# Operation Overview, December 2020

South Sudan



### **Background**

The Logistics Cluster facilitates the coordination of the logistics response in support of the humanitarian community. Furthermore, it provides information management products to improve the decision making of humanitarian organisations in South Sudan. Where logistics gaps are identified, WFP, as the lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, acts as a *Provider of Last Resort* by offering common logistics services to support the humanitarian community in their response operations.

#### **Operational Highlights**

- In December, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of **558 mt** of humanitarian cargo to **55 destinations** on behalf of **48 organisations**, of which **36% was transported by river and road**.
- During the month, the Logistics Cluster coordinated **three humanitarian road convoys**, transporting life-saving supplies from Juba along the Western Corridor and to Yei.
- As the Juba Bor road remained impassable in December, the Logistics Cluster continued to support the humanitarian
  community in addressing this bottleneck and pre-positioned 62 mt of life-saving supplies on behalf of 17 organisations in
  Bor. This cargo is then further transported by helicopter to affected populations in Jonglei and Upper Nile states.
- With the dry season unfolding in most of the country, several secondary roads have become passable again, making it
  possible to transport 104 mt of cargo to deep field locations by road, using the Common Transport Service in coordination
  with the International Organization for Migration.

## **Coordination and Information Management**

- Following a recommendation from OCHA to postpone non-critical physical meetings, coordination meetings are held online
  for Juba, while physical meetings in field hubs are planned on an ad hoc basis, ensuring COVID-19 preventive measures are
  respected by attendees. In December, one online coordination meeting was held, attended by 14 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster published 12 information management products on the operational website, including the Logistics
   <u>Cluster Efficiencies and Pre-positioning Strategy 2020-2021</u> providing pre-positioning guidance for the 2020-2021 dry season and beyond.
- The most recent version of the Physical Access Constraints map, which is updated every week, can be found here.

# **COVID-19 Logistics Cluster Support**

WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, as a co-lead of the Operational Support and Logistics Pillar of the National COVID-19 Response Plan, continues to coordinate requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from humanitarian organisations. As of 28 December, 283 requests from 93 organisations have been approved, allocating a total of more than 3.2 million PPE items from the common pool created by WHO, WFP and IOM, to be received in more than 250 locations across South Sudan.



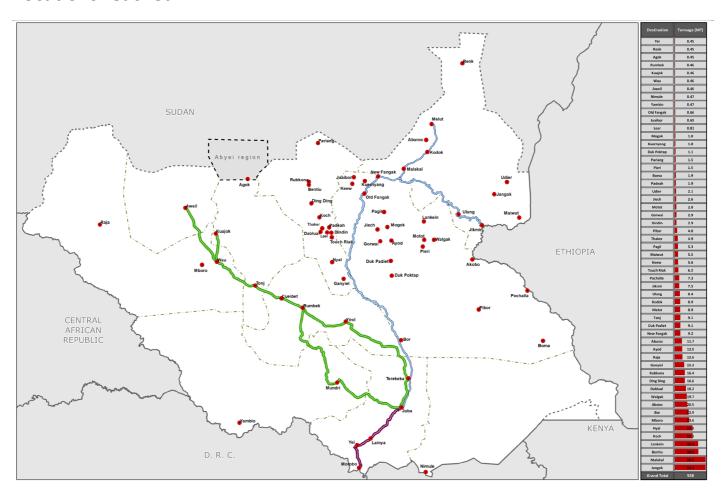
Dispatch of the PPE from the common pool at the Logistics Cluster common storage site in Juba.

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#### Locations reached



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