Unity - Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting

25 August 2023

Coordination meeting

Location: Online

Date: 25 August 2023

Chair: Logistics Cluster

Organizations

1. Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid (CORDAID).
2. Children Aid South Sudan (CASS)
3. International Rescue Committee (IRC)
4. Medair
5. Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF)
6. Mercy Corps
7. Non-violence Peace (NP)
8. Solidarities International (SI)
9. South Sudan Red Cross. (SSRC)
10. United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
11. United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM)
12. Universal Intervention and Development Organization (UNIDOR)

Action Points

- Logistics Cluster to assess which partner organizations have presence in Adok.
- Logistics Cluster to provide feedback on partners' request for air cargo transport to Leer, Koch, Panyijiar & Mayiendit since Adok – Leer road has been cut off/not passable.
- Logistics Cluster to provide feedback regarding support with common storage (MSU installation) in Adok to be used as temporary storage when receiving cargo by partners. Partners receiving cargo at Adok face high charges for temporary storage of cargo in local makeshift tukuls built around the port by the locals.
- Partners in Leer, Koch & Mayiendit to take lead and jointly address the high charges of temporary storing humanitarian relief at the port with local authorities.

Agenda

1. Common Logistics Services & Challenges
2. Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA)
3. BBR & Sud response support
4. River updates
5. Constraints & Bottlenecks
6. AOB/Discussion

Common Logistics Services

- **Overland Cargo transport:** Logistics Cluster operates 3 CTS trucks & 1 crane, from IOM on free-to-user basis in Bentiu.
- LC facilitates cargo transport request to destinations within Bentiu & beyond using CTS trucks.
- **Air cargo transport:** Facilitated at Juba level utilizing the fixed wing aircraft.
- **Storage:** 6 MSUs available in Bentiu as common storage. 1 managed by LC & 5 managed by partners i.e. MCI, IRC, WHH, UNICEF & WR.
- Common storage availability in deep field locations. E.g. Koch, Leer, Panyijiar, etc.
- Partners requesting for the service must send an SRF that is downloadable on this link https://logcluster.org/document/south-sudan/service-request-form,.
- **Provision of trainings:** Including Service Request Form(SRF), Warehousing & Inventory Management, etc.
- Visit our ConOps map for details on LC services in SSDhttps://logcluster.org/document/south-sudan-concept-operations-map-april-2023

Challenges

- High charges to load/unload relief supplies at Rubkona airstrip.
- Late and abrupt/unplanned requests from partners.
- Funding constraints, especially for the IOM CTS trucks.
- Delays in loading/offloading of trucks at partner's facility.
- Obsolete stock in stores, occupying space unnecessarily.
- Inappropriate use of common storage by partners such as storing cargo for more than 6 months to 1 year period.
- Expiration of items in stores due to lack of close eye monitoring.
- Lack of coordination on flights especially with partner owned chartered flights.
- Partners considering LC services i.e. transport, storage, as 1st choice opposed to the last resort principle.

Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA)

What is it & why is it important?

- It's a baseline database containing information on infrastructure e.g. roads, transport capacity, storage, network, equipment, etc., of a particular country.
- Logistics Cluster is leading the LCA.
- The database is updated every 3 year.
- The last LCA was conducted in 2015. Overdue for 6 years.
- It provides quick, reliable and an up to date information on the Logistics infrastructure.
- LCA data collection commenced on 1st August 2023.
- Deep field partners are highly encouraged to support LC in data collection for the LCA.

BBR & Sud crisis response in Unity

- BBR stands for Beyond Bentiu Response.
- LC facilitates cargo delivery to BBR locations based on request.
- LC coordinates cargo delivery to Rotriak by road when passable
- BBR locations include Mayom, Abiemnom, Pariang, Guit, Koch, Mayiendit & Leer.
- LC supports prepositioning of cargo at the counties, by road from Bentiu.

River Transport (Unity)

- Ports in Unity State include; Manga, Nyaruop & Adok.
- All accessible with 50 – 250 mt boat capacity.
- Bentiu/Rubkona accessible from Manga using small boats/canoes.
- Currently, all these ports aren’t accessible by road.
- Manga port has high costs due to multiple transshipment of cargo.
- LC facilitates cargo transport from Bor on cost recovery basis utilizing WFP’s On-Demand Service (ODS).

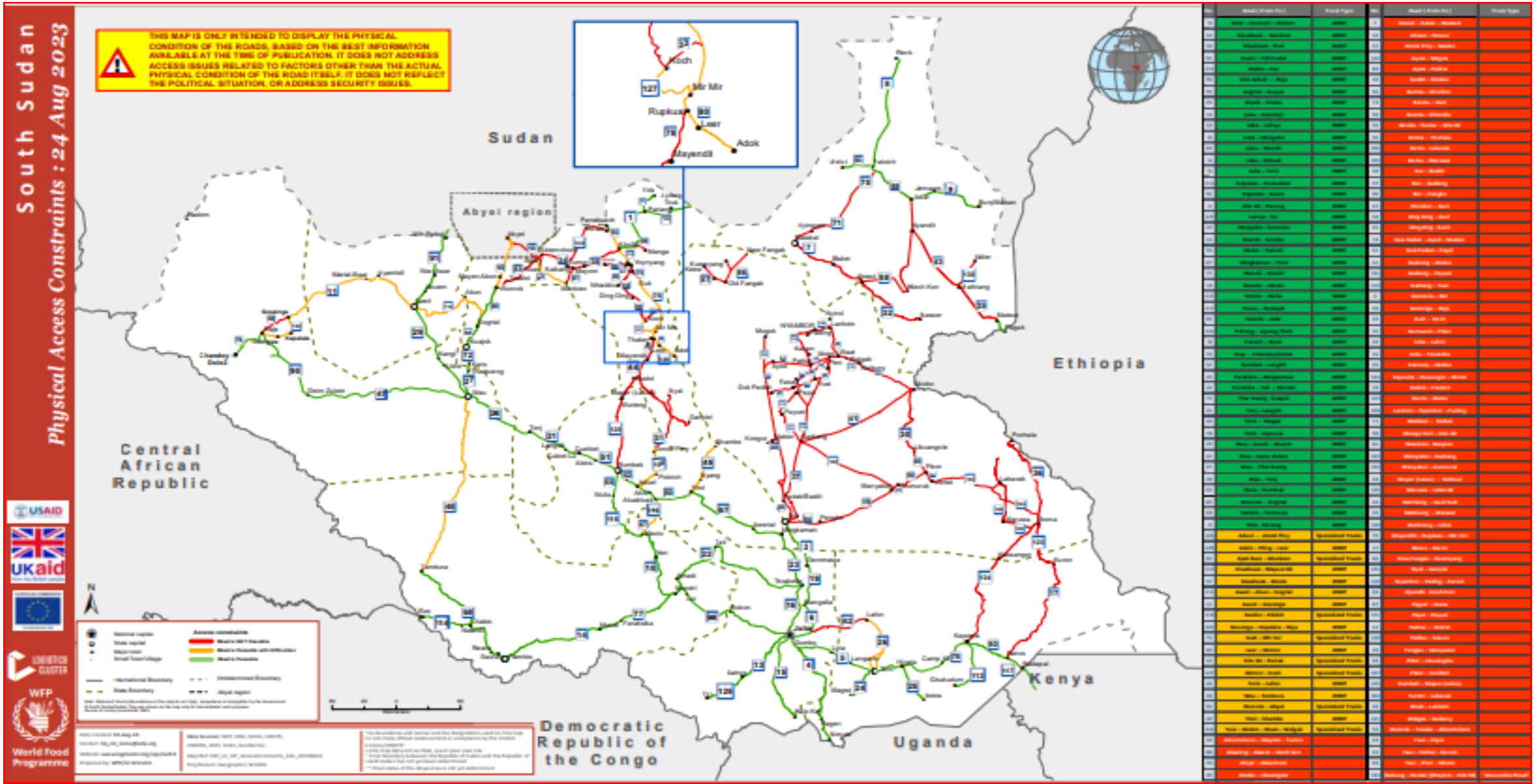
Physical Access Constraints

- ***Kilo0 – Kilo30 route:*** passable with difficulties for specialize trucks only, 5 – 15 tons.
- ***Abiemnom – Mayom route:*** currently not passable.
- ***Mayom – Mayom junction route:*** closed due to flooding.
- ***Mayom – Kaikang – NoorKuur – Rotriak (new alternate route):*** currently not passable to any vehicle. WFP infrastructure currently fixing the road.
- ***Bentiu – Kuach – Tharjath oil field :*** currently not passable. If hasn't rain for two weeks, might be passable.
- ***Tharjiath oil field – MirMir – Rupkuai – Leer route:*** passable with lots of difficulties for specialized trucks 5 – 10 tons.
- ***Adok port – Pelieny – Leer route:*** not passable.
- ***Kilo30 – Rotriak – Panyingai – Pariang route:*** passable.
- ***Kilo 30 – Manga Port route:*** not passable.
- ***Leer – Kaigai – Thalel Teny – Pelieny route:*** TBC. Under assessment by WFP team.
- ***Mayiendit – Madol – Maper – Rumbek route:*** TBC. Under assessment by WFP team.
- link to access constraints map South Sudan - Access Constraints Map, 24 August 2023 | Logistics Cluster Website (logcluster.org).

Bottlenecks

- Cancellation of scheduled delivery due to inaccessibility of roads.
- Low cargo prepositioning by partners due to the road conditions.
- No funding for critical road maintenance.
- What mitigation measures are needed in this situation to minimize or solve the road inaccessibility challenges? Do you have enough stocks? If yes, for how long? If no, what are you doing to ensure continued response?

Access Constraint Map



AOB, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS,

- Trainings. E.g. LCA, online courses, Warehouse & Inventory management
- Road accessibility information focal points.
- WhatsApp group? Partners should make use of the WhatsApp group created by the cluster.
- Mayiendit – Madol – Maper – Rumbek route is under assessment by WFP. Findings will be shared.

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