Meeting Minutes, 10 August 2022
Bor, South Sudan

LOCATION
Bor, WFP Meeting Room

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
Cordaid, International Aid Services (IAS), Joint Aid Management (JAM), Medicos Del Mundo (MDM), Norwegian People Aid (NPA), United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)

ACTION POINTS
- Organisations to submit requests for river transportation before 5 September to join the next planned river movement departing Bor in September.
- The Logistics Cluster to share operational update for Bor activities during the Bor Inter-cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) meetings.

AGENDA
1. Operational Updates
2. Update on Common Storage and Transport Services
3. River Transportation & Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)
4. Partners - Logistics Gaps and Challenges
5. AOB/discussion

1. Operational Updates

- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate air deliveries from Bor hub using one MI8 Helicopter, and ad hoc flights using a fixed-wing Buffalo with higher airlift capacity. Air deliveries are strictly reserved for locations not reachable by road or river, for rapid response missions, and for extreme life-saving priorities.
- A second MI8 helicopter is expected to arrive in the country by the end of September, to increase airlift capacity over the rainy season, as many airstrips are getting wet and non-operational for the landing of the fixed-wing aircraft, due to extensive rains.

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The Logistics Cluster shared an update for air deliveries completed in July and briefed the partners on pending deliveries planned for airlift during August.

- In July the logistics Cluster facilitated the air deliveries of 99.5 mt of multisectoral materials on behalf of 18 organisations. The deliveries reached 17 locations in Jonglei and three locations in Unity State, by using 44 flights with MI8 Helicopter.
- The total tonnage for pending deliveries from Bor stands at 140 mt as of 2 August, and it will require the support of ad hoc flights by fixed-wing aircraft to clear the cargo backlog.

It was emphasized that organisations need to support the effective use of resources by submitting requests for air cargo transport for only the most essential and immediately required cargo during the rainy season.

Organisations were reminded about aviation safety guidelines over the coming rainy season and about the important role of airfield focal points in providing accurate and reliable updates for weather, security, and airstrip condition for daily planned flights.

The organisations were reminded that ICCG priority locations are served first. The prioritisation is agreed by the ICCG at the national level and accordingly the response locations are decided. The Logistics Cluster does not prioritise.

2. Update on Common Storage and Transport Services

- The partners were reminded that the common storage service is available, and organisations can contact the Logistics Cluster team in Bor to request space if they have any plan to preposition cargo in Bor for the ongoing activities and responses in Jonglei.
- A fleet of three Common Transport Services (CTS) trucks is available to support cargo movement within Bor town and surrounding areas, within a perimeter of 10 km distance from Bor town. A prior notice of 48 hours is required for any transport request.
- As part of the Beyond Bor Response, the Logistics Cluster will support deliveries by road from Bor to Pariak and locations in between along the Juba-Bor Road.
- To access the common services for storage and CTS the organisations were asked to submit their request to the Bor Logistics Cluster team, copying in southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.

3. River Transportation and Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)

- The Logistics Cluster briefed participants about completed river movements from Bor in July and planned movements in August:
In early July, one barge movement was facilitated to deliver over 370 m$^3$ of regular relief cargo in addition to large and special cargo such as light vehicles, tractors, accommodation prefabs, and heavy-duty industrial water pumps on behalf of five organisations to support program activities in Adok in Unity state, Fangak in Jonglei state, Malakal and Renk in Upper Nile.

So far in August, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the river movement of one barge with 114 CBM of special cargo for Malakal Humanitarian Hub, on behalf of IOM.

Two boat convoys are planned to depart Bor in August. The first convoy with two boats will transport WASH, shelter, and general programme materials on behalf of three partners in Malakal. The second convoy is planned to deliver multisectoral cargo for New Fangak, Old Fangak, Canal, Ulang, Nassir, and Akobo, on behalf of 14 organisations operating in field locations accessible by river and waterways.

- Organisations were advised to submit requests for river transportation by 5 September at the latest to join the next planned river movements by barge and boats departing Bor during the month of September. Upcoming convoys in September are planned to cover all river destinations.

- For cargo planning, the organisations were advised to use the river network diagram that displays the different river routes and locations served through the river and waterways, found here. Participants were also informed to regularly check the weekly update under the transport plan on the Logistics Cluster South Sudan website: https://logcluster.org/ops/ssd11a.

- Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster received additional funding, which will support a significant portion of river transport operations which are currently being offered on a full cost recovery basis. This funding will supplement the costs for river movements as follows:
  - For INGOs and UN Agencies, the Logistics Cluster will cover approved river transport requests through WFP’s Bilateral Service Provision on a cost-sharing basis, with 50 percent of the total service cost to be paid by the organisation.
  - For national NGOs, the Logistics Cluster will cover all associated river transportation costs, determined on a case-by-case basis. The Logistics Cluster reserves the right to verify the source of supplies if very large-scale requests are received.

- The river transport service is still provided through WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) with the co-financing (cost sharing) modality and the Logistics Cluster will continue to offer the same support and coordination for the service.

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- Any river movement requests should be submitted to southsudan.rivertransport@wfp.org.

4. Partners - Logistics Gaps and Challenges

- The Logistics Cluster highlighted that partners with Core Pipeline Requests (CPR) from the WASH Cluster will need to submit two different Service Request Forms (SRFs) and explained that the SRF can support only one origin warehouse. If organisations are requesting stock from the core pipeline coming from two different warehouses, they will need to submit two separate SRFs, specifying the warehouse on each SRF.

5. AOB/Discussion

- OCHA suggested during the meeting to have a regular operational update from the Logistics Cluster team in Bor, and the forum agreed that the Logistics Cluster focal point will share an operational update on the activities in Bor during the ICCG meeting, held every two weeks.

The next coordination meeting will take place online on Thursday, 22 August 2022 at 11:00 am in WFP Meeting Room.

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