

1. Purpose

Delivery of relief items by river is one of the primary transport modalities. Currently with access issues and insecurity the situation on the river is very fluid. This document will be produced weekly for all organisations and Cluster Coordinators to provide updates, background information and tentative plans allowing organisations to understand further the dynamics and assist in their organisational planning.

Key documents to use when referring to this update are (go to website and look under River Operations Update)

<https://www.logcluster.org/en/ops/ssd11a>

- River Network Diagram <https://logcluster.org/en/document/south-sudan-river-transportation-network-diagram-june-2023-0>
- River Operations map <https://logcluster.org/en/document/south-sudan-river-operations-2025>
- Transportation plan (Transport plan on website).

Scheduled Deliveries/Departures (see transport plan on website)

| From | To | ETD | ETA | Comments |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---|
| Bor | Malakal & onwards | 14 Sept | 24 Sept | Depart pending access clearances |
| Bor | Malakal & onwards | 28 Oct | 8 Nov | Submit requests |
| Malakal | Ulang | 1 Oct | | Submit requests-tentative departure date |
| Malakal | Canal river (Korwai) | Pending | | See updates below-on hold temporarily |
| Bor | Fangaks via Southern route of Zeraf | | | Southern route cleared, trial WB 15 September |
| Bor | Ganyiel/Nyal | 12 Sept | 18 Sept | No access issues but difficult due to grass |

2. Updates

Canal river -Korwai: Pending. *The Prophet* Makuach Tut, is marching with the White Army northwards. Post clarity of movements, trip will be planned. Concern is potential looting of commodities. With recent developments in Juba related to VP Machar, this is a heightened risk. Currently the troops are in Canal-Pigi. (Korwai is in this area)

Zeraf- Fangak locations. Travelling from Malakal means passing the *New Fangak checkpoint* which has been problematic with delays & potential misappropriation. A trial access route from the Southern end of the Zeraf at Thornor, heading north was successful, hence the LC has called cargo forward for the Fangak response but departs from Bor.

Sobat- Ulang/Wathjack- straightforward, however due to small tonnage from partners we often go with WFP, hence request is to submit SRFs to quickly build up amounts. Locations in Nasir, currently WFP unable to get safety and access assurances, but is looking at another access mission in the short-term future. (recent one was 3 weeks ago).

Security in general- WFP/LC uses force protection through the Tonga-Atar corridor due to conflict. Troop rotations during October means the delay for the next barge from Bor to Malakal until early Nov. Cargo will be called for and loaded however in Sept/October.