MEETING MINUTES

Juba, South Sudan

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Chair:	Logistics Cluster Coordinator (Acting)
Participants:	DRC, UNMISS, OXFAM, SAMARITANS PURSE, MAF, ACEM, SOLIDARITES, MEDAIR, IFRC, USAID/OFDA, SOS, MSF BELGIUM, IMC, ZOA, GOAL, MSF SWISS, MSF FRANCE.
Action Points:	• Partners to inform the Logistics Cluster of any updates regarding access constraints. • Partners to critically review fuel prepositioning strategy for Unity State. • Health Cluster partners to review which organisations are affected by the new Ministry of Health administrative charges for the importation of medical supplies and communicate this to the Logistics Cluster. • Logistics Cluster to review official correspondence from Health Cluster partners in coordination with OCHA to determine appropriate action.

Agenda:

1. **General Humanitarian Update**
2. **Access Constraints**
3. **Update on Convoys in Jonglei State**
4. **Common Transport Service (CTS) Update**
5. **UNHCR Update**
6. **UNOPS Update**
7. **A.O.B.**

1. General Humanitarian Update

- A reported 1,500 persons have been newly displaced in Northern Bahr el Ghazal State. A convoy carrying over 800 returnees from Khartoum has arrived in Upper Nile State.

2. Access Constraints

- There have been an increasing number of ambushes along the Manyabol-Gumuruk-Pibor-Lukuangole route.
- The Bailet - Nasir road open for 4x4 cars only due to a damaged culvert. UNOPS to dispatch an engineer to the site for assessment next week.
- The Juba - Malakal road is open for all vehicles.
- Several key locations within Jonglei state are currently not accessible due to insecurity; questions were raised on whether the Logistics Cluster could secure assets to facilitate the movement of lifesaving supplies during the rainy season.
- Access constraint updates were shared with and by participants. The latest access constraints map is available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a/south-sudan-access-constraints
- The Logistics Cluster will collect and circulate additional information on primary and secondary road repairs and rehabilitation from the Ministry of Roads and Bridges.

3. Update on Convoys in Jonglei State

- Four convoys escorting between to Gumuruk /Pibor have delivered over 60 trucks since 11 February 2013, on behalf of UNICEF, INTERSOS, PLAN INT, WFP, PWJ, and PAH.
- Most prepositioning requirements have been met for organisations operating in Pibor County.
- The Kapoeta-Boma convoy is due to depart from 04 April.
- The accessibility of road between Kapoeta and Pochalla from Juba is unclear. The Logistics Cluster will conduct a road assessment this week and will share feedback with partners.

4. Common Transport Service (CTS) Update

- During the month of March, the Logistics Cluster received 70 movement requests and dispatched 900m^3 of relief items.
- One truck, managed by IOM, in Unity State is supporting returnees in Yida and Pariang (UNHCR, Solidarites, Samaritans Purse, WFP, WV).
- Six trucks in Upper Nile supporting the onward movement of relief items from Malakal to Maban on behalf of MSF H, UNICEF, ARC, GOAL, SAMARITANS PURSE, IOM, SIM, SOLIDARITES, ICRC, WORLD VISION, WFP, MENTOR INITATIVE, and UNICEF.
- One truck in Wau supported movements to NBG, WBG, Abyei on behalf of UNICEF, ACF, IOM, and SAVE THE CHILDREN.
- Five trucks have been positioned in Jonglei on behalf of INTERSOS, PWJ, PLAN, and PAH. Due to recent ambushes, trucks will be repositioned to Juba for repair and repositioning to Malakal.

5. UNHCR Update

- UNHCR and AAH plan to establish a vehicle maintenance facility in Pariang, which potentially could be used for fuel storage.
- Relocation from Yida to Kaya has started with facilitation by IOM trucks. The first movement was expected to move 300 individuals however only 11 were moved due to resistance of refugees to move from existing Yida refugee camp.

6. UNOPS Update

- In Unity State, the construction on the Yida-Panyang-Pariang road is on-going as additional contractors have been mobilised. The main water tower is to be repaired to increase capacity for the host community and road construction – more boreholes are also needed.
- Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) platforms are 50% complete and estimated to be fully completed by the weekend.
- The assessment of the Bailet-Nasir stretch of road will be undertaken commencing the week of 07 April by UNOPS engineers.

7. A.O.B.

- Medical administration charges are a cause for concern amongst organisations with medical programmes. Organisations affected should present the Logistics Cluster with an official correspondence highlighting the key issues which the Logistics Cluster will be discuss OCHA for further action.

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