LOCATION  
Bentiu, South Sudan

DATE  
1 March 2022

CHAIR  
Logistics Cluster Bentiu

PARTICIPANTS  
ACTED, Assistance Mission for Africa (AMA), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Mercy Corps, Mentor Initiative, Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP), Universal Intervention and Development Organisation (UNIDOR), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Welthungerhilfe (WHH)

ACTION POINTS
- Partners to submit Service Request Form (SRF) by 14:00 on the day prior to requiring Common Transport Service (CTS) support.
- Partners to issue a waybill for every CTS movement.
- Partners to notify the Logistics Cluster at least three days in advance for charter air cargo reception support.
- Partners to arrange release of stock from the common storage to free up storage space.
- Partners to submit storage request three days prior to storage need.

AGENDA
1. Operational Updates
2. Access Constraints/Road Accessibility Unity State
3. AOB/Discussion

1. Operational Updates

Air Operations
- The Logistics Cluster in Bentiu supports humanitarian agencies with cargo flight reception at Rubkona airport. In Bentiu, during the months of January and February this year, 27 flights facilitated by the Logistics Cluster were received, delivering over 204 MT of assorted cargo consisting of WASH, Health, FSL, Protection, Nutrition, Education, Shelter/NFI, etc., for the flood response in Unity State.
- Partners were informed that Rubkona airport is landable to all type of helicopters and aircrafts up to C-130 Hercules. However, due to the ongoing flooding, it remains on high risk of being flooded.
- Partners were requested to inform the Logistics Cluster at least 72 hours prior to cargo arrival in Bentiu if they require support with the cargo reception and transportation of charter flights.
- The road to the airport from the Humanitarian Logistics base is accessible despite the ongoing flooding.

Common Transport Services
- Partners were reminded of the road transport services available. In Bentiu, the Logistics Cluster operates a fleet of four (4) Common Transport Service (CTS) trucks. Out of the four trucks, three trucks have a

https://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a
loading capacity of 15 MT each and the other remaining truck has a mounted crane with an uplift capacity of 3.5 MT, used for loading/unloading heavy objects. The trucks are in good working condition.

- Organisations can request support from these trucks to transport humanitarian relief cargo to short, medium, and long-distance locations accessible by road on a free-to-user basis. Due to the ongoing flooding, cargo transport to medium and long-distance locations in Central, Southern Unity, Mayom and Pariang locations is currently on hold.

- Partners are requested to submit their cargo transport requests by 14:00 on the day prior to requiring CTS support to allow for timely planning and execution of partners' transport requests. The SRF can be downloaded here on the link: https://logcluster.org/document/south-sudan/service-request-form.

- Partners were reminded to issue a waybill for every movement or cargo loaded on a truck for accountability and reporting purposes.

**Common Storage Services**

- The Logistics Cluster in Bentiu, Unity State, has a total of six Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and an outdoor space available as common storage. The outdoor storage space with an area of 3,200 m² is only available for the storage of Non-Food Items suitable for the outdoor. These storage spaces currently support over 30 humanitarian partners, comprising of NNGOs, INGOs and UN agencies.

- The storage space in the six MSUs is currently filled up. Partners were informed that as the MSUs are full, the Logistics Cluster in Bentiu will temporarily not be receiving items in the stores until partners vacate some space by removing or dispatching items for distribution. Partners were urged, during the meeting, to quickly act on the need to dispatch items for distribution to empty some storage space.

- Despite the lack of space in the stores, the Logistics Cluster Bentiu still has storage space to accommodate items at the outdoor storage space. Partners seeking assistance with access to outdoor storage space must send a service request form downloadable here three days prior to storage need. This will allow enough time to assess, prepare and receive the items if the storage space is not fully occupied.

**Logistics Cluster Funding Status**

- Partners were informed that due to funding constraints this year, the Logistics Cluster budget has been revised and changes have been made to the services available to partners on a free-to-user basis.

- Going forward, river transport services will be provided on a cost recovery basis under WFP’s Bilateral Service Provision (BSP).

- In addition, the current air asset helping humanitarian partners in delivering cargo to ICCG priority locations for flood response will also not be available from 1 April due to the funding constraints, unless additional funding will be secured before then.

- Other services, such as common storage and Common transport Services (CTS) to Beyond Response locations are not affected.

**Road Convoy Routes**

- Partners were reminded that the Logistics Cluster regularly organises and coordinates convoy movement along main supply routes in the country. These serve destinations along the Western Corridor and in Equatorias and Jonglei. The Western Corridor Convoy can currently go up to Mayom.

https://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssid1a
Meeting Minutes, 1 March 2022
Bentiu, Unity State, South Sudan

- Partners were encouraged during the meeting to maximise the use of road convoys and preposition cargo before the rainy season, especially in areas accessible by road convoys like Mayom and Abiemnhom.

2. Access Constraints/Road Accessibility Unity State

- The Physical Access Constraints Map showing locations passable by road across the country was shared with the partners operating in Bentiu for their information.
- The road from Bentiu to Central, Southern Unity, Unity oil field, Mayom, Manga Port, Pariang and Abiemnhom is not accessible due to the ongoing flooding.
- In addition, due to ongoing flooding causing inaccessibility of road, zero stock has been prepositioned by road until now, while in previous years, partners would already have prepositioned 40-50 per cent of the yearly response requirements.
- Infrastructure rehabilitation efforts by WFP are ongoing between Bentiu and Unity oil field, and between Mayom and Unity oil field to make the road accessible. The road from Bentiu to Unity oil field through to Mayom might become accessible around early or mid-April this year.

3. AOB

- Partners were encouraged to visit the Logistics Cluster website (www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a) for more information and to copy southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org in all their request for assistance.
- Partners expressed the need to provide refresher training on how to fill SRFs and cargo release order forms. There was also a request for the delivery of a Basic Humanitarian Logistics course to those who did not have the opportunity to attend the same course delivered back in 2018 in Bentiu. The Logistics Cluster will look into this and give feedback in the next meeting.

The next Logistics Cluster Bentiu coordination meeting will be on Tuesday 29 March 2022 at 10:00 am in the Humanitarian Logistics Base conference room.

Contacts

Fiona Lithgow                Logistics Cluster Coordinator        fiona.lithgow@wfp.org
Blessing Dzambo             Logistics Cluster Deputy Coordinator    blessing.dzambo@wfp.org
Jolien Dekker               Information Management Officer            jolien.dekker@wfp.org
Simon Gai                   Logistics Associate                          simon.gai@wfp.org
Peter Kagwa                 Storekeeper                                peter.kagwa@wfp.org

https://www.logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a