Meeting Minutes, 25 August 2020
Juba, South Sudan

**LOCATION**
Juba, online

**DATE**
25 August 2020

**CHAIR**
Logistics Cluster

**PARTICIPANTS**
American Refugee Committee (ARC), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Children Organization for Peace Outreach and Development (COPOD), Child's Destiny Development Organization (CHIDDO), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Geneva Call, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, Médecins Sans Frontières France, Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Solidarités International (SI), Tearfund, Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Suisse (VSF Suisse), World Vision International (WVI)

**ACTION POINTS**
- Organisations to share any physical road accessibility updates with the Logistics Cluster.
- Organisations that have received cargo that does not belong to them (boat convoy #7 to Sobat River) to contact the Logistics Cluster.
- Organisations to review the Mid-year Survey presentation and provide feedback to the Logistics Cluster on the open-ended questions.

**AGENDA**
1. Air Operations Updates
2. Road Operations Updates
3. River Operations Updates
4. Mid-year survey results

1. **Air Operations Updates**

- In view of the COVID-19 response, COVID-19 related cargo is prioritised, and the Logistics Cluster 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](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org).
- Current list of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) priority locations:
  - Reachable by air:
    - Ayod County: entire county;
    - Greater Pibor area, especially Pibor town;
    - Nyriol County: Lankien and Walgak;
    - Uror County: Motot, Pathai, Pieri and Yuai.
  - Reachable by road:
    - Tonj East and South Counties: multiple locations.
- Partners were reminded that non-priority cargo is served, but as per the Logistics Cluster mandate, priority locations are served first.

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- Organisations were reminded to submit accurate weather and other clearances to the UNHAS radio room before 7:30 on the day when a flight is scheduled. Lack of contact from focal points will result in flight cancellation. The Logistics Cluster team (southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org) should be copied in all emails regarding air operations.

2. 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 is available here. The latest information includes that both the roads from Yirol to Rumbek and Deim Zubeir to Raja (due to the washed away Sopo bridge) are no longer passable. Partners were informed that WFP Engineering will rehabilitate the Yirol – Rumbek road section within three weeks to ensure humanitarian cargo can move along the Western Corridor.
- The Western Corridor Convoy (WCC) initially scheduled to depart Juba on 14 August has been cancelled due to lack of interest, and the WCC scheduled for 28 August has been postponed due to road inaccessibility. With the start of rainy season, the road to Bentiu has become impassable and the convoy route, passable for 20 mt trucks only, is ending in Abiemnhom. Interested organisations should submit their Logistics Cluster Convoy Request Form to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- Equatoria convoys (Kapoeta, Kajo Keji, Yambio and Yei) are organised once every two months with the next one scheduled for mid-September. Organisations interested in joining upcoming Logistics Cluster convoys are encouraged to submit their request forms, respecting registration deadlines indicated in the recently published Convoy Schedule August-September 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 the rainy season, the Logistics Cluster Beyond Responses operation in Bentiu is gradually downscaling.

3. River Operations Update

- Barge #9 has been loaded in Bor with 78 mt of humanitarian cargo and is awaiting final clearances to proceed with departure. Once this barge has departed, the expected departure date for Barge #10 (Bor to Renk) will be communicated with partners. Interested organisations are invited to submit their SRF to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org and need to pre-position their cargo at the Bor Logistics Cluster.
- Boat convoy #10 from Bor to Sobat river locations via Menime has departed on 13 August and is currently offloading cargo in Khorfulus. Organisations interested in moving cargo along this route are invited to submit their interest to the Logistics Cluster. Boat convoy #11 is scheduled to depart in September, once enough cargo has been consolidated.

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- The next boat departure from Bor to Menime, Haat and Old Fangak (#12) was initially scheduled for 26 August, but the Logistics Cluster is awaiting the consolidation of more cargo to proceed with the departure. Interested partners are invited to submit their SRFs to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that there was cargo (calcium hypochlorite/chlorine) unintentionally delivered to the wrong location with boat #7 serving Sobat locations ex-Malakal. If any organisation has received cargo that does not belong to them, they are kindly requested to contact the Logistics Cluster so that it can be returned.

- The Logistics Cluster recently published the below additional resources related to River Transport services to support partners’ operational planning:
  - Updated River Transport Destinations Map including an Estimated Transit Timetable.
  - River Transportation Network Diagram.

- Organisations were informed that river movement schedules are published for three-month periods to assist early operational planning. The latest schedule is available here: August - October 2020.

4. Mid-year Survey Results

- The Logistics Cluster presented to partners the 2020 Mid-Year Survey results to address feedback, comments and suggestions. The detailed presentation, which also includes questions addressed to partners aiming at improving common services offered to the humanitarian community, is available here. Organisations are invited to review the presentation and provide feedback to the open-ended questions highlighted in yellow by emailing blessing.dzambo@wfp.org and sabri.benzaid@wfp.org.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 8 September at 12:00 and will be held online.

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