Meeting Minutes, 22 September 2020
Juba, South Sudan

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Juba, online

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

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African Backing for Life Enhancement (ABLE), American Refugee Committee (ARC), Comitato Collaborazione Medica (CCM), Concern Worldwide (CWW), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Help - Hilfe zur Selbshilfe, Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, Medicair, Mercy Corps International (MCI), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), Save the Children International (SCI), Tearfund

ACTION POINTS
- Organisations to share any physical road accessibility updates with the Logistics Cluster.
- Logistics Cluster to monitor Juba-Bor road conditions and inform partners in case river transport is needed to replace road transport.
- Logistics Cluster to share any updated information on Unity road conditions leading from Bentiu to counties via access constraints map.
- Partners to inform Logistics Cluster in case of need for ad hoc Logistics Cluster coordination meeting, as frequency of meetings is back to monthly.

AGENDA
1. Air Operations Updates
2. Road Operations Updates
3. River Operations Updates
4. AOB/Discussion

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.
- Current list of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) priority locations:
  - Reachable by air:
    - Ayod County: Western flank - Wau, Pajiek, Mogok and Pagil;
    - Duk: Poktap, Payuel, Padiet and Panyang;
    - Greater Pibor area: Pibor town;
    - Twic East: multiple locations;
    - Pochalla: Akiela, Adongo, Pochalla (Akoiy), Burator and Omiela;
    - Uror: Whole County;
    - Panyijar: Nyal, Ganyiel.

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- Reachable by road:
  - Tonj East and South Counties: multiple locations;
  - Rumbek East: multiple locations;
  - Awerial: multiple locations;
  - Terekeka.

- Partners were reminded that non-priority cargo is served, but as per the Logistics Cluster mandate, priority locations are served first.
- Organisations are encouraged to submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) early and position their cargo at the Logistics Cluster transit warehouses.
- Organisations were reminded to submit accurate weather and other clearances to the UNHAS radio room before 7:30 am 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 Updates

- 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 Juba-Bor road remains impassable for commercial trucks (Mangalla – Gemeiza – Bor road section). The Logistics Cluster will continue to monitor closely the road conditions and inform partners in case of any updates. The Logistics Cluster is also looking into the option of serving Bor by river ex-Juba in case the road between Bor and Juba remains impassable.
- The latest Western Corridor Convoy (WCC) departed Juba on 11 September and is currently en route. The frequency of WCC remains once every two weeks and the next ones are scheduled for 25 September and 9 October. During the rainy season, the road to Bentiu is 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.
- The Logistics Cluster is currently coordinating with WFP Logistics to ensure organisations that have submitted interest for convoys to Yambio and Yei can join WFP road movements as the minimal threshold of seven truck for Logistics Cluster hasn’t been met. Partners were reminded that Equatoria convoys (Kapoeta, Kajo Keji, Yambio and Yei) are organised once every two months with the next ones scheduled for mid-November.
- Organisations interested in joining any upcoming Logistics Cluster convoys are urged to submit their request forms, respecting registration deadlines indicated in the recently published Convoy Schedule September-October 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. Organisations interested in moving cargo through the Beyond Bentiu Response are requested to submit their interest three to five days in advance as most locations are accessible only by 4x4 trucks. Beyond
Response Destinations Maps, detailing reachable locations, are available on the Logistics Cluster website.

- Partners were informed that road conditions in the surroundings of Bentiu have been affected by recent rains and as such, the Bentiu-Koch road is currently not passable. WFP Logistics is planning on doing a road assessment of the different roads leading from Bentiu to the counties and further information will be shared with partners through the weekly access constraints map.
- A partner requested if the Logistics Cluster is offering any road movements to Nyirol ex-Bor. Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster offers convoys to Jonglei locations ex-Bor during the dry season. At the moment, and especially considering the flooding situation, roads to Jonglei are impassable.

3. River Operations Update

- The Logistics Cluster finalised transhipment of cargo initially meant to be transported with Barge #9 into Boat convoy #11. The boat convoy is expected to depart by the end of the week as soon as inspection and clearances have been finalised.
- The Logistics Cluster is planning to start loading cargo into Barge #10 (Bor to Renk) this week and the estimated departure time is mid-October. 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 hub.
- As a reminder, the Logistics Cluster can also support organisations to move cargo from Renk to Bor and destinations in between. Partners are encouraged to submit their Service Request Forms early for such movement.
- Boat convoy #12 from Bor to Sobat river locations is expected to depart in October. The Logistics Cluster consolidated 50 mt of humanitarian cargo and interested organisations are invited to submit their interest to the Logistics Cluster. Organisations interested in moving cargo from Malakal to any locations along the Jikmir river should also submit their interest to join this planned movement.
- 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. AOB/Discussion

- Logistics Cluster partners were informed that the frequency of coordination meetings will go back to one online coordination meeting per month. In case of any needs for ad hoc meetings, organisations are invited to raise this with the Logistics Cluster.
The Logistics Cluster was asked about the modalities of potential Logistics Cluster Juba to Bor river movements. The Logistics Cluster informed partners that they are currently monitoring the road conditions and if the need arises, information will be shared via the mailing list.

Organisations were informed that communications on the PPE Common Request System have been shared by the OCHA COVID-19 secretariat through the COVID-19 National Steering Committee mailing list. Partners were also informed that the inter-agency technical team has started allocating PPE commodities to requesting organisations. In case of any questions on the request form, please contact fiona.lithgow@wfp.org and sabri.benzaid@wfp.org.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 20 October at 12:00 and will be held online.

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