

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 11:00 – 12:00**

## Participants

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| 1. Action Against Hunger (ACF)                          | 13. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS)                             |
| 2. Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Nepal | 14. People in Need (PIN)                                       |
| 3. Catholic Relief Services (CRS)                       | 15. Plan International Nepal                                   |
| 4. FHI 360  | 16. Save the Children  |
| 5. Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)    | 17. Triangle Generation Humanitaire                            |
| 6. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)      | 18. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)                    |
| 7. International Organization for Migration (IOM)       | 19. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) |
| 8. IPAS Nepal   | 20. Welt Hunger Hilfe  |
| 9. Islamic Relief Nepal                                 | 21. World Food Programme (WFP)                                 |
| 10. Lutheran World Federation (LWF)                     | 22. World Health Organization (WHO)                            |
| 11. Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)                     |  |
| 12. Mountain Child                                      |  |

**Meeting chaired by:** Mr. Dil Kumar Tamang, Chief of National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC), MoHA.

## Agenda:

1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster update
2. Health logistics update
3. National Logistics Cluster 13-month report
4. Feedback from monsoon preparedness meeting
5. Logistics gaps and issues
6. AOB

### 1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster storage and transport update

The following updates were shared regarding the National Logistics Cluster services conducted:

- Transported 10 trucks (93 MT) medical items (X-ray machine, Bipad machines, oxygen cylinders and ICU beds) donated by the Government of China from Tatopani border crossing to the Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) in Kathmandu.
- Dispatched 10 trucks of medical items (PPE kits, oxygen concentrator, thermometer, antigen kits, oxygen cylinders) to hospitals in the provinces.
- Received medical supplies (PPE, ventilators, oxygen concentrator, thermometer and antigen test kits) donated by Finland, United Kingdom, Direct Relief, Belgium, United Arab Emirates, France, Japan, and UNICEF for storage at the HSA in Kathmandu, with a significant quantity of items dispatched onwards to the provinces.

- Commercial flights have resumed for Qatar, China and Turkey from June. With the resumption of commercial flights to these countries, further maintenance of the Cargo flight information might not be necessary. Two flights with medical equipment and PPE from the European Union (EU) and Amazon are expected to arrive in June.
- To date, the National Logistics Cluster has transported more than 3,000 empty oxygen cylinders, mostly from hospitals in Sudur Paschim Province, for refilling to oxygen plants in Lumbini Province and Bagmati Province. Similarly, 2,600 oxygen cylinders from the refilling plants were transported to different hospitals in Sudur Paschim Province, Gandaki Province and Lumbini Province.

## 2. Health Logistics Update

- The External Development Partner - Supply Chain Management (EDP-SCM) working group of USAID reminded all the members to update the [Covid-19 Commodity mapping tracking sheet](#) as and when they have any updates in planning of receipt and distribution of medical supplies. USAID informed that they don't have an update on the vaccine support declared by the USA but they will inform the National Logistics Cluster as soon as they have. They are currently supporting through the Global Health Supply Chain – Procurement and Supply Management project (GHSC-PSM) the distribution planning and waiting for approval from the Management Division of the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) on distribution and dispatch plans for medical supplies that were recently received.
- PIN Nepal informed that they delivered 12 different COVID-19 medical supplies to one municipality and three rural municipalities in Sindhupalchowk (Barhabise municipality and Bhotekoshi rural municipality) and Dolakha districts (Tamakoshi rural municipality and Bigu rural municipality) for isolation centers. These items were delivered to these municipalities upon request from the Social Welfare Council and municipality offices.
- Save the Children informed that they have been working closely with government health facilities and local organizations in districts for COVID-19 response. To date, they have distributed 19 oxygen concentrators, 65,000 antigen kits, 5,000 PPE kits, 385 pulse oximeters, hospital beds, surgical masks and hand sanitizers to different hospitals in various districts through their provincial offices in Bardibas and Surkhet district. 330 oxygen concentrators are in the pipeline and expected to be delivered soon.
- UNICEF informed that they handed over 100 oxygen concentrators, 150,000 vaccines, 20,000 gloves and PPEs to the Government. 500 oxygen concentrators and 800 oxygen cylinders are in pipeline from China which are expected to be delivered by the end of June.
- CRS informed that they recently procured 30,000 medical supplies such as oxygen concentrators, hospital beds, etc. They are planning to distribute these medical supplies from 7 June to 10 hospitals in Bagmati province and Gandaki province.
- FHI 360 informed that they recently handed over pulse oximeters, PPE sets, surgical masks, gloves, hand sanitizers and hygiene kits to the Management Division of MoHP. 65,000 antigen kits and 35,000 viral transport media kits are in the pipeline. They are also in the process of selecting a vendor for the procurement of four liquid oxygen tanks for four different hospitals.

### 3. National Logistics Cluster 13-month report

- WFP presented the 13-month National Logistics Cluster report, from 20 April 2020 to 19 May 2021, of common transport and storage services for the COVID-19 and monsoon response, with 1,789 m<sup>3</sup> cargo stored and 6,563 m<sup>3</sup> supplies transported to 60 districts, for 27 organizations.

### 4. Feedback from monsoon preparedness meeting

- WFP informed that the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Authority (NDRRMA) of MoHA conducted two inter-cluster meetings last week, one with the cluster leads and the other with both cluster leads and co-leads. In the meeting, WFP provided an update on the National Logistics Cluster activities for COVID-19 response.
- MoHA highlighted the following key points discussed during the monsoon preparedness meeting:
  - Department of Hydrology and Meteorology forecasted above-average rainfall this monsoon.
  - Monsoon this year is expected to be more challenging due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Due to the unprecedented number of wildfires in different locations across the country last year, these locations are now more prone to landslides and flooding during the monsoon.
- MoHA asked all the members to be more prepared for the monsoon this year and if possible, requested to share the monsoon plan along with the tentative budget reserve for monsoon response with MoHA.

### 5. Logistics Gaps and issues

- Plan International inquired about the option to store oxygen cylinders at the HSA in Kathmandu. WFP asked Plan International to send a formal request to WFP through a service request form and upon the availability of space, storage at the HSA in Kathmandu can be made available.
- PIN Nepal inquired about the schedule of commercial flights to China, Qatar and Turkey in June. WFP informed that the commercial flights are scheduled from 3 June and the flight scheduled for June has been published by CAAN on their official website (<https://caanepal.gov.np>). The schedule was also shared by the National Logistics Cluster to all members on 2 June. PIN Nepal inquired if the Cluster has information on vaccine supply. WFP informed that the National Logistics Cluster does not have this information, but this can be obtained from the National Health Cluster.
- IPAS Nepal informed that their vehicles carrying surgical masks and hand sanitizers were stopped by traffic police at different locations in Kathmandu on Thursday, 3 June. They were told by the traffic police that vehicles carrying masks and hand sanitizers were restricted for movement after 9:00 am, since these items are not included in the new list of essential health commodities issued by the District Administration Office. WFP informed that since mask and hand sanitizer are not included in the new list of essential health commodities by the DAO, it would be wise for now to adhere to DAO's decision and plan distribution of these items between 2300 hrs to 0900 hrs until the lockdown period of 14 June.

## 6. AOB

- Prohibitory order in Kathmandu has been extended until 14 June. Prohibitory orders have been imposed in 75 districts, except for Manang and Khotang districts. All the highways are operational, except Kathmandu-Khulekhani- Hetauda roadway due to the maintenance work.
- MoHA informed that based on the data available to NEOC, approximately 500,000 people have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and almost 1.4 million people have received the first dose. The data can also be accessed from the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) website. (<http://drrportal.gov.np>).

In case of any logistics gaps, questions, or issues, please do not hesitate to contact the National Logistics Cluster:

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