the COVID-19 Secretariat (throp@un.org, copying COVID-19secretariat.southsudan@humanitarianresponse.info). The WHO Country Supply Coordinator (ekeyap@who.int) offered to provide information on their recent experience importing COVID-19 essential supplies to South Sudan as well.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 11 August at 12:00 and will be held online.

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