South Sudan – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: OCHA, Juba
DATE: 20 January 2015
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Action Against Hunger (ACF), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Care, Concern, UK Department for International Development (DFID), EU Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department (ECHO), Interchurch Medical Assistance World Health (IMA), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Kissito, Lutheran World Relief (LWF), Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF Belgium and MSF-Spain), Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), Oxfam, Plan International, Padang Lutheran Relief Society (PLRS), Solidarités International, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Universal Intervention and Development Organization (UNIDO), Universal Network for Knowledge & Empowerment Agency (UNKEA), United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Welthungerhilfe, World Relief, World Vision, and ZOA

ACTION POINTS:

- All barge cargo must be transported to Bor by road; this will be the new dispatch location for all barge movements. Organisations requiring contact details for commercial transporters to contact the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster asks all organisations to send updates regarding road conditions as frequently as possible.

AGENDA:

1. Dry Season Planning Presentation
2. Operational Update
3. A.O.B.

1. Dry Season Planning Presentation

- UNMISS gave a brief presentation to Logistics Cluster members regarding their plans throughout the dry season.
- A map was presented to show the different locations where UNMISS troops are deployed.
- UNMISS explained plans for providing dynamic patrols in additional to quick response contingency plans in some locations.
- If more information is required, participants are advised to contact the Logistics Cluster.

2. Operational Update

- Participants were reminded to visit the South Sudan page on the Logistics Cluster website for up to date information and guidance documents: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a
- The Logistic Cluster's air operation was challenged during the week of 12 January due to issues surrounding flight clearances. A new system has now been successfully implemented.
- The funding outlook for 2015 is low at present; and although funding is yet to be confirmed, forecasts are in the pipeline.
- Following a recent assessment conducted in Bor, the Logistics Cluster recognised a need to increase common storage. A plan has been established to erect an additional 3-4 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs).
- The additional MSUs for Bentiu are expected to be dispatched from Juba during the week of 26 January.
- WFP is currently in discussion with authorities in Rumbek to secure additional land for common storage; once land is allocated, additional MSUs will be erected.
- Common storage assessments have been completed in Bor, Rumbek, Wunrok, Akobo, Melut, and Pibor.

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- The current status of the Abiemnhom-Bentiu road is unclear; conflicting messages have been circulated throughout the humanitarian community. Clarity on this stretch of road will be available on 21 January.
- Once there is road access to Bentiu, all organisations will be encouraged to transport cargo by road. Air transport will cease once the road is passable.
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator has briefed all respective Cluster Coordinators on the required pipeline information. On a monthly basis, Cluster Coordinators will circulate to all organisations a template that requests information regarding cargo movement plans for two months. This information will dictate the Logistics Cluster's scale up or down of air assets and common storage.

5. A.O.B.

- The Logistics Cluster asks all organisations to send updates regarding road conditions as frequently as possible.
- The next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at OCHA in Juba on 03 February 2015.

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