

Background

The Logistics Cluster facilitates the coordination of the logistics response in support of the humanitarian community in South Sudan. It also provides information management products to improve the decision making of humanitarian organisations in South Sudan. Where logistics gaps are identified, WFP, as the lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, acts as a *Provider of Last Resort* by offering common logistics services to support the humanitarian community in their response operations.

Operational Highlights

- In August, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of **1139 mt** of humanitarian cargo to **76 destinations**, of which **76% percent was transported by river and road**. A total of **67 organisations** were supported.
- During the month, the Logistics Cluster coordinated the departure of **two Western Corridor Convoys**: one departing from Juba, serving Rumbek, Aweil, and Wau with a total of about 180 mt of Non-Food Items (NFIs), and one from Rumbek to Juba with 280 mt of humanitarian cargo. Additionally, **one ad hoc road convoy** from Juba to Yambio, Tambura and Ezo was facilitated, transporting 240 mt of cargo.
- The **first ever Logistics Cluster boat convoy departed from Malakal to Akobo**, serving other locations along the Sobat river as well. This change in transport modality means Akobo can be served in a more cost-efficient and sustainable manner, as it was fully reliant on air transport before. Four more boat convoys and one barge movement took place in August.



The Logistics Cluster served Akobo for the first time by river instead of air.

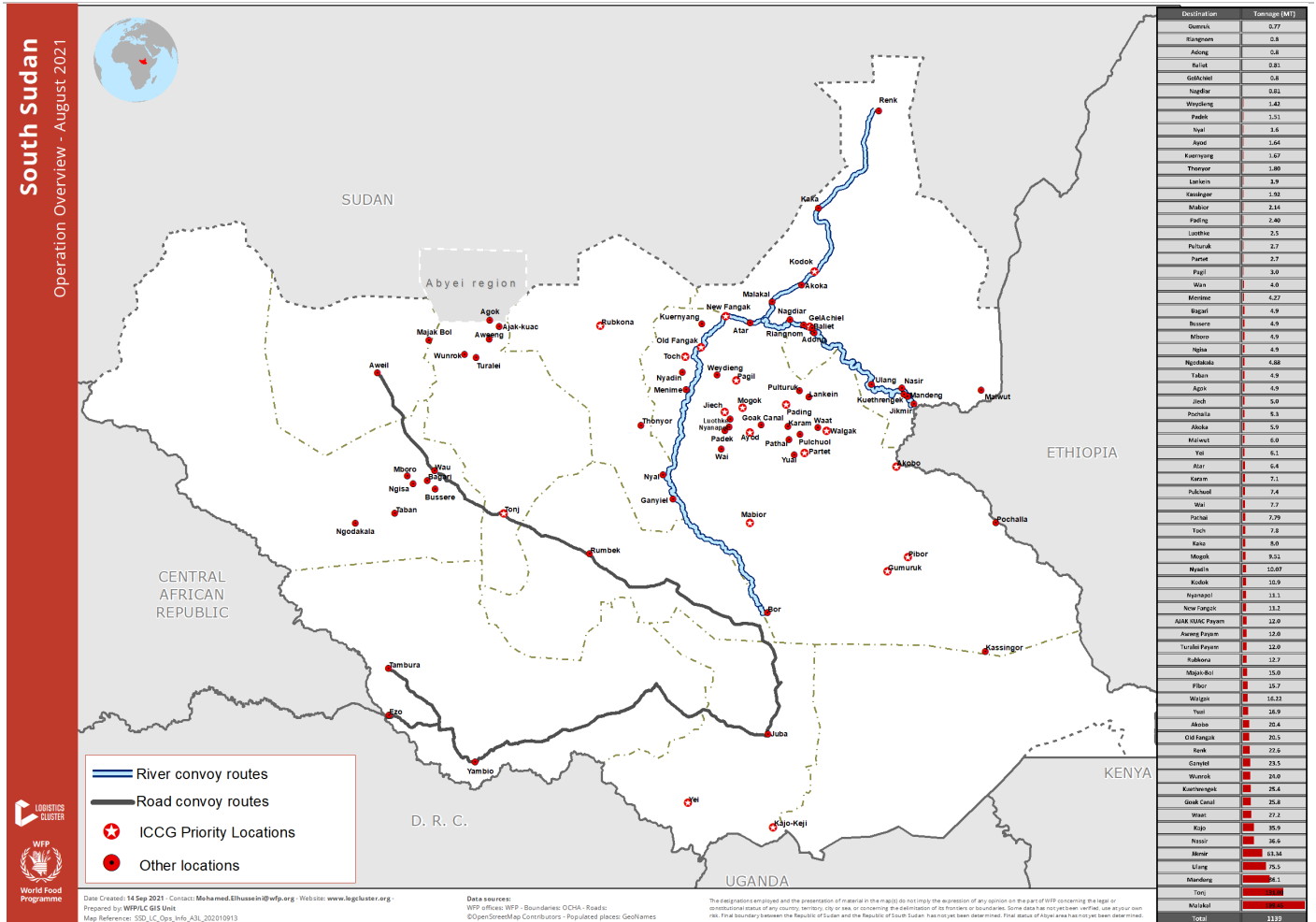
Coordination and Information Management

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, coordination meetings are held online for both Juba and the Logistics Cluster field hubs. In August, **two coordination meetings** were held, in Bentiu and Juba. A total of 24 organisations attended the meetings.
- The Logistics Cluster published **11 information management products** on the operational [website](#). The most recent version of the Physical Access Constraints map, which is updated every week, can be found [here](#).

Logistics Preparedness & COVID-19 Logistics Cluster Support

WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, as a co-lead of the Operational Support and Logistics Pillar of the National COVID-19 Response Plan, continues to coordinate requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from humanitarian organisations. As of 31 August 2021, **536 requests** have been approved, **allocating almost 9.8 million PPE items** from the common pool created by WHO, WFP and IOM, to be received in more than 250 locations across South Sudan.

Locations reached



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