MEETING MINUTES

Juba, South Sudan

02 October 2012

Chair:	Logistics Coordinator
Participants:	IMC, Japanese Defense Force, UNHCR, UNOPS, ACEM, IOM, UNICEF, MEDAIR, MSF-Holland, UNMISS, OCHA, MSF-F, MAG, USAID/OFDA, ACF, CRS
Action Points:	• The Logistics Cluster to arrange a meeting with the User Group to identify priority locations for warehouses, based on needs for 2013. Cluster members are requested to send their updates. • The Logistics Cluster and UNOPS ERU will meet regarding Yida airstrip and speeding up repair works.

Agenda:

1. **Operational Update**
2. **Common Transport Services**
3. **Common Warehousing**
4. **UNOPS Update**
5. **CAP 2013**
6. **A.O.B**

Operational Update

- Following the action points from the last meeting:
  - CAP strategy feedback from Peer Review Team guidance was sent out to the Logistics Cluster mailing list.
  - Organisations reported that the fuel supply situation has improved and there is no reported shortage in Juba at this time.
  - A User Group meeting was held to discuss the inputs from participants on the Logistics Cluster strategy for 2013.
- On 27 September, a number of agreements were signed between the Government of South Sudan and the Government of Sudan in relation to oil, border, and trade issues. It is not clear as yet what the impact of these agreements will be and how soon the oil production will resume. The Abyei issue was not discussed.
- Clashes were reported in Jonglei State, concentrated in Likuongolei, Pibor County. Additional displacement is expected due to the fighting and insecurity. Some organsations have evacuated their staff members from Pibor.
- There continues to be concern regarding suspicious airspace activity in Jonglei State. Organizations arranging flights to this and other areas of the country are encouraged to contact the Logistics Cluster for more details on air security concerns.
- Seasonal flooding continues to affect at least 240,000 people across the country and create significant logistical bottlenecks for the entire humanitarian community.
- There was a Hepatitis E outbreak in Upper Nile State which caused the death of at least 19 people in refugee settlements. Humanitarian organisations are continuing to work to reach affected populations.
- There has been an increase in the number of refugee in South Sudan with approximately 1,000 arriving in Yida camp every week, despite the rains. It is expected that there will be a large influx once the rains have subsided.
- The following road sections reported changes in the Access Constraint Map.
  - Rumbek-Bentiu: Corridor is open only for light vehicles after 2 dry days, but there remains passage challenges between Mayendit to Mir Mir.
  - Yirol-Rumbek: Corridor is only passable, with difficulty, for 4WD light vehicles between Aluaklauk and Yirol. Construction on the road has stopped due to non-payment from the government.
  - The Logistics Cluster is monitoring the Luri River water levels and the passage of traffic on the drift. Drift is currently passable for all traffic, but organisations are advised to exercise extreme caution as the water level is difficult to accurately gauge [the water may be deeper than it looks].
  - If the Luri River is not passable, the alternate route to Rumbek is Juba-Yei-Faraksika-Mundri-Rumbek [currently passable for all traffic].

  - Mvolo-Wullu Road, on the way to Rumbek, is still a challenge for trucks/trailers.
  - Bentiu-Pariang Road is only passable after three dry days, and only for 4WD vehicles, with difficulty.
- Processing tax exemptions for light vehicles continues to be difficult, and some organizations are working with the Logistics Cluster to address the challenges.
- OCHA has identified a South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Committee (SSRRC) Focal Point for NGOs who will be able to assist them with tax exemption issues.
- The process of obtaining an NGO number plate has not changed from the past. NGO number plates are available for NGOs in Juba only. OCHA and the Logistics Cluster are working together on this issue to determine if organisations can register from field locations.

Common Transport Services

- Logistics Cluster Common Transport Service (CTS) has received 143 Service Request Forms (SRFs) from 30 organisations for the month of September. Barges and pushers have become available in Juba and have been loaded with interagency cargo. A total of 475mt [874m^3] has been delivered and 127mt [350m^3] is in transit.
- Three boats were loaded in September: two fuel boats for Malakal and Maban which are expected to arrive in Malakal on 03 October 2012. One boat was loaded with culverts for UNOPS emergency road repair operation in Maban County.
- Currently there are two flat-bed barges accessible for the CTS. The first flat bed barge was loaded with four trucks for MSF-Holland, DRC, and IOM. The second flat bed barge was loaded with seven 4x4 trucks. The two flat barges are still in Juba and are expected to depart at the end of the week. Additionally, 150mt of NFIs were loaded in the hull of the two barges.
- Two NFI barges (1x Malakal and 1x Melut) are scheduled to be positioned in Juba Port for loading next week. More details will be availed when confirmation has been received from the supplier.
- Barge ETA to Malakal has been reduced to two weeks, as the water levels are high.
- Four CTS trucks are currently in Maban County, operating between Melut and the refugee camps. IOM will send an additional truck to help support this operation.
- Two trucks have been in Bor for the past two weeks to help facilitate the pickup of agency cargo. The trucks will return to Juba at the end of the week to support Juba operations; currently only one truck is available for common transport use.
- Wau, Malakal and Bentiu each have one truck stationed in them for cargo movements, requests should be submitted as normal for truck movements.
- The two Logistics Cluster Helicopters transported 85mt [300m^3] of interagency cargo in September.
- One Logistics Cluster Helicopter conducted a 17 day operation in Jonglei State, with a total of 68mt of cargo moved to flooded areas. Although the mission was successful, partners are encouraged to improve their communication with the Logistics Cluster, and to avoid last minute requests for cargo movement.
- Pibor requests were suspended due to security reasons. The Logistics Cluster will resume operations once the security situation allows.
- Logistics Cluster Helicopter will return to Rumbek from Bor on 02 October 2012.
- WFP has brought in a Buffalo fixed wing aircraft for their operations, available for use by the humanitarian community, through the Logistics Cluster, on a cost recovery basis. Organizations interested in using the aircraft are requested to contact the Logistics Cluster, and will be advised if transport can completed as part of the common service (no other transport option available) or on a cost-recovery basis.
- An IL-76 is still in country. The current contract has been extended until the 15 October 2012 because of UNHCR flights. Kindly contact the Logistics Cluster if you have pending requests for use of the aircraft; however, the IL-76 is relatively fully booked for the remainder of time-period in country.
- As discussed in the last meeting, the CTS are for UN Agencies and NGOs only, as per SOPs, project documents, and agreements with donors. Hence, UNMISS and the Government cannot access CTS. Based on feedback from Cluster members since the last meeting, the Logistics Cluster will not engage in cost sharing of assets with UNMISS. Should individual organizations be interested in cost-sharing assets, e.g. barges with UNMISS, the Logistics Cluster can facilitate contact between the parties.

Common Warehousing

- No major updates.
- Logistics Cluster is to meet with User Group to identify priority locations for warehouses based on needs for 2013. Cluster members are requested to send their updates.

UNOPS Update (Roads and Bridges)

- UNOPS is currently working in the Yida area for airstrip repair and helipad construction. Airstrip repair is currently compromised by heavy traffic on the airstrip; the focus is on helipad construction with minimal airstrip spot repair. The Logistics Cluster will discuss with UNOPS possible solutions to speed up the work, including closing down the airstrip for a period to facilitate work.
- UNOPS works on the Maban Road are on-going. Culverts from UNMISS have arrived on the ground to assist with continued access improvements.

Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) 2013

- CAP guidance materials were distributed.
- The User Group met to agree on a strategy for 2013, based on the inputs from Logistics Cluster participants, through an online survey and direct feedback.
- The CAP Draft Strategy has been sent to OCHA with an overall focus on:
  1) Continuing coordination and information management services, including mapping, road accessibility studies, and civil-military liaison.
  2) CTS for areas with no or limited commercial logistics options, including all modes of transport [air, barges, boats, trucks] for both passengers and cargo.
  3) Warehousing in key locations for trans-shipment and prepositioning.
  4) Road and airstrip repair.
- The Logistics Cluster's defence for the CAP 2013 strategy was completed last week; the HC, a.i., and OCHA were in general agreement with the presented strategy.
- The Logistics Cluster was notified by partners on the planned submission of four projects before the deadline and presentation of the strategy. These projects are: UNHAS – air passenger service; IOM-CTS; Logistics Cluster – Coordination, IM, and CTS; and UNOPS – road and airstrip repair. The deadline for draft submission of projects is 08 October. The projects will then be reviewed by the User Group.

A.O.B

- UNHCR gave an update on the current refugee situation in South Sudan, and informed that PAE has started mobilizing equipment for road repairs in Upper Nile State. Projections predict an increase in refugees/ new arrivals

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 16 October 2012 at UNOCHA conference room

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