
Meeting Minutes, 29 November 2019

Rumbek, South Sudan



LOCATION	WFP Conference Room, Rumbek.
DATE	29 November 2019
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Carter Center, Global Agriculture Innovation and Solutions (GAIS), Green Village Network (GVN), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Medici con l'Africa (CUAMM), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), Plan International, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners are requested to closely monitor the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) priority locations (flood response).• Organisations to share information on road conditions along the Western Corridor to ensure that the Access Constraints map is kept up-to-date.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Air Operations Updates.2. Inter-Cluster Working Group Priority Locations.3. River and Road Operations Updates.4. Common Storage and Transport Services Updates5. Physical Access Constraints/Road Conditions.6. AOB.

1. Air Operations Updates

- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate air cargo deliveries on behalf of the humanitarian community using one Mi8 helicopter based in Rumbek, two Mi8 helicopters based in Bor and one fixed-wing aircraft based in Juba. Helicopters in both locations are currently mobilised for the '2019 Flood Response'.
- Organisations were reminded that for any air movements, field teams are requested to provide weather and other updates by 7:30 on the morning of the flight, which requires partners to physically check the condition of the airstrip. For fixed-wing flights, organisations are requested to also send pictures of the airstrip with their updates. Inaccurate weather reports can cause technical problems and schedule delays.

2. Inter-Cluster Working Group Priority Locations

- The list of priority locations determined by the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) is as follows:
 - Pibor - served by helicopter Ex-Bor
 - Ulang – served by river Ex-Malakal
 - Gumuruk - served by helicopter Ex-Bor
 - Kewer – served by river Ex-Malakal
 - Yomding – served by river Ex-Malakal
 - Doma – served by river Ex-Malakal
 - Pieri – served by helicopter Ex-Bor
 - Mayom – served by helicopter Ex-Rumbek

- Mankien – served by fixed wing Ex-Rumbek
- Organisations were advised to submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) if they have goods to be transported by air or river to both priority and non-priority locations.
- Partners were requested to continue closely monitoring ICWG priority locations to avoid asking the Logistics Cluster to prioritise their cargo when they are sending cargo to non-priority locations.

3. River and Road Operations Updates

River Operations Updates

- The Bor-Renk barge (#11) departure has been pushed back due to a delay in obtaining the necessary clearances. The barge is loaded and is expected to depart by the end of next week, exact date to be confirmed.
- As a result of the delay for the departure of the Bor-Renk barge, boat convoy movements on the Sobat River have been impacted as cargo loaded onto the barge is to be transhipped into these boats in Malakal.

Road Operations Updates

- The Western Corridor convoy that departed Juba on 1 November 2019 is currently stuck in Yirol due to physical access challenges. The convoy is expected to return to Juba and change route to pass via Mundri. Partners were advised to consult the [convoy schedule](#) on the website for further information on incoming convoys

4. Common Storage and Transport Services Updates

- The Logistics Cluster advised partners that there is currently available storage space for humanitarian organisations in the three Logistics Cluster mobile storage units (MSUs) based in Rumbek.
- Three Common Transport Service trucks are dedicated to transport cargo to and from warehouses, the airport and within Rumbek town, not beyond.

5. Physical Access Constraints/Road Conditions

- Partners were informed that the Juba-Rumbek road is impassable because it is cut off between Yirol and Aluakluak. Partners were informed that assessments are ongoing and that this road is expected to be rehabilitated. In the meantime, organisations are advised to use the Juba-Mundri-Rumbek road.
- The latest Access Constraints map was shared with partners. It was emphasized that the Western Corridor, which is used to preposition cargo in Rumbek, is almost entirely open to 40 mt trucks. The latest map is available [here](#).
- Organisations were requested to share information on road conditions along the Western Corridor to ensure that the map is kept up-to-date.

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6. AOB

- Organisations were advised to communicate more frequently regarding stock levels in transit warehouses to minimise mistakes when submitting Service Request Forms (SRFs).

**The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will be on Friday 31 January 2019
in the WFP Conference room Rumbek at 10:00.**

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