Coordination meeting

Location: Bentiu

Date: 20 October 2023

Chair: The Logistics Cluster
Organizations

- Assistance Mission for Africa (AMA)
- Children Aid South Sudan (CASS)
- Climate Change Adaptation and Smart Actions (CCASA)
- Children Charity Organization (CCO)
- Community Link Action Development Organization (CLADO)
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
- Greater Upper Nile Organization (GUNO)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Mercy Corps International (MCI)
Organizations

- Médecins Sans Frontières Holland (MSF-H)
- Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP)
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
- Solidarités International (SI)
- Samaritan’s Purse (SP)
- World Food Program (WFP)
- Welthungerhilfe (WHH)
- Women Vision
Action Points

• Partners to support the Logistics Cluster in the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) data collection.
Agenda

1. Common logistics services & challenges
2. Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA)
3. Beyond Bentiu and Sudan response
4. Roads, river & air transport updates (Unity)
5. Training
6. Challenges/Gaps
7. AOB/Discussion
Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) Updates

- Data collection for transport and storage capacity is completed except for Abiemnhom and Pariang.
- Second phase of the assessment has started covering cross border points, airports, customs, rail and river transport.
- Partners are requested to support with necessary requested information.
Common Logistics Services and Challenges

- **Overland transport**: By road, using IOM’s Common Transport Service trucks, 2 trucks and 1 crane. Cargo is transported to various deep field locations based on accessibility.

- **Air cargo transport**: Sudan response EX-Juba to mainly Renk and Malakal

- **Storage**: one MSU is under Logistics Cluster management and five are under partners management as common storage.

- **Coordination meetings** are held in Bentiu, Juba, Malakal, Wau and Bor.

- **Training**: multiple trainings are provided both online & and in-person, eg: Warehouse and Inventory management, Basic Humanitarian Logistics, Temperature Sensitive Logistics, etc.

- **Information management**: compiled at the Juba level. Contact southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org for any information required.

- **Convoys coordination**: coordinated from Juba. Contact southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org for any information required.

**Note**: Logistics Cluster services are available to partners as a last resort.
Common Logistics Services and Challenges

Challenges

• Late service request submission from partners.
• Frequent cancellation of scheduled deliveries due to physical road inaccessibility.
• Delays in loading and offloading of cargo at partner’s facility.
• Obsolete and expired stock in the warehouses occupying a lot of space.
• LogLogistics Cluster services being accessed as primary source instead of as last resort.
Beyond Bentiu and Sudan response in Unity

- Based on request, the Logistics Cluster (LC) facilitates cargo delivery to Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) locations.
- LC supports prepositioning of cargo at the counties, by road from Bentiu. BBR locations are Mayom, Abiemnhom, Pariang, Guit, Koch, Mayiendit and Leer.
- LC facilitates cargo delivery to Rotriak by road in response to the Sudan crisis, when the road is passable.
Beyond Bentiu and Sudan response in Unity

Challenges

• Road inaccessibility to Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) locations.
• Cargo movement to BBR locations by boats poses high risk of losses as boats are locally made and are unable to withstand the flooding.
Roads, River & Air transport updates

Road Accessibility

- **Kilo0 – Kilo30 route**: currently not passable. It is closed for repairs as recent rain heavily affected efforts made.
- **Abiemnhom – Mayom route**: currently not passable.
- **Mayom – Mayom junction route**: closed due to flooding. No longer operational.
- **Mayom – Kaikang – Rotriak (new alternate route)**: currently not passable to any vehicle. WFP engineering currently fixing the road. **22.1 of 27** kms distance repair completed.
- **Bentiu – Kuach – Tharjath oil field**: currently not passable.
- **Bentiu – Koch – Rupkuai – Leer road**: currently not passable.
- **Adok port – Pelieny – Leer route**: currently not passable
- **Kilo30 – Rotriak – Panyingai – Pariang route**: passable without difficulties for up to 40 MT trucks.
- **Kilo 30 – Manga Port route**: not passable.

The latest access constraints map [South Sudan - Access Constraints Map, 19 October 2023 | Logistics Cluster Website (logcluster.org)].

**Note**: All roads in & out of Unity state are expected to be fully passable by mid November to December. The cluster will provide latest updates accordingly.
# Roads, River & Air transport updates

## River Accessibility

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**Nyal:** reachable via river from Bor through Tayar river. At Tayar, cargo transshipment to small boat/canoes to Nyal.

**Upper Nile:** coordinated from Bor to all locations in the Nile River.

**River clearance by government:** currently ongoing, completion time is expected to be in December.
Roads, River & air transport updates

Air support services

• The Logistics Cluster air asset support Sudan response in Renk, Malakal and Rubkona
• Air transport service is coordinated from Juba.

Accessibility

• Airstrips in Leer, Koch, Nyal, Ganyiel, Mankien are accessible to all types of helicopters, caravan and fixed wing plane.
• Rubkona airstrip is accessible to all types of helicopters & planes up to Boeing 724.
• Operational bridges: Rubkona bridge in Bentiu and Pelieny bridge in Leer.
• For any service requests send SRF to southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org
Recommendation

- Partners to check the status of road accessibility before sending truck/vehicles. Partners can use physical road access constraints map which is published by the cluster every week.
- Partners are advised to use small boats between Manga port and Rubkona as canoes are locally made have high risk of being capsized in this route.
- Partners advised to preposition cargo in the upcoming dry season to use the short window of opportunity.
Trainings

• There are several lists of training available online. Visit the cluster’s e-learning platform using this link for more details.

• Training will be conducted in deep field locations in November and December; the first phase in Mankien, Koch, and Leer, and the second phase in Rupkuai, Nyal, Ganyiel & Mankien.
Challenges/Gaps

• Physical inaccessibility in and out of Bentiu currently remains a challenge affecting relief supply delivery.

• High cost of cargo handling at ports.

• Losses of cargo due to capsizing of canoes.

• Funding constraints that has led to scale down of operations.
• The Logistics Cluster advised partners to plan and maximize the use of the upcoming short dry season period to start prepositioning cargo.

• The Cluster has created a WhatsApp group to provide partners with the platform to share logistics information. Interested partners can use this link [https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lf72tdV8x4e3nsnr94G0iz](https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lf72tdV8x4e3nsnr94G0iz) to join the group.
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