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# Meeting Minutes, 11 October 2019

South Sudan



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<b>LOCATION</b>	WFP Program Office – Logistics Base, Bentiu
<b>DATE</b>	11 October 2019
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Action for Conflict Resolution (ACR), Concern Worldwide (CWW), Cordaid, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Hope Restoration South Sudan (HRSS), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Internews, INTERSOS, Joint Aid Management (JAM), Mentor Initiative, Universal Intervention and Development Organization (UNIDOR), Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Suisse, Welthungerhilfe/German Agro Action (WHH/GAA), World Relief
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners to advise Logistics Cluster about plans for charter flights three days prior to their expected arrival.</li><li>• Partners to contact Logistics Cluster focal points when needing to access and check stocks in the Logistics Cluster Bentiu Hub stores.</li><li>• Partners to provide any new information on road accessibility with the Logistics Cluster.</li><li>• Partners with low turnover to plan distribution of their items before the beginning of the next prepositioning season.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Operational Update</li><li>2. Access constraints</li><li>3. AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Operational Update

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### Air Operations

- During September, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the reception of five charter flights on behalf five agencies.
- Logistics Cluster reminded partners to inform and share details about plans for charter flights three days prior to expected arrival to allow for proper planning and timely reception, transportation and preparation of storage.
- The Logistics Cluster advised organisations that there have been no incidents recorded at Rubkona airstrip over the past three months and encouraged partners to continue adhering to aviation procedures.

### Common Transport Service (CTS)

- The Logistics Cluster supported the transportation of humanitarian cargo by road to the Protection of Civilians site (POC), Bentiu town, Rubkona and Beyond Bentiu response locations during September, transporting 445.35 mt using the CTS trucks.
- The Logistics Cluster has delivered a total of 2650.51 mt of relief items since the beginning of 2019.
- Logistics Cluster Bentiu operates with four CTS trucks, all currently in good condition.

- Partners were reminded to submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) to the Logistics Cluster before 14:00 the day before assistance is required to allow for timely planning and allocation of CTS trucks to partners.

### Common Storage Facilities

- Logistics Cluster Bentiu has six Mobile Storage Units (MSU) available for indoor storage with a total of 1440 m<sup>2</sup> capacity. The Logistics Cluster also offers 1000m<sup>2</sup> of outdoor storage space.
- The Logistics Cluster Bentiu Hub received 156 mt of assorted relief supplies for storage in September on behalf of nine organisations.
- Partners were reminded to contact Logistics Cluster focal points when needing to access and check stocks in the Logistics Cluster Bentiu Hub stores.
- Partners were reminded during the meeting that expired food and non-food items will not be accepted for storage in Logistics Cluster Bentiu Hub stores.

### Western Corridor Convoy Coordination

- Difficult road conditions from Bentiu to Wunrok are preventing road convoys reaching Bentiu. Western Corridor convoys are currently only reaching as far as Wunrok. Direct convoys to Bentiu are expected to resume by the end of November / early December.
- Partners were advised that the Logistics Cluster will continue to monitor the road conditions and will update all partners. Partners were reminded to provide any new information on road accessibility to the Logistics Cluster.

### Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR)

- The BBR is currently not operating due to inaccessibility of roads, expected to continue until end of December 2019.
- Partners responding all year round in Southern Unity, Central unity and other BBR locations not accessible during the rainy season were reminded to preposition their relief cargo in Bentiu during the dry season. Pre-positioning cargo will ensure that the Logistics Cluster can continue transporting cargo by road, ensuring a cost-efficient response using CTS trucks.
- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster intends to focus on increasing the use of road and river transport while reducing the use of air transport in 2020 and beyond. Air assets will only be used to serve locations that are not accessible by road and river and in the event of extreme emergencies. A draft Prepositioning and Logistics Efficiency Strategy is currently under review and will be shared with partners shortly.
- The Logistics Cluster Bentiu transports humanitarian cargo to the following BBR locations from Bentiu Logistics Base during the dry season: Abiemnom, Adok, Bill, Dablual, Dhorboor, DinDin, Ding Ding, Guit town, Jaaguar, Kaljak, Koch, Kuach, Kuergeng, Kuerguini, Leer town, Mankien, Mayom HQs, Mir Mir, Nhial Diu, Nyathoar, Padeah, Pariang, Rubkuay, Thaker, Thoan, Thonyor, TuochRiah

## 2. Access Constraints

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- The Logistics Cluster [Access Constraints Map](#) was shared with partners. The map includes physical access information about the Western Corridor which is used to transport humanitarian supplies to Bentiu.
- The Logistics Cluster requested partners to share any new information regarding the current status of Western corridor road leading to Bentiu to ensure that the map is kept up-to-date. Information can be sent to [southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org)

### 3. AOB

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- Partners with items stored along the access road in the logistics base should remove these and take them to the Logistics Cluster's outdoor storage.
- JAM and FAO advised the Logistics Cluster Bentiu that they are both expecting the arrival of some trucks within the next two weeks.
- INTERSOS requested the support of the Logistics Cluster Bentiu team to store supplies arriving shortly.
- CWW raised a concern that some drivers are parking trucks too close to MSUs in the Logistics Base, which puts the MSUs at risk of being damaged by vehicles. CWW has requested the IOM Engineering Unit to dig a channel near the side of the MSU to deter drivers from parking too close.

**The next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will be held on Friday 8 November at the IOM Conference Hall at 10:00.**

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