LOCATION: Juba, online

DATE: 9 February 2021

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: Children Organization for Peace Outreach and Development (COPOD), Child’s Destiny Development Organization (CHIDDO), Dorcas Aid International, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, Medicos Del Mundo (MDM), Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Solidarités International (SI), Tearfund, United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), Welthungerhilfe (WHH)

ACTION POINTS:

- Logistics Cluster to present in depth analysis of 2020 End of Year Satisfactory Survey in next coordination meeting.
- Logistics Cluster to conduct road assessment from Bentiu to Central Unity (Koch and Leer) for commercial trucks and inform partners on outcome.
- Partners to inform the cluster if there are needs to increase Western Corridor Convoys frequency to weekly.
- Organisations that took part in first boat convoy to Sobat river to confirm receipt of their cargo.
- Logistics Cluster to provide estimated departure time for upcoming boat convoys to partners when enough cargo has been consolidated.

AGENDA:

1. 2020 End of Year User Feedback Survey
2. Logistics Cluster Operational Updates
3. Road Rehabilitation Updates
4. Training Updates

1. 2020 End of Year User Feedback Survey

- A total of 38 participants took part in the Logistics Cluster 2020 End of Year User Satisfactory Survey. The cluster achieved an overall satisfaction of 97.5% and will present an in-depth analysis of the results during the next coordination meeting. Partners are invited to join this interactive session that will aim at addressing recommendations raised by partners in order to evaluate potential adjustments of the common logistics service provision.

2. Logistics Cluster Operational Updates

Air Operation Updates

- Current list of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) priority locations:
  - Reachable by air:
    - Jonglei – below counties:

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- **Akobo**: Wechkoang (Dengjok Payam), Markath (Bilkey Payam), Wechyieryier (Nyadit Payam), Wechgokthiang (Alali/Gakdong Payam);
- **Ayod**: Western flank Wau, Pajiek, Mogok and Pagil;
- **Bor South**: entire county;
- **Duk**: Poktap, Duk, Payuel, Padiet and Panyang;
- **Twic East**: entire county.
  - **GPAA**: Pibor, Kozchal, Manyabol, Vertet.
  - Reachable by road:
    - **Warrap – below counties**:
      - **Tonj East**: Makuach, Wunlit, Payeng, Ananatak, Palal and Paliang payam;
      - **Tonj South**: Tonj, Manyangok, Thiet and Jak Payam;
      - **Tonj North**: Rual Bet, Pagol, Manalor, Akop, Aliek, Kirik and Awul.

- Northern Bahr-el-Ghazal: Aweil south.

- COVID-19 supplies continue to be prioritised by the Logistics Cluster. Partners who need to transport such cargo should submit their SRFs via email to southsudan.cluster.cargo@wfp.org.
- Partners were reminded that non-priority cargo is served as well, but as per the Logistics Cluster mandate, priority locations are served first.
- Organisations were informed that the Rumbek-based helicopter has been removed from the Logistics Cluster fleet on 1 February 2021 for a two-month period. The additional helicopter initially deployed to Bor for the Flood Emergency Response has been relocated to Rumbek until 20 February to clear cargo pending air deliveries. From 20 February, the Logistics Cluster fleet of air assets will consist of one helicopter only, based in Bor, which will support deliveries ex-Rumbek on ad-hoc basis when enough requests have been consolidated.
- The Juba-based fixed wing aircraft is operational and can access an increasing number of locations as airstrips are drying up (except for Nyal, Ganyiel and Likuangole).
- Partners were reminded that the Logistics Cluster does not backload cargo that has been transported by air to field locations. Partners are requested to ensure cargo airlifted to field locations is verified and the correct amount of cargo is transported to avoid such requests and ensure efficiencies.

**Road Operation Updates**

- Organisations were reminded to share any physical road accessibility updates with the Logistics Cluster by emailing southsudan.cluster.cargo@wfp.org. The Access Constraints Map is published weekly and is available [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssl1a). As illustrated on the map, many roads have now become accessible to 40 mt trucks, however roads in Jonglei remain inaccessible and are expected to open in the coming month.
- Partners were informed that the Juba-Bor road is now open to trucks up to 40 mt. Consequently, the Logistics Cluster will seize accepting Service Request Forms (SRFs) for cargo transportation from Juba to Bor. If an SRF has already been accepted for this route, the Logistics Cluster will support the transportation of this cargo to Bor/final destination. As per previous and usual procedures, organisations are now expected to pre-position their cargo at Logistics Cluster riverside/office warehouses for onward river/air movements ex-Bor.
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- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that roads leading from Bentiu to Central Unity (e.g. Koch, Leer) are now accessible to specialized trucks and should become accessible to commercial trucks in the coming days. The Logistics Cluster is conducting a road assessment with IOM Common Transport Services (CTS) trucks on 11 February and will update the Access Constraints Map accordingly on 12 February.

- Organisations interested in joining any upcoming Logistics Cluster convoys are reminded to submit their request forms, respecting registration deadlines indicated in the recently published Convoy Schedule January-March 2021.

- Western Corridor Convoys are coordinated every two weeks, but frequency could increase to weekly based on demand, as the road to Bentiu is now accessible. The cluster has not noted a need to increase the frequency based on requests received, however, organisations are requested to reach out to the cluster if they would like to express the need for more convoys to Bentiu. The next convoys are expected to depart on 12 and 26 February. Interested organisations should submit interest by emailing southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org prior to deadlines indicated in the above schedule.

- The Logistics Cluster convoys to Kajo-Keji and Yambio successfully took place in January and both reached their final destination within 2 days. However, the cluster cancelled the departures to Yei and Kapoeta due to lack of interest. The next Equatoria convoys are planned for March 2021. Organisations are requested to submit their request early as the Logistics Cluster will remain flexible in organising ad hoc convoys during the dry season to take advantage of roads being fully accessible to 40 mt trucks.

- 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, which details available locations, and submit their interest to the Logistics Cluster.

- Partners were reminded that four of the six counties prioritised for the response scale-up to food insecure counties (Tonj East/North/South and Aweil South) are served through the Beyond Wau Response, as the cluster has not received any SRFs to transport items to these counties.

- Maps detailing destinations and reachable locations are available on the Logistics Cluster website.

- Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster does not facilitate air transport to any location reachable by road and/or river and as such, locations reachable through the Beyond Response are to be served by road.

River Operation Updates

- The Juba – Bor boat convoy initially scheduled has been cancelled as the road became accessible. The Logistics Cluster will facilitate a road movement for organisations that had submitted their SRFs prior to the road opening. However, organisations are now requested to pre-position their cargo in Bor for onward river and air movements as per usual procedures.

- The first boat convoy of 2021 that departed Bor towards locations along the Sobat river on 7 January reached its final destination Jikmir on 30 January. Organisations that took part in this movement are requested to confirm receipt of their cargo.

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- Upcoming boat convoys scheduled for February are detailed below, with estimated times of departure to be confirmed once enough cargo has been consolidated. Interested organisations are invited to submit their SRF to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
  - 24 February – boat convoy #2 from Malakal to the Sobat river (cargo consolidation ongoing with 30 mt);
  - 24 February – boat convoy #3 from Bor to the Sobat river;
  - 25 February – boat convoy #4 from Bor to Old Fangak.
- The first barge of 2021 departed Bor on 29 January and is currently offloading cargo in Malakal. The barge will then proceed to Akoka, Kodok and Melut for remaining cargo deliveries.
- Cargo consolidation is ongoing for barge #2 from Bor to Melut (currently 110 mt/ 140 m³), which is expected to depart in the last week of February. Interested organisations are invited to submit their requests prior to the deadline indicated in the River Movement Schedule January-March 2021.
- Organisations were informed that humanitarian operations in Renk are still on hold due to insecurities. OCHA is coordinating a high-level mission aimed at resuming activities. As such, registered SRFs will be served after access and security has been cleared for Logistics Cluster river movements.
- The Logistics Cluster reminded partners that estimated transit times for all destinations served by river transportation are available in the River Transportation Network Diagram.

3. Road Rehabilitation Updates

- The Logistics Cluster presented to partners WFP Engineering’s road rehabilitation plan for 2021, which focuses mainly on Jonglei State to ensure road accessibility to Ayod, Duk, Uror and Akobo counties from Bor. The expected rehabilitation start date is early March 2021. WFP Engineering’s rehabilitation work in Unity and Upper Nile States is expected to start by the end of this week.
- The Logistics Cluster also informed partners that UNMISS oversees the Bor – Pibor road rehabilitation. UNMISS Pibor has already started the rehabilitation from Pibor, making the road accessible up to Gumuruk, while UNMISS Bor is expected to start rehabilitation from their end on 15 February. The rehabilitation project is expected to be finished by 15 March 2021, with the possibility of an earlier end date. The Logistics Cluster also monitors daily movements on this road and will inform partners as soon as it becomes accessible, as there are high chances it is prior to the end of the rehabilitation.

4. Training Updates

- Partners were informed that the online Airfield Focal Point (AFP) live training session took place on 11 February in collaboration with UNHAS. Following this two-week learning programme, 99 logistics staff from 40 organisations obtained the training completion certificate.
- This week, the Logistics Cluster, in collaboration with HELP Logistics, also launched the Medical Logistics in Pandemics (MLP) online training, for which 239 participants from 58 partner organisations have been nominated.
- The Logistics Cluster reminded partners that all future trainings notifications will be shared via the mailing list. Organisations can sign up to the Logistics Cluster mailing list at the bottom of the webpage.

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The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 23 February 2021 at 12:00 and will be held online.

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