

LOCATION: UNICEF Yei
DATE: 30 November 2018
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: ACROSS, OCHA, TDH, UNICEF, SSDO

- ACTION POINTS:**
- ACROSS to discuss issues related to management of the MSU with TDH and Plan International and share feedback with cluster in the next meeting.
 - OCHA to share the template for generating the list of critical/relocatable staff before the next Logistics Cluster meeting.
 - SSDO to meet with the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) to discuss issue surrounding offloading of humanitarian supplies by the Association of blockers and report to the Logistics Cluster on the outcome of their deliberation.
 - Organisations are requested to continue to share relevant information about roads such as regular updates on the physical road condition.
 - WFP has promised to share meeting minutes held with the government officials from the Ministry of Health.

- AGENDA:**
1. Follow-up on action points from last meeting
 2. Physical Access constraints/road conditions
 3. Ebola Preparedness Updates
 4. AOB

1. Follow-up on action points from last meeting

- The Logistics Cluster has loaned a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) to partners operating in Yei. An MoU has been signed with ACROSS to manage it on its compound.
- ACROSS will discuss issues related to the management of the MSU with TDH and Plan International and share feedback with the cluster in the next meeting. The MSU was received and is currently at the ACROSS compound awaiting construction. A tender will need to be put out to solicit bids for the erection of the MSU.
- OCHA will share the template for generating the list of critical/relocatable staff before the next Logistics Cluster Working Group Meeting.
- Members are encouraged to join the Skype group and raise any urgent issues for discussions and possible solution. The members can join the group using the following link: <https://join.skype.com/iZCpEyibAzHD>.

2. Physical Access Constraints/Road Conditions

- While the road access situation in Yei River State has started improving, recent events in the area have created access issues. Some roads are not passable during rainy season such as Kaya road especially from Ligi to Yei County.
- Due to administrative access challenges, partners were reminded that when hiring trucks, vehicles and drivers should have proper documentation including logbooks for the vehicles, drivers license, driver national identification cards and official documentation from the organisation and the government.

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- Due to security access challenges, it has been recommended to request Force Protection when security of movement is not guaranteed.
- Organisations are requested to continue to share information regarding road conditions with the cluster.
- Information on convoy guidelines and clearances was provided to partners and has also been made available online [here](#). As a reminder, convoy coordination is a free service provided by the Logistics Cluster but organisations are responsible for the hiring and loading of trucks. The Logistics Cluster does not provide trucks.
- The date of the next convoy from Juba to Yei will be shared once confirmed. It will take place in 2019. Organisations interested in joining should begin submitting their requests.
- Several movements have been organised to deliver emergency preparedness and response supplies to communities in Mygo and Tokori counties. Given the time needed to reach destinations, it was decided that organisations should work together to secure better trucks. It was advised to hire smaller trucks with lower capacity (4/5 mt) in better conditions rather than larger vehicles.

3. Ebola Preparedness Updates

- Yei is situated at the border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, currently facing a major Ebola Virus outbreak. The need to mobilise resources to invest in preventive measures is seen as critical and to this end, partners have formed an Ebola Task Force to organise resources and engage in massive awareness raising.
- A meeting was held with the Ministry of Health to discuss issues regarding the land allocation for the isolation unit in the area. Discussions are being conducted with the residents living near the allocated site.
- WFP has commenced construction on the isolation unit at the allocated site.

4. AOB

- Offloading of humanitarian supplies in Yei town is becoming a challenge to humanitarian partners. The Blocker Association in Yei town always assume responsibilities for offloading with a high cost and despite arrangements of partners hiring their own workers to offload supplies. Discussion with the local Blocker Association is ongoing through the designation of a mediator who will act on behalf of the organisations.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting in Yei will be held on 15 January 2019.

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