Meeting Minutes, 19 December 2019
Wau, South Sudan

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UNHCR Meeting Room, Wau

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ACTION POINTS
• Partners to submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) for Beyond Wau responses, especially for flood-affected locations
• Partners to contact Logistics Cluster if experiencing any difficulties in completing SRFs

AGENDA
1. Operational Update
2. Access Constraints and Beyond Wau Response

1. Operational Update

• Partners were reminded that Common Transport Services (CTS) trucks are available for Beyond Wau responses, but also for the movement of cargo within Wau.
• The Logistics Cluster informed attendees of the flooded and prioritised locations throughout the country, and advised them to raise any flooded locations requiring attention within the Greater Bahr El Ghazal at Inter-Cluster Working Group meetings in case Logistics Cluster support is needed.
• Organisations were encouraged to submit SRFs for Beyond Wau Responses, including for flood response locations. Logistics Cluster staff are on standby to support with filling out SRFs if needed and instructions can also be found online here.
• Partners were reminded that the Logistics Cluster has been requested to support inter-cluster missions to flood-affected areas by transporting multi-sectoral flood survival kits.
• Partners were also reminded that cargo for the flood response has been prioritised by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)/Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) over all other cargo. The priorities for air transport are:
  1. ICWG missions-related cargo (Survival kits: Shelter/NFI; Wash, Health and Food Security);
  2. Non-ICWG mission cargo for flood response locations;
  3. All other cargo/locations.
• Organisations were advised that the first phase of the inter-cluster mission has been completed in Lankien, Mankien, Mayom, Pieri, Pibor town and Ulang. The Phase 1 response is still ongoing in Akobo, Dome, Duk Padiet, Gumruk, Kewer, Pakeer and Yomding.
• Partners were also informed that the second phase of the inter-cluster mission response is expected to start in January. The second phase will be split into two sub-phases - the first community-based (Health,
Nutrition, Protection and WASH items), and the second household-based (Education, Food Security, Protection and Shelter/NFI items).

• Partners were requested to inform the Logistics Cluster of any pending SRFs for locations where their teams in the field are pulling out for end of year holidays. Early notification will ensure the Logistics Cluster can plan operations accordingly.

• To avoid any duplication of efforts, partners were encouraged to work closely with their corresponding clusters if they are planning responses in any flood-affected areas.

• Partners were informed that all Logistics Cluster efforts are currently focused on the 2019 Flood Response which may result in delays for cargo delivery for the ongoing static response.

• Partners were also advised that service request procedures remain the same for cargo to be transported as part of the flood response. Organisations wishing to transport relief items to locations affected by the floods are requested to submit SRFs to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.

2. Access Constraints and Beyond Wau Response

• As per the information received at the ICWG meeting last week, there are no major access constraints to reach Beyond Wau Response locations apart from Abyei.

• A river between Turalei and Anet has burst its banks causing flooding which has created difficulties for heavy trucks trying to proceed from Wau to Abyei. The Logistics Cluster will monitor this closely and will provide more updates over the coming week.

The BWR locations include:
  o Bagari
  o Bazia
  o Mboro
  o Farajialah
  o Raja areas
  o Awiel
  o Warrap
  o Twic
  o Abyei

The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting in Wau will be held on Thursday 9 January 2020 at the UNHCR Conference hall at 10:00-11:00.
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