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 January, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 633 mt of humanitarian cargo to 57 destinations on behalf of 40 organisations, of which 26% was transported by river and road.

- During the month, the Logistics Cluster coordinated four humanitarian road convoys, transporting life-saving supplies from Juba to Kajo Keji, Yambio and along the Western Corridor. As the Western Corridor became fully accessible all the way to Bentiu, the Logistics Cluster continued to advocate for partners to pre-position cargo in strategic locations along the corridor prior to the rainy season.

- Following rehabilitation work, the Juba – Bor road became accessible for trucks up to 40 mt. Consequently, the Logistics Cluster ceased accepting Service Request Forms for cargo transportation between the two locations and requested partners to pre-position their cargo at Logistics Cluster riverside/office warehouses for onward river/air movements from Bor, as per usual procedures.

Coordination and Information Management

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, coordination meetings are held online for both Juba and the Logistics Cluster field hubs. In January, one online coordination meeting was held, attended by 19 organisations.

- The Logistics Cluster published 14 information management products on the operational website, including the Logistics Cluster River Movement Strategy 2021 and the 2020 Annual Overview Infographic, summarising the achievements accomplished by the Logistics Cluster in 2020.

- The most recent version of the Physical Access Constraints map, which is updated every week, can be found here.

COVID-19 Logistics Cluster Support

- WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, as a co-lead of the Operational Support and Logistics Pillar of the National COVID-19 Response Plan, continues to coordinate requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from humanitarian organisations. As of 31 January, 290 requests have been approved, allocating approximately 3.7 million PPE items from the common pool created by WHO, WFP and IOM, to be received in more than 250 locations across South Sudan.
Locations reached

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