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Juba, South Sudan

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
• Partners are urged to make use of road convoys to preposition their cargo once roads become accessible from mid-January onwards.
• The fixed wing aircraft based in Juba can be used for prepositioning of cargo to locations not accessible by road or river.
• Partners are requested to specify if any cargo is part of a kit or must be transported together to ensure efficiencies in delivery.
• Partners to invite humanitarian actors who are not yet availing themselves of the Logistics Cluster services to sign up to the mailing list, attend the coordination meetings and visit the website to be informed of all services being provided.
• Requests can be made to the Logistics Cluster for any training needs in addition to the training already provided.

AGENDA
1. Air Operations Updates
2. Road Transport & Convoy Updates
3. River Operations Updates
4. End of year user feedback survey results

1. Air Operations Updates

ICCG Priority Locations by mode of transport

The list of Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) priority locations is as follows:

• Reachable by air:
  - Jonglei – Duk
  - Jonglei – Ayod – Ayod Town [rest of Ayod served by river]
  - Jonglei – Pibor
  - Upper Nile – Maiwut
  - Unity - Rubkhona

• Reachable by road:
  - Northern Bahr el Ghazal – Aweil South

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- Warrap – Tonj East
- Warrap – Tonj North
- Warrap – Tonj South
- Western Equatoria – Ezo, Tambura, Yambio, Nagero, Nzara
- Central Equatoria – Kajo Keji

- Reachable by river:
  - Jonglei – Ayod
  - Jonglei – Fangak
  - Jonglei – Canal/Pigi
  - Unity – Panyijar

- The Logistics Cluster is not responsible for selecting the priority locations as these are determined by the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG). If partners require a new location to be prioritised, they need to coordinate with the relevant sector Cluster Coordinator to bring it the Needs Analysis Working Group which will then be presented to the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group for endorsement.

- The Logistics Cluster advised participants that the fixed wing aircraft can be used for prepositioning of cargo, to locations not accessible by road or river, as it is a more efficient transport method than the helicopter.

- The fixed wing aircraft is based in Juba. Cargo for accessible locations should be prepositioned at the Logistics Cluster warehouse in Juba.

- The following locations are reachable by fixed wing aircraft:
  - Walgak
  - Pieri
  - Yuai
  - Lankien
  - Pibor
  - Leer
  - Koch
  - Mankien
  - Kuernyang
  - Kiech Kuon
  - Jangok
  - Maiwut
  - Boma
  - Maruwa Hills
  - Pochalla
  - Udier
  - Nyal
  - Waat
  - Mabior and Motot (under assessment)
  - Keew (under assessment)
  - Rubkona [served by air until roads open again, no prepositioning of cargo]

- The Logistics Cluster will not facilitate air transport for the movement of cargo to any locations reachable by river, unless in case of an emergency.
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2. Road Transport & Convoy Updates

- Current physical access constraints were presented. The latest Physical Access Constraints Map can be found [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a).
- The Logistics Cluster expects the accessibility of roads to increase starting mid- to end of January. The Logistics Cluster will be coordinating road convoys during this time for organizations to preposition cargo. Partners are requested to utilize this window of opportunity for prepositioning.
- The dates for upcoming road convoys can be found in the latest [Weekly Transport Plan](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a). For longer term planning, partners can consult the [Road Convoy Schedule December-January](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a).
- The Logistics Cluster can coordinate ad hoc road convoys based on the need of partners.
- The Logistics Cluster only coordinates road convoys departing from Juba to its final destination. Transportation back to Juba falls outside the Logistics Cluster mandate.

**Beyond Responses**

- The Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) is limited to Roriah, Bieh, and Thoan only. All other locations are inaccessible. All locations usually served by road through BBR can be found [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a).
- All locations served through the Beyond Wau Response (BWR) are accessible. All locations served by road through BWR can be found [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a).

3. River Operations Updates

- The Logistics Cluster informed participants of a river movement number update, whereby different numbering will be provided for boat and barge movements to avoid confusion between Malakal and Bor hubs:
  - The boat movement number will include the letter U (standing for Upper Nile) when departing from Malakal and J (standing for Jonglei) when departing from Bor.
  - An additional B will be added to the barge movement numbers to differentiate between the boat and barge movements.
- More information on upcoming departure dates can be found in the latest [Weekly Transport Plan](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a). The [River Movement Schedule](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a) shows available routes and tentative departures dates for the next three months.
- The [River Transportation Network Diagram](https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a) shows all locations served by river.
- The Logistics Cluster can only deliver cargo to the riverside and it is the partner’s responsibility to bring to cargo to the warehouse/distribution site.
- Partners must ensure that the correct personnel are at the riverside for collection of goods and to sign the waybill, as otherwise it can delay the entire convoy.
- Departure dates for river movements are subject to change due to the large variety of factors influencing a timely departure. Partners are requested to share requests in a timely manner so that a movement can be planned once sufficient cargo is available.

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4. End of Year Survey Results

- The Logistics Cluster shared an overview of the results of the end-of-the-year user survey, and addressed comments raised by the respondents. The survey was completed by 42 partners, with 91% of the respondents working for non-governmental organizations (62% international/29% national) and the majority (65%) based in three locations: Juba, Malakal and Bentiu.
- Coordination was rated with an overall 95% satisfaction rate. 81% of the respondents were satisfied with the discussion on logistics gaps and bottlenecks as part of the Logistics Cluster’s coordination (up from 78% for the mid-year survey), and 90% with the efforts to encourage collaboration among participants.
- The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to invite humanitarian actors who are not yet availing themselves of the Logistics Cluster services to sign up to the mailing list, attend the coordination meetings and visit the website to be informed of all services being provided.
- Training requests can be made the Logistics Cluster for any needs in addition to the online Basic Humanitarian Logistics courses which are available for free.
- Information management was rated with an overall satisfaction of 93%. The Logistics Cluster informed organisations that efforts are made to ensure all partners have access to the latest information and to check the website regularly for all updates. The Logistics Cluster also encouraged partners to regularly share logistical updates and information in order to increase effectiveness of the in-country humanitarian response.
- Logistics services were rated with an overall satisfaction of 95%. The rating of river transport and storage showed a considerable increase in satisfaction rates when compared with the mid-year survey results, increasing from 57% to 73% for river and from 81% to 91% for storage.
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to maximise the use of the most efficient means of transportation, namely river and road, emphasizing the importance of prepositioning cargo via these modalities to ensure cargo is able to be transported. This will also mitigate limitations due to resource constraints.
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners of upcoming amendments in procedures for river operations with aim of improving communication gaps and efficiencies.
- Prioritization and specification of cargo by organizations was also addressed. The Logistics Cluster provides services to the entire humanitarian community and cannot dedicate assets to one sole partner when delivering cargo to a certain location. This may result in cargo being transported in multiple rotations, often at different times. Partners must clearly indicate if cargo is priority and if part of a kit or is meant to be distributed together as one activity. This will not guarantee that it will be transported sooner but will improve coordination and minimise delays in implementation.

The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8 February 2022.

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