
Meeting Minutes, 3 April 2019

South Sudan



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| LOCATION | UNICEF Yei |
| DATE | 3 April 2019 |
| CHAIR | UNICEF |
| PARTICIPANTS | ACROSS, MSF, OCHA, Plan International, SSDO |
| ACTION POINTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Logistics Cluster Juba to update the Logistics Cluster Working Group (LCWG) in Yei on the request for pallets in the next meeting.• The Logistics Cluster is requested by partners to coordinate a humanitarian convoy to Yei if possible. Partners are to confirm their interest once a tentative date is set.• WFP to update on the radio channel connectivity expansion request in Yei.• Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) partners in Yei are requested to share information on the availability of satellite phones for their organisation by Friday 12 April.• As ECHO and the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) will be visiting Yei, partners are encouraged to support with vehicles to facilitate the delegates' movements in Yei. |
| AGENDA | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Follow-up on Action Points2. Roads and Access Constraints3. Road Convoy to Yei4. Ebola Preparedness5. Connectivity6. AOB |

1. Follow-up on Action Points

- ACROSS has completed the Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) construction in Yei. Based on current demands, the ACROSS-managed MSU should be sufficient to meet partners' EVD stocks and common storage needs.
- The WFP Logistics Unit dispatched an MSU to its implementing partner (Plan International) last week for food storage. It is expected to reduce the burden on ACROSS storage units. Plan International confirmed that they have received the MSU and construction work is in progress.
- A request has been submitted to the Logistics Cluster Juba for pallets (preferably in plastic to avoid insects and pest-control issues) for the two MSUs in Yei.

2. Roads and Access Constraints

- Road access has improved in Yei River State. Yei-Kaya road, Yei-Lasu road, Yei-Juba road, Yei-Kupera road are all accessible.
- Yei-Maridi road and Yei-Mukaya road are still being assessed.

3. Road Convoy to Yei

- Over the past few months convoys to Yei have been on hold. The Logistics Cluster Juba is currently gathering interest for a potential Juba-Lainya-Yei convoy.
- Partners requested a Logistics Cluster coordinated humanitarian convoy to Yei to replenish supplies that are running low.
- The Logistics Cluster provided convoy guidelines to organisations. There is no cost to join a convoy, however organisations are responsible for hiring and loading their own trucks (and for covering all costs related to their own trucks). The Logistics Cluster does not provide trucks.
- [Procedural rules](#) to join a convoy:
 - Confirm interest in joining the convoy by completing the Convoy Details Sheet (available on request).
 - Obtain JBVMM clearance and RRC clearances.
 - Once clearances are obtained forward a copy of each to the Logistics Cluster.

4. Ebola Preparedness

- The Logistics Cluster is deploying a Senior Logistics Assistant to Yei on Friday, 5 April for one week to support with Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) tracking, EVD supply management, and to undertake basic logistics trainings with partners on the ground. Based on the progress made during this period, plans for extension or additional logistical support will be considered and shared with partners.
- A VHF radio may be installed in the EVD ambulance upon request from AAH. Organisations will be responsible for the costs.
- EVD partners in Yei are requested to share information on their organisations' satellite phones availability by Friday 12 April. This information will be used to map out existing telecommunication equipment in the area.

5. Connectivity

- As the lead agency of the interagency IT Working Group, WFP has requested UNICEF IT to explore the possibility of expanding radio channels to NGOs in the Yei River State.

6. AOB

- Humanitarian partners are facing increasing challenges due to an issue with offloading supplies in Yei. Partners are to meet with the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) to discuss the issue and will then share the information with the Logistics Cluster on solutions and ways forward. The Logistics Cluster will coordinate with NGOs in Yei to explore possible interim solutions.
- Partners in Yei are encouraged to hire trucks for their humanitarian response missions considering currently there are not enough trucks to transport all the supplies for distribution.
- ECHO is planning to visit Yei on the week of 9 April to evaluate the humanitarian situation in the area and to visit the projects that partners are working on. They will also potentially join a field mission outside Yei to assess the situation outside town.
- The SRSB is planning to visit Yei in the same week (9 April) and would like to meet with humanitarian partners in Yei.
- All partners that are in the position to support the two delegations visits with the provision of their vehicles are kindly invited to share their vehicle availability with the Logistics Cluster Working Group. The support would be greatly appreciated.

The next Logistics Cluster Working Group meeting in Yei will be held on 8 May at 11:00 in the UNICEF Conference room.

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