Background

The Logistics Cluster facilitates the coordination of the logistics response in support of the humanitarian community. Furthermore, it provides information management products to improve the decision making of humanitarian organisations in South Sudan. Where logistics gaps are identified, WFP, as the lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, acts as a Provider of Last Resort by offering common logistics services to support the humanitarian community in their response operations.

Operational Highlights

- In April, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 760 mt of humanitarian cargo to 50 destinations on behalf of 38 organisations, of which 57 percent was transported by river transport modalities.
- During the month, the Logistics Cluster coordinated four inter-agency convoys on behalf of eight organisations, transporting humanitarian supplies towards Kapoeta, Lankien and along the Western Corridor.
- In the COVID-19 global pandemic context, the Logistics Cluster is supporting humanitarian organisations with transport and storage of COVID-19 related cargo in addition to its continued support to the existing humanitarian response in-country. The Logistics Cluster Activities for COVID-19 Response document is published here.

Coordination and Information Management

- Following a recommendation from OCHA to postpone non-critical meetings, some coordination meetings in field locations were cancelled and all Logistics Cluster trainings have been put on hold. In April, two coordination meetings were held online, attended by 27 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster published 27 information management products on the operational website. The Physical Access Constraints map was also updated weekly. The most recent version can be found here.

COVID-19 Logistics Cluster Support

- Since WHO’s declaration of a COVID-19 pandemic on 11 March 2020, WFP, through the Logistics Cluster South Sudan, has been coordinating closely with the government, WHO, and other partners, participating in the National COVID-19 Steering Committee and co-leading the Logistics and Operations pillar.
- As part of this role, and in support of the South Sudanese Ministry of Health and WHO who are leading the health response in-country, the Logistics Cluster recently loaned and helped to erect a Mobile Storage Unit at the Dr. John Garang Infectious Disease Unit, which will act as an isolation centre for COVID-19 cases in Juba.
- The Logistics Cluster supported WHO in transporting critical items, including Personal Protective Equipment kits, by air to seven state capitals across the country to ensure the continuity of humanitarian operations where it is needed most. The Logistics Cluster also continues to store and manage COVID-19 related items in the recently acquired additional temperature-controlled storage in Juba.
Locations reached in April

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