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Logistics Cluster

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ACTION POINTS
• Partner to submit their Convoy Request Sheets for upcoming road convoys prior to deadlines indicated in the Convoy Schedule January-March 2021.
• Logistics Cluster to share updated River Movement Schedule for March-May 2021.
• Partners to contact the recently deployed Malakal Logistics Cluster staff for any Malakal related queries.
• Partners to inform the cluster when common storage facilities have been damaged and are not operational.

AGENDA
1. Logistics Cluster Operational Updates
2. Field Missions Findings – Unity State

1. Logistics Cluster Operational Updates

Air Operation Updates
• The list of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) priority locations remains the same, as the ICCG meeting is to take place on Wednesday 10 March:
  • Reachable by air:
    ▪ Jonglei – below counties:
      • 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:
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- **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.
  - Facilitation of transport of COVID-19 supplies continue to be prioritised by the Logistics Cluster. Partners who need to transport such cargo should submit their Service Request Forms (SRFs) via email to southsudan.clustercargo@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.
  - Partners were reminded that following the removal of the Rumbek-based helicopter from the Logistics Cluster facilitated fleet over the dry season, the current fleet of air assets consists of the two fixed wing aircrafts based in Juba and one helicopter only, based in Bor, which will also support deliveries ex-Rumbek on an ad hoc basis.
  - Following airstrips assessments, Boma and Ganyiel airstrips are now accessible with the Buffalo fixed wing aircraft while Mabior/Panyagor is accessible with the Hawker fixed wing. However, Nyal airstrip still requires some rehabilitation and remains accessible to helicopters only at the moment.
  - Organisations were also reminded that the Logistics Cluster does not facilitate air transport to locations reachable by road/river.

**Road Operation Updates**

- Partners were reminded to share any physical road accessibility updates with the Logistics Cluster by emailing southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org. The Access Constraints Map is published weekly and is available here.
- Partners were informed that Lekuangole has also become accessible by road and that it will be served through the first Bor – Gumuruk – Pibor – Lekuangole convoy set to depart on 13 March 2021 (convoys on this route will be coordinated every two weeks). Partners are requested to pre-position the cargo in those locations.
- The Logistics Cluster informed organisations that WFP has started a dykes and road rehabilitation project on the Bor – Mabior road to enable access to the six Jonglei counties located north of Bor. In the meantime, WFP is in the process of identifying an alternative route to access certain locations in Duk, Nyirol, Uror and Akobo counties.
- Attendees were also reminded that the road to Boma and Pochala is now open to trucks up to 20 mt. As such, the Logistics Cluster will no longer transport cargo to these destinations by air but instead add these two locations as an extension to the Kapoeta convoy.
- Western Corridor Convoys (WCC) are coordinated every two weeks, but frequency could increase to weekly upon request, as the road to Bentiu is now accessible. Organisations interested should submit their Convoy Request Sheet to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org prior to the deadlines indicated in the below schedule.
- The WCC that departed Juba on 26 February is currently en route and the next convoy is expected to depart on 12 March.

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- The Equatoria convoys from Juba to Kajo Keji, Torit-Kapoeta-Boma-Pochala, Lainya-Yei, and Maridi-Yambio are all scheduled to depart in the week of 22 March. Interested organisations should submit their interest before the deadlines.
- Organisations interested in joining any upcoming Logistics Cluster convoys are reminded to submit their request forms, respecting registration deadlines indicated in the Convoy Schedule January-March 2021.
- 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.
  - The Logistics Cluster Bentiu team reported a reduced number of requests for Beyond Responses to Unity locations compared to 2020. Partners were reminded to take advantage of roads being accessible during the dry season.
  - Maps detailing destinations and reachable locations are available on the Logistics Cluster website.
- Partners inquired when the Bor – Mabior – Ayod road might open. The Logistics Cluster informed partners that as the WFP rehabilitation project has just been initiated, this road is not expected to open before April at the earliest, which is why WFP is identifying an alternative route.

River Operation Updates
- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster will start facilitating cargo transport to new locations in Unity state (Taiyar Port/Ganyiel, Adok/Leer, Kilo 29/Koch, Manga Port/Bentiu) and as such will share an updated River Movement Schedule for March to May 2021.
- The Logistics Cluster informed organisations that humanitarian operations in Renk have been authorised to resume and the location will be served through barge movements.
- The second boat convoy transporting humanitarian cargo to Sobat river locations has departed Malakal on 5 March. Participating organisations are requested to confirm receipt of their cargo after offloading.
- Upcoming boat convoys scheduled for March are detailed below, with estimated times of departure to be confirmed once enough cargo has been consolidated. Interested organisations should submit their SRF to southsudan_CLUSTERcargo@wfp.org.
  - Third week of March – boat convoy #3 from Bor to the Sobat river.
  - Third week of March – boat convoy #4 from Bor to Menime-Haat-Old Fangak.
- Organisations were notified that the Zeraf river mouth ex-Bor is currently inaccessible, requiring the boat convoys to pass via New Fangak. To ensure maximum efficiencies and timely deliveries, the Logistics Cluster recommends partners to allocate cargo destined for Old Fangak, Menime, Haat and Wan Machar from Malakal.
- SRFs that have already been registered for barge movements will be co-loaded on a WFP food barge (barge #2), which is expected to depart during the week of 17 March.

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The third barge movement is expected to depart Bor during the first week of April. Interested organisations should submit their requests prior to 22 March and pre-position their cargo before 31 March. Partners are invited to consult the River Movement Schedule January-March 2021.

In line with the river expansion strategy the Logistics Cluster has deployed three dedicated staff members to Malakal to manage the Logistics Cluster operations that were previously managed by IOM. The team members can be contacted at the following email addresses: lasu.emmanuel@wfp.org; silivia.afiya@wfp.org; mayom.achol@wfp.org.

2. Field Missions Findings – Unity State

Panyijar county – Ganyiel and Nyal

The Logistics Cluster visited partners in Ganyiel and Nyal to identify alternative delivery methods, as these locations are some of the most reliant locations on air operations countrywide (over 400 mt in 2020). Main findings of the mission include that both partners and local authorities are in favour of expanding river use for cargo transportation. The cargo should be delivered to Taiyar port for onward transhipment into canoes to reach Ganyiel. Mercy Corps International is also delivering cargo to Nyal using canoes, however cargo is more subject to being damaged during this mode of transport and as such, the Logistics Cluster will do further assessment prior to implementing the facilitation of river deliveries to this location.

The main gaps identified are related to common storage and pre-positioning.

- Not all organisations are aware of the possibility to utilize existing common storage facilities. Additionally, common storage facilities affected by the 2020 flooding have not yet been rehabilitated in Ganyiel, which will be addressed with the partner managing the storage facilities. Partners are requested to inform the Logistics Cluster when storage facilities have been damaged and are not operational.
- Despite strong advocacy by the Logistics Cluster at Juba and field hubs level, there is very limited non-food item pre-positioning in both locations.

Bentiu Logistics Cluster hub

The Logistics Cluster Bentiu team raised three major concerns/gaps as per below:

- The number of requests received for Beyond Bentiu Operations has decreased in comparison to the 2020 dry season.
- Partners often provide late notification for urgent Beyond Response movements, due to delays in communication by their own programme units. Partners were requested to remind their Bentiu teams to follow the mandatory two-day notification procedure.
- Partners are keeping their cargo for long periods of times in the Logistics Cluster common storage facility, which prevents other organisations from accessing storage space. Although reminded at several occasions to release or dispose items, there has not been sufficient action taken and the Logistics Cluster will contact partners’ Head of Logistics at Juba level.

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

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