
Meeting Minutes, 12 August 2021

Bentiu, Unity State, South Sudan



LOCATION	Bentiu,
DATE	12 August 2021
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster Bentiu
PARTICIPANTS	CARE International, Concern Worldwide (CWW), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Mercy Corps, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF-Suisse), Welthungerhilfe (WHH), World Relief (WR)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners to submit their Service Request Form (SRF) by 14:00 on the day prior to requiring Common Transport Service (CTS) support.• Partners to notify the Logistics Cluster at least three days in advance for charter air cargo reception support.• Partners to submit storage requests three days prior to storage need.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Operational Updates2. Access Constraints3. AOB/Discussion

1. Operational Update

- **Air Operations:**
 - Rubkona airport is able to land all types of helicopters and aircrafts up to C-130 Hercules.
 - The Logistics Cluster has air assets positioned in Bor, Juba and Rumbek hubs to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian relief cargos to the locations that are only accessible by air.
 - Partners to inform the Logistics Cluster 72 hours prior to cargo arrival in Bentiu if cargo reception support, transportation, or storage services are required.
 - The Logistics Cluster will facilitate cargo delivery by air from Bentiu to the locations that are inaccessible by road on exceptional basis.
- **Common Transport Services:**
 - In Unity State Bentiu, the Logistics Cluster has a fleet of four Common Transport Service (CTS) trucks. These trucks are available as free service for transportation of relief cargo to Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) areas, IDP camp formerly known as Protection of civilian (POC), Bentiu and Rubkona town. One of the trucks has been down and is in the workshop under repair by IOM. The three other trucks are in good working condition.
 - To access the CTS free service, Partners have to submit their cargo transport requests by 14:00 on the day prior to CTS support requirement. This would enable the Logistics Cluster Bentiu Hub team to process and share truck allocation with the partners earlier.
- **Common Storage Services:**

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- In Unity State, the Logistics Cluster has common storage warehouses available in Bentiu, Koch and Panyijiar counties. These common storage spaces are available on free to user service. Partners seeking assistance with access to common storage must send a service request form three days prior to storage need. This will allow enough time to assess and prepare the storage based on the requirements if storage space hasn't been fully occupied.
- Partners to inform the Logistics Cluster two days prior to the needs to conduct an inventory count of their items in the stores. The Logistics focal points to inform other programme units within their organization about any planned inventory count for their participation. The items needed for use in the office and emergency response to be identified before the inventory counts starts.
- Any new or old cargo coming in for storage must come with a waybill detailing the cargo. The cargo must meet the required acceptance conditions for storage. Items having been requested, used, and brought back to the stores must be clean and well packaged. The Logistics Cluster has the right to reject any items seen as very old or not clean and well packaged.
- The Logistics Cluster will share weekly stock report for partners' reconciliation.
- Partners' logistics focal points to closely liaise with their programme units on stock report so that when they are requesting for items, they put the correct item descriptions on the release order form.
- **Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) services.**
 - Due to the heavy rains in Unity, causing roads connecting Bentiu with outside locations in accessible, the Logistics has currently suspended delivery of humanitarian aid by road to Beyond Bentiu response locations until the roads are physically accessible.
 - The affected locations are: Leer town, Thonyor, Adok, Padeah, Din Din, Dablual, Rubkuai, Thaker, Jaguar, Koch, Mir Mir, Boaw, Pakur, Ngony, Guit town, Kuach, Kuergeng, Kuerguini, chotyiel, Bill, Nimni, Nyathoar, Kadet, Ding Ding, Dhorboor, Kaljak, Tong, Juach, Ngop, Nhial Diu, Mayom HQs, Mankien, Abiemnom, etc.
- **River Cargo Movement**
 - This month, The Logistics Cluster will be facilitating transport of relief cargo via river to locations such as Manga, Kilo29, Adok, Nyal and Ganyiel ports in Unity State.
 - Partners interested in the free service to submit their request to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org .
 - The deadline for the submission of requests for free cargo movement is the 20 August 2021 and the deadline for prepositioning and clearances of cargo to be moved on the 22 August 2021.
 - According to partners, the road between Tharjiath oil field and Kilo 29 port has been rehabilitated by the oil company.
- **Convoy Movement**
 - The Logistics Cluster organizes and coordinates convoy movement along three routes in the country: Western corridor, Joinglei and Equatoria.
 - The Logistics Cluster will be coordinating a convoy along the western corridor. Partners interested to submit their convoy requests not later than 13 August 2021. The Joint Border Verification Monitoring Mechanism (JBVMM) and the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) clearances need to be processed not later than 17th August 2021. The convoy will depart on the 20 August 2021.

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2. Access Constraints/Roads Accessibility (Unity State)

- The access constraint map showing locations accessible by road across the country was shared with the partners operating in Bentiu.
- Unity State's roads are not accessible except the road from Bentiu to Manga port, Pariang and Yida.
- All roads from Bentiu to Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) locations in Central, Southern Unity, Guit, Mayom and Abiemnom are not accessible.

3. AOB

- Partners were encouraged to visit the Logistics Cluster website www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a for more information and copy southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org in all their request for assistance.
- The Logistics Cluster Bentiu Hub suggested to have a Skype group for all the Logistics focal person of the organization. This was welcome by the partners.
- Partners to complete the Logistics Cluster mid-year survey shared with them a week ago.
- The International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Vétérinaires Sans Frontières -Suisse have some cargoes in transit along the river. Their cargo arrival delayed due to fees along the check points.
- Partners are requesting the Logistics Cluster to set up Mobile Storage Units (MSU) at the ports to temporary store their cargo before moving it to destination in Bentiu.
- Partners are requesting the Logistics Cluster to coordinate with local authorities on road accessibility constraints.

The next Logistics Cluster Bentiu online coordination meeting will be on Friday 10th September 2021 at 10:00 am. Lt. in the Humanitarian Log base conference room.

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