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# Meeting Minutes, 15 October 2021

Bentiu, Unity State, South Sudan



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Bentiu, South Sudan
<b>DATE</b>	15 October 2021
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster Bentiu
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	International Organization for Migration, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Joint Aid Management (JAM), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Relief
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners to submit Service Request Form (SRF) by 14:00 on the day prior to requiring Common Transport Service (CTS) support.</li><li>• Partners to notify the Logistics Cluster at least three days in advance for charter air cargo reception support.</li><li>• Partners to submit storage requests three days prior to storage need.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Operational Updates</li><li>2. Access Constraints/Road Accessibility</li><li>3. AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Operational Updates

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- **Air Operations:**
  - Rubkona airport is landable to all types of helicopters and aircrafts up to C-130 Hercules.
  - Partners are requested to inform the Logistics Cluster at least 72 hours prior to cargo arrival in Bentiu if they require support with the cargo reception, transportation, and storage services in Bentiu.
  - Partners were reminded that the Logistics Cluster will facilitate cargo delivery by air from Bentiu to locations not accessible by road only on exceptional basis.
- **Common Transport Services:**
  - In Bentiu/Unity State, the Logistics Cluster operates a fleet of four IOM Common Transport Service (CTS) trucks. Out of the four trucks, three trucks have a loading capacity of 15 MT each and the other remaining truck has a mounted crane with an uplift capacity of 5 MT, used for loading/unloading heavy objects. Organisations were reminded that these trucks are available as a free-to-user service for transportation of humanitarian relief cargo to Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) areas and locations within Bentiu. All the trucks are in good working condition.
  - Partners were reminded to submit their cargo transport requests by 14:00 on the day prior to requiring CTS support. This enables the Logistics Cluster Bentiu Hub team to process and share truck allocation with the partners in a timely manner.
  - Partners were reminded to issue a waybill for every movement or cargo loaded on a truck for record keeping and reporting purposes.
- **Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) services:**
  - Due to the heavy rainfall and the devastating ongoing flooding in Unity, rendering roads connecting Bentiu with other locations inaccessible, partners were reminded that Logistics Cluster's humanitarian cargo transportation

service by road from Bentiu to Beyond Bentiu Response locations has been suspended until the dry season when roads will become accessible again. These locations are Leer town, Thonyor, Adok, Padeah, Din Din, Dablual, Rubkuai, Thaker, Jaguar, Koch, Mir Mir, Boaw, Pakur, Ngony, Guit town, Kuach, Kuergeng, Kuerguini, Chotyi, Bill, Nimni, Nyathoar, Kadet, Ding Ding, Dhorboor, Kaljak, Tong, Juach, Ngop, Nhial Diu, Mayom HQs, Mankien, Abiemnom, etc.

- **Common Storage Services:**

- Partners were reminded that in Unity State, the Logistics Cluster has a total of 10 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) available as common storage; six in Bentiu, one in Koch and three in Panyijiar counties. In addition, in Bentiu, the Logistics Cluster has an outdoor storage space with capacity of 900 m<sup>2</sup> available for all relief supplies suitable for storage outside such as timber, metal tubing, etc. In Bentiu, the indoor storage capacity is at 70% and the outdoor storage space is at 50% occupation. All common storage spaces are available as a 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 and availability of space.

- **River Operations:**

- Partners were informed that Logistics Cluster is facilitating the transport of humanitarian relief cargo by boat to locations reachable by river via Manga, Kilo 29, Adok, Nyal and Ganyiel ports in Unity State this month. Partners interested in the free-to-user service are invited to submit their request to [southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org). The deadline for the submission of requests for river transport to the locations/ports mentioned above is 20 October, and prepositioning and clearances of cargo should be done by 22 October.
- Due to the ongoing flooding, Manga port is only accessible by road from Bentiu. Kilo 29 and Adok ports are not accessible.
- All planned river movements can be found in the [River Movement Schedule](#).

- **Road Convoy Operations:**

- Partners were reminded that Logistics Cluster organises and coordinates convoy movements along major transport routes in the country. These include the Western Corridor, Jonglei and Equatorias.
- Partners were informed that the next Logistics Cluster coordinated convoy along the Western Corridor up to Abiemnom will depart on 15 October.
- All planned road convoys can be found in the [Road Convoy Schedule](#).

## 2. Access Constraints/Roads Accessibility (Unity State)

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- The [Physical Access Constraints Map](#) showing physical accessibility of roads across the country was shared with the partners operating in Bentiu for their information.
- Partners were informed that roads in Unity State are not accessible due to the rainfall and the ongoing flooding with exception of Bentiu to Manga port, Pariang, Roriah and Yida.
- Partners were reminded that all roads from Bentiu to Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) locations in Central, Southern Unity locations, Guit, Mayom and Abiemnom locations are not accessible.

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### 3. AOB

- Partners enquired if the Logistics Cluster can install warehouses at the ports as temporary storage space before moving cargo to destinations in Bentiu. Organisations willing to manage an MSU as common storage are invited to email [southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org).
- Partners were encouraged to visit the Logistics Cluster website ([www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a)) for more information and copy [southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org) in all service requests.
- Partners were invited to contact the Logistics Cluster for any assistance required.

**The next Logistics Cluster Bentiu coordination meeting will be held on Friday 15 November at 10:00 am in the Humanitarian Logistics Base conference room.**

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