Meeting Minutes, 2 June 2020

Juba, South Sudan

LOCATION	Juba, online
DATE	2 June 2020
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Action Against Hunger (ACF), American Refugee Committee (ARC), GOAL, International Rescue Committee (IRC), INTERSOS, Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, Mercy Corps International (MCI), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Oxfam UK, Save the Children International (SCI), Solidarités International (SI), The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), USAID/OFDA, World Health Organization (WHO)
ACTION POINTS	• Organisations to share any physical road accessibility updates with the Logistics Cluster.
AGENDA	1. Air Operations Updates 2. Road Operations Updates 3. River Operations Updates 4. COVID-19 Updates

1. Air Operations Updates

- The Logistics Cluster has four air assets available to serve the humanitarian community from its three dispatch hubs in South Sudan: two fixed-wing planes based in Juba, one helicopter in Bor, and one helicopter in Rumbek.
- Current list of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) priority locations:
    - Reachable by air:
        - Ayod County
    - Reachable by road:
        - Tonj East County: Paliang, Mayom, Malual Cum;
        - Tonj South County: Bap Chak, Juel Chok, Malual Muok, Maktab Fok, Wargiir and Warkie.
- To ensure a timely response, the Logistics Cluster is prioritising COVID-19 related cargo and remains flexible to facilitate the movement of COVID-19 related cargo by air, even if the final destination is reachable by other transport means. Partners needing to transport COVID-19 related cargo should contact the Logistics Cluster team at southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- Organisations are encouraged to submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) early and position their cargo at the relevant Logistics Cluster transit warehouse.
- Organisations were reminded of the importance to share weather and other updates with the UNHAS radio room before 7:30 on the day a flight is scheduled, especially during rainy season as most airstrips are likely to be impacted by rains. Lack of contact from focal points will result in flight cancellation, and southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org should be copied in all emails regarding air operations.

2. Road Operations Updates

- Organisations were reminded to share any physical road accessibility updates with the Logistics Cluster. The Access Constraints Map is published weekly and the latest version is available here.
- A Western Corridor Convoy (WCC) departed Juba on 23 May and is currently en route, while the WCC initially scheduled for 29 May has been cancelled due to lack of interest. The next WCC is scheduled for 5 June and organisations interested in joining should submit their Logistics Cluster Convoy Request Form to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org. Organisations were informed that the Western Corridor is still accessible to 40 mt trucks up to Abiemnhom, however the recommended truck capacity between Abiemnhom, Bentiu and Yida is 20 mt.
- The Logistics Cluster has ceased the coordination of convoys from Bor throughout Jonglei State as roads are no longer passable.
- The Logistics Cluster convoy towards Lainya and Yei initially scheduled for 15 May, which was delayed for clearance purposes, reached its final destination on 31 May.
- Organisations interested in joining upcoming Logistics Cluster convoys are encouraged to submit their request forms, respecting registration deadlines available on the Convoy Schedule June – July 2020. Partners were informed that with the start of the rainy season, the Logistics Cluster will reduce the frequency of WCCs to twice a month and that Equatoria convoys will continue to be organised once every two months, with the next one to take place in July.
- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster has started including Beyond Response planned movements in the weekly transport plan. Organisations wanting to move cargo to deep field locations near Bentiu, Bor and Wau are advised to consult the Logistics Cluster website for the latest information.

3. River Operations Updates

- Offloading of Barge #5 that reached Malakal on 15 April, and transhipment of cargo for Boat #7 destined to locations along the Sobat River (Jikmir, Mandeng ang Ulang) has been completed. Loading of additional cargo ex-Malakal to Kodok and Renk is ongoing, after which the barge will proceed to its final destination and the boat along the Sobat River.
- Barge #6 from Bor to Renk has departed Bor on 31 May and is currently en route with approximately 81 mt of humanitarian cargo. Organisations interested in moving cargo along this route are requested to submit their Service Request Form and Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) clearances for Barge #8, planned to depart around 20 June. Organisations needing to backload cargo from Renk to Bor and locations in between are also invited to submit their requests to the Logistics Cluster.
- Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster coordinated the first boat convoy from Bor directly towards Sobat river locations, meaning that transhipment of cargo from barge to boats in Malakal is no longer necessary. The first boat convoy departed Bor on 16 May and reached its final destination of Chuil on 24 May. The second boat convoy departed Bor on 26 May and is currently en route. Organisations interested in transporting cargo to locations along this recently introduced boat convoy route are invited to submit their Service Request Form to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org. The next departure (#11) is scheduled for 23 June.

- The Logistics Cluster is currently consolidating cargo for Boat #10 from Bor to Old Fangak. Organisations interested in transporting cargo along this route are requested to submit their interest to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- Organisations are invited to consult the recently revised River Movement Schedule, May – July 2020 for further information on planned river movements.

2. COVID-19 Supply Portal

- In view of the global shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other critical COVID-19 items, the COVID-19 Supply Portal was launched to facilitate the procurement of critical supplies for national authorities and all implementing partners supporting the COVID-19 National Response Plan. Those orders will then be assigned to purchasing agencies that can execute the order and process it, utilising their existing procurement systems.
- Organisations can submit specific requests for critical items once they have secured funding. Every approved stakeholder who has an active role in the COVID-19 National Response Plan can sign up for the COVID-19 Supply Portal. However, responding partners must first align their supply needs under the National Response Plan. This will ensure that critical items are prioritised and adequately allocated across the country. Requestors will be identified and designated to submit their request against an agreed portion of required supplies. Paul Ekeya (ekeyap@who.int) is the appointed Supply Coordinator for South Sudan and can be contacted on questions regarding national coordination.
- The delivery of items to South Sudan will be coordinated at global level (for example by using WFP free-to-user cargo services), while in-country logistics, including warehousing and transport, will be managed by the Logistics Cluster upon request from organisations. The cluster will prioritise the delivery of COVID-19 critical items by air, however, it will reserve the right to identify the most cost-effective and appropriate transport modality for any cargo delivery considering both physical and security constraints and the required timeframe.
- A catalogue of items, including indicative prices, that can be requested through the COVID-19 Supply Portal is available online. Availability of items requested by organisations can be provided through the platform.
- Information regarding the registration to the platform and other details have been shared through the Logistics Cluster mailing list on 1 June and can be forwarded upon request.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 16 June at 12:00 and will be held online.

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