South Sudan – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: OCHA, Juba
DATE: 13 October 2015
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Action Against Hunger, Assistance Mission for Africa (AMA), Concern Worldwide, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, Doctors with Africa Cuamm, Goal, Kissito Healthcare International, International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Medical Corps (IMC), Islamic Relief Worldwide, Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, National Peace and Development Organization (NPDO), Nonviolent Peaceforce, Polish Humanitarian Action, Solidarites International, UNHCR, UNICEF, USAID/OFDA, World Health Organization (WHO), World Relief, World Vision, Welthungerhilfe.

ACTION POINTS:
- OCHA to follow up with UNDSS regarding access to Melut for UN staff.
- Organisations are requested to share any feedback regarding the effect of recent insecurity in the Equatorias on their supply chain.

AGENDA:
1. Operational Update
2. Priority Locations
3. Safety Procedures – Receiving Flights
4. Access Constraints

1. Operational Update

- Organisations were informed that convoys from Juba to Rumbek with UNMISS Force Protection will be available. Dates of convoys: October 15, 23, 31 and November: 8, 16, 24.
- Organisations wanting to join a convoy are required to submit a Military and Civil Defense Assets (MCDA) request to the OCHA Access Support team at least seven days prior to the departure date.
- OCHA provided an update on the MCDA procedures and reminded organisations that the MCDA process should be utilized only as a last resort measure. In such cases UNMISS can assist with Force Protection and engineering.
- During the last two weeks, no issues were faced regarding Flight Safety Assurances (FSAs). However, during the month of September, a total of 32 flights were cancelled due to this issue.
- The Logistics Cluster and WFP barge departed from Bor on 11 October carrying 400 mt of non-food items. The journey to Malakal is expected to take 10-14 days.
- Organisations were reminded that there is a procedure in place with the Logistics Cluster regarding short missions into the field. The Logistics Cluster must be notified seven days in advance of the scheduled mission. Organisations requiring more information on this planning process are advised to contact the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator inquired about storage needs in Melut. One organisation informed that their facilities had been damaged and advised that the area was still insecure.
- Organisations have been asked to share any feedback regarding the effect of recent insecurity in the Equatorias on their supply chain.
- The Logistics Cluster will be using its fixed wing aircraft to transport items bound for Wau Shilluk to Malakal. Individual organisations will then be responsible for onward movement via boat/river from Malakal to Wau Shilluk.

2. Priority Locations

- As of 12 October, the priority locations dictated by the Inter Cluster Working Group (ICWG) include:
  - Mayendit Town (Unity)
  - Nyliwak, Panyikang (Upper Nile)
  - Wau Shilluk, Malakal (Upper Nile)
- On-Going Priority Locations:
  - Unity – Survival Kit Modality – Based upon access
  - Panyijar Response (Ganyiel, Nyal)
  - Paloich, Melut (Upper Nile)

3. Safety Procedures – Receiving Flights

- Organisations were reminded of their responsibilities and safety procedures when receiving flights in the field. The following procedures are outlined in dispatch messages and should be observed when receiving Logistics Cluster flights:
  1. Inform local authorities of the planned rotations (in advance and a reminder the day of the flight)
  2. Be at the airstrip 30mins before flight arrives on ground (ETA to be provided) to clear the airstrip of any crowd and/or cattle.
  3. Stay with the pilots until they leave the location.
  4. Give regular updates on weather and security (1st update at 7.30am in the morning)
  5. Inform Logistics Cluster when the flight lands and takes off.

4. Access Constraints

- The most recent Access Constraints map can be found at the following link: http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-9-october-2015

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