



IOM completed construction and inaugurated humanitarian hub in Pibor town which was funded by SSHF (South Sudan Humanitarian Fund) and is currently managed by Plan International. © IOM 2021 / Rizwan ALI



18 trucks allocated for Common Transportation Service (CTS)



3,416 metric tons of humanitarian cargo transported in Q2



65 humanitarian agencies supported by CTS in Q2



1,071 humanitarian staff hosted in 2 IOM managed logistics and humanitarian hubs

Humanitarian Hubs

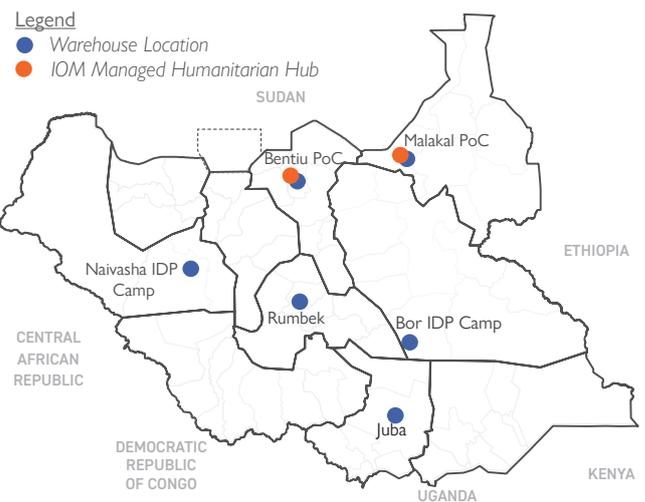
During the second quarter of 2021, a total of 499 humanitarian staff from almost all humanitarian organizations operating in upper Nile and unity states were permanently hosted in two large hubs in Bentiu and Malakal. Alongside the permanent residents, 572 visiting humanitarian staff on short term assignments from various humanitarian Organizations have also utilized these two hubs during the fourth quarter of 2021.

IOM administrated two humanitarian hubs provide logistics bases, accommodation, and office facilities to UN agencies and NGOs in Bentiu and Malakal. An increase in number of visiting humanitarian staff was noticed in this first two quarters indicating increase in humanitarian response activities after significant decline in 2020 due C-19 restrictions. In Q2, IOM has started infrastructure improvement works in Malakal and Bentiu hubs mainly sewage and water distribution system upgrade, electricity

network upgrade and development of additional space for offices space in Bentiu hub for partners. IOM in support from hub management committees strictly implements recommended C-19 access control, wash and residential protocols at both hub locations to minimize COVID-19 exposure for humanitarian workers residing at hubs.

In late 2019, IOM in partnership with MSB (Swedish Contingencies Agency) and close coordination with OCHA, ICWG and NGO forum have assessed and planned eight new remote locations across South Sudan for construction of humanitarian hubs. These hubs will also ensure a conducive and safe environment for aid workers of /NGOs as well as UN agencies to stay and deliver assistance to vulnerable populations in deep field hard-to-reach locations. New hubs will expand humanitarian access, improve communication with communities and local authorities, expedite rapid needs assessments, and enable tailored response to needs

Location of Warehouse & Humanitarian Hubs



identified with and by affected communities. Each humanitarian hub is envisioned to host and accommodate up to 20 humanitarian workers at a time, and continuous rotation will allow the entire humanitarian community to benefit from the establishment of such hubs making humanitarian response as local as possible. Out of eight locations, the first site located in Kodok (Upper Nile state) funded by FCDO along with MSB and construction works will be completed in August 2021 whereas second new hub in Leer (Unity State) construction works will also be completed in September 2021. The construction of new humanitarian hub in Raja in WBG state is planned to start in August 2021 funded by ECHO and MSB.

During this quarter, IOM completed construction and inaugurated humanitarian hub in Pibor town which was funded by SSHF (South Sudan Humanitarian Fund) and is currently managed by Plan International. This hub is contributing to improved delivery of life-saving humanitarian services to flood-affected populations, scale up of response and making response a local as possible in Jonglei. Since the inauguration in June 2021 hub is fully occupied and number of organizations using this accommodation and office facility is on increase as there was no such dedicated facility available in the area before for humanitarians and it indicates the significant importance for humanitarian hubs project in South Sudan.

Logistics and Common Transport Services

IOM has been managing the CTS on behalf of the Logistics Cluster since 2011. During this time, the project has significantly grown from delivering 2,000 MT of humanitarian cargo in 2011 to a total of 18000 MT by the end of 2020, highlighting the increase in the use of road transport as the most cost-efficient mode of transportation as access improves. The CTS project enables the most time-critical, life-saving frontline multi-cluster activities through a cost-effective and reliable logistics resources provision at Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) prioritized counties, assisting at least 80 humanitarian organizations in South Sudan in delivering life-saving emergency items upon requests where they are most needed across the country, which includes in IPC4+ counties and IDP sites.

The IOM managed Common Transport Services (CTS) is a free-for-user service that transports critical humanitarian supplies for humanitarian actors in close coordination with the Logistics Cluster in South Sudan. CTS serves as a critical link in the supply



IOM's warehouse in Bor © IOM 2021 / Loyce NAIBE

chain, enabling humanitarian assistance materials that arrive from regional and international suppliers to rapidly move onwards to partners located deep in the field to reach beneficiaries in remote and hard-to-reach locations. The CTS project ensures cargo is transported from warehouses to airstrip/riverside docks for onward transport to priority locations (in Bentiu, Bor, Juba, Malakal, Rumbek, and Wau) or directly to priority locations through the Beyond Responses.

Since 2018, with the commencement of the Beyond Response Missions in Unity, Upper Nile, Wau and Jonglei, the use of the CTS trucks shifted to encompass deliveries of relief items to



Trucks used by IOM Logistics team to transport the goods © IOM 2021 / Loyce NAIBE

medium distance destinations. In all these logistics hubs, CTS represents a valuable asset for the Beyond Responses, enabling partners to transport humanitarian supplies in the most efficient, secure, and reliable manner, through a well-coordinated process to deep field locations).

This opportunity has allowed organizations to preposition large amounts of humanitarian goods throughout these areas before the arrival of the rainy season when roads become impassable. This common service, via the Beyond Responses, is indispensable in reducing reliance on costly air services – a transport mode that used to be the only option to reach many locations throughout much of South Sudan.

CTS ensures the timely delivery of humanitarian relief items across the country. CTS also allows for the full-time availability of 18 dedicated trucks to facilitate cargo movement for partner humanitarian organizations. These trucks are operated on a rotational basis to ensure that at least 16 trucks are on the road continuously seven days a week. The 18 trucks are located as follows: Bor (2 trucks), Bentiu (4 trucks), Malakal (3 trucks), Rumbek (3 trucks), Juba (3 trucks), Wau (3 trucks).

During the second quarter of 2021, IOM CTS transported 3,415 metric tons totaling 7,920 metric tons in 2021 of supplies from the main ports of dispatch to field operations via air, road, and river for 65 humanitarian organizations. Supplies were stored in log cluster warehouses in Juba, Rumbek, Bor, Wau, Bentiu, and Malakal, to enable partners working outside the Protection of Civilian (PoC) sites to respond faster.