
Meeting Minutes, 10 March 2020

South Sudan



LOCATION	Malakal
DATE	10 March 2020
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Danish Refugee Council (DRC), GOAL International, Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Médecins Sans Frontières Spain (MSF Spain), Rural Community Action for Peace and Development (RUCAPD), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), War Child Holland (WCH), World Vision International (WVI)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logistics Cluster to share common storage stock reports with partners to support planning of disposal of expired items.• Logistics Cluster to provide update on barge movement status from Bor to Malakal and boat movement from Malakal along Sobat river.• IOM to follow up with the Security Unit on the status of hiring of security guards at the riverside.• IOM to share updates on construction of an emergency gate at the Logistics Base connected to the Humanitarian Hub.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Operational Updates2. Common Storage3. AOB

1. Operational Updates

- The road between Khor Adar and Malakal is cut off due to ongoing flooding in the area. It has been reported that the flash flood is coming from the Ethiopian Highlands where a dam is being constructed. Water levels are still high, and the area remains inaccessible for Common Transport Service (CTS) trucks. Following the assessment completed by WVI, the area can only be accessed by small local canoes which have previously been used for passenger movement. The Logistics Cluster advised partners to plan all of their movements by river using commercial boats when available or to submit a Service Request Form (SRF) in advance for planned boat movements in March and April.
- The Shoebill barge is currently traveling to Bor from Old Fangak and will then return to Bor to load in Malakal. The barge is tentatively scheduled to arrive in Malakal in the second week of April. The Logistics Cluster will keep partners updated on its progress.
- The Logistics Cluster informed agencies that all SRFs received for transportation along the Sobat river have been registered and the cargo will be loaded on the boats in due course. WFP confirmed that the boat operators had been informed and are on standby.

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- The construction works related to the extension of the Logistics Base are ongoing, trench excavation and demarcation of partners' space is yet to be completed. The area allocated to WFP has been completed. WFP was also granted approval to start the installation of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs). Materials for construction of the outside fence are yet to arrive from Juba.

2. Common Storage

- The Logistics Cluster reminded organisations to assess their stocks stored at the common storage site and share their disposal plans as soon as possible. Organisations are requested to submit SRFs if they will require the use of the CTS to move stocks to disposal sites. The Logistics Cluster will share stock reports with partners to support in their planning for this exercise.
- The Logistics Cluster emphasized that the common storage is a temporary solution for up to 3 months and organisations requiring a longer storage period should inform the Logistics Cluster in advance in order to check space availability and to allow for planning.
- The Logistics Cluster will install six additional MSUs to accommodate the increasing demand for storage space.
- Partners were reminded about basic warehouse release procedures, especially regarding stationery products (such as pens, books and printing paper), which should be dispatched in boxes or cartons.

3. AOB

- Organisations were informed that there will be a general physical count of stocks at the Logistics Cluster common storage warehouses in Bentiu during the second week of March.
- Cargo loading and offloading rates were discussed and agreed upon by all organisations. The proposal was shared with OCHA and the committee members (IOM and DRC) who were in the meeting with local authorities.
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that the discussions around airport access fees are ongoing at Juba level and a waiver will be requested to exempt all humanitarian trucks and vehicles accessing the tarmac from fees.
- Partners were informed about the upcoming plans for expansion of the Logistics Base office area, including creation of more parking space for light vehicles. In view of that, all vehicles will need to use the main gate to access the humanitarian hub from the Logistics Base in the coming few weeks.
- Upon request from partners, IOM will follow up with the Security Unit on the status of hiring of security guards at the riverside and share updates on construction of an emergency gate at the Logistics Base connected to the Humanitarian Hub.

The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting in Malakal will be held on

24 March 2020 at 8:45 at the HMH Meeting Hall.

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