



# NEPAL NATIONAL LOGISTICS CLUSTER COMMON SERVICE

## 9-MONTH SITUATION REPORT FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

19 JANUARY 2021

COVID-19 and a 120-day national lockdown (March 24<sup>th</sup> - July 22<sup>nd</sup>) plus a second 22-day lockdown in Kathmandu valley (Aug 19<sup>th</sup> - Sept 10<sup>th</sup>) caused disruptions to national and international transport systems, affecting the ability of government and humanitarian workers to respond. The Nepal National Logistics cluster works closely with the COVID-19 Crisis Management Center (CCMC), Ministry of Health and Population, the UN system and I/NGO community, to provide common transport and storage services where commercial capacity has been disrupted, ensuring that critical supplies can be moved to where they are needed most. This report covers 9 months from April 20<sup>th</sup> until January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. During the 9<sup>th</sup> month, 367 m<sup>3</sup> medical supplies and NFIs of the Government and humanitarian agencies were transported to provincial capitals and district headquarters and 75 m<sup>3</sup> medical supplies of GIZ were stored at the Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) in Kathmandu.



### HEALTH AND HUMANITARIAN CARGO TRANSPORT



**5,798 M<sup>3</sup>** of critical medical supplies & NFIs transported



**224** truckloads of 3 – 21 MT trucks dispatched to province capitals to district HQs



**26** user organizations supported with transport



**62 M<sup>3</sup>** of critical supplies delivered to Nepal by WFP flights

#### 1 M<sup>3</sup> EQUALS



**32,500** surgical masks, or



**1,800** face shields or



**1,650** safety goggles



**30,000** gloves



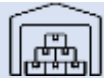
**57** destinations reached



**236** requests completed



### HEALTH AND HUMANITARIAN CARGO STORAGE



**2,240 M<sup>2</sup>** storage space provided at Humanitarian Staging Areas Kathmandu, Nepalgunj, Dhangadhi.



**1,200 M<sup>3</sup>** of critical medical supplies stored for GoN and humanitarian agencies at the Humanitarian Staging Areas in Kathmandu, Nepalgunj and Dhangadi.



**6** Mobile Storage Units with a capacity of **1,920 M<sup>2</sup>**, provided to Covid-19 Crisis Management Center, Provincial Health Directorate, Bagmati, Tribhuvan International Airport and Bharatpur Covid-19 clinic.



### INFORMATION MANAGEMENT & COORDINATION

Meetings of the logistics task force with CCMC, Nepal Army and MoHP have been replaced by periodic bilateral meetings with the MOHP Management Division. The logistics cluster conducts bi-weekly meetings with participants from 39 organisations to resolve logistics gaps and issues. A mid-line user satisfaction survey was conducted on September 2020 among 63 user organizations and a Gaps and Needs analysis in November 2020 among 90 humanitarian organizations and cluster members. The overall user satisfaction rate was 76%, a 20% increase compared to 56% during the flood response operation of 2019. In the majority of the service areas respondents reported that they are very satisfied or, satisfied with the logistics cluster services. 60% of Logistics Cluster users used common transport services and only 21% of users used the storage services. The other users used own storage capacity, commercial storage & transport capacity, or did not require the services. Storage services were less used due (a) directly delivery of supplies to health service delivery points, (b) no HSA close to their area of operation, and (c) unawareness of the service. Transport service was less used due to (a) unawareness of the service, (b) small cargo loads and (c) slow response to emergency requests.



**17** National Logistics Cluster meetings held, **39** user organizations attended the meetings.



**9** Passenger flights from Kuala Lumpur-Kathmandu-Kuala Lumpur, **441** passengers transported of UN agencies, INGOs and Embassies. (**232** outbound and **209** inbound passengers)



**45** flights, the information shared for cargo consolidation.



**36** IM products published (Minutes, SOPs, Access Constraints Maps, Situation update, Reports)



**Transport Services:**

SN	Date	Agency	Item Description	Transport		Weight (MT)	Volume (CBM)	Number of trucks
				From	To			
1	24/04/20 to 04/01/21	Management Division, MoHP	Medical Items	Kathmandu	Morang, Sunsari, Dhanusa, Parsa, Rupandehi, Makwanpur, Banke, Surkhet, Kaski, Kailali.	93.8	651	22 Trucks
2	04/05/20 to 04/09/20	Provincial Health Directorate, Lumbini Province	Medical Items	Kathmandu, Rupandehi	Rupandehi, Gulmi	3.4	26	2 Trucks
3	20/05/2020 to 28/09/20	Care Nepal and LWF	Medical Items	Kathmandu	Rupandehi, Banke, Kailali.	26.431	114	4 Trucks
4	24/05/20	DanChurdhAID	Medical Items	Kathmandu	Kailali	1.6	16	1 Truck
5	28/05/20	Provincial Health Directorate, Karnali /WHO/WFP/Save the Children/IPAS Nepal	Medical Items	Kathmandu	Rupandehi, Surkhet, Kailali.	1.4	14	1 Truck
6	29/05/20 to 31/05/20	IPAS Nepal	Medical Items	Kathmandu	Morang, Kaski, Kailali, Bajura.	5.8	58	4 Trucks
7	08/06/20 to 11/01/21	Save the Children	Medical Items	Kathmandu	Bardibas, Siraha, Rajbiraj, Banke, Dhanusa, Surkhet, Kailali, Sarlahi, Mahottari, Jajarkot.	77.2	365.5	18 Trucks
8	09/06/20 to 20/08/20	CCMC	Medical Items	Kathmandu	Morang, Sunsari, Parsa, Dhanusa, Makwanpur, Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Khotang, Kavre, Rupandehi, Sindhupalchowk, Kaski, Banke, Surkhet, Kailali.	420.7	2,430	80 trucks
9	10/06/20	Action Against Hunger	Medical Items	Kathmandu	Kawasoti, Bardaghat	5	50	2 Trucks
10	28/06/20 – 29/12/20	Ministry of Home Affairs	NFIs	Kathmandu	Nuwakot, Chitwan, Nawalpur, Kapilvastu, Kailali, Banke, Bardiya, Parsa, Makwanpur, Rautahat, Saptari, Siraha, Sunsari, Kaski	97.128	365.6	18 trucks
11	14/06/20 to 12/12/20	Provincial Health Directorate, Karnali Province	Medical Items	Banke, Surkhet	Jajarkot, Salyan, Rukum, Kalikot, Jumla, Dolpa, Mugu, Rukum.	17.041	134.6	12 trucks
12	20/07/20	Kopila Nepal	Medical Items	Pokhara	Myagdi	1.4	14	1 truck
13	20/07/20	WFP	NFI	Kathmandu	Surkhet	2.3	32	1 truck
14	25/07/20 to 19/01/21	Provincial Health Directorate, Province 2	Medical Items	Janakpur	Bara, Parsa, Siraha, Saptari, Sarlahi, Mahottari, Rautahat.	171.37	607	20 trucks
15	27/07/20	Chhahari Nepal	NFIs	Kathmandu	Kaski	7	30	1 truck
16	27/07/20 to 02/09/20	World Education Inc	NFIs	Kathmandu	Kathmandu, Surkhet.	16.1	66	2 truck
17	29/07/20 to 14/12/20	UNICEF	NFIs and Medical Items	Nepalgunj, Rupandehi	Dang, Surkhet, Kalikot, Jumla, Kailali, Mugu	12.935	72.27	6 trucks



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18	27/08/20	WHO	Shelter items	Kathmandu	Sindhupalchowk	2.592	14	1 truck
19	02/09/20	PHD, Karnali/World Education/ KIRDAC	Medical & NFIs	Surkhet	Mugu	3.688	30	1 truck
20	15/09/20 to 11/11/20	Nepal Red Cross Society	Shelter & Wash items	Kathmandu	Sindhupalchowk	5.5	28	2 trucks
21	14/09/20 to 11/11/20	Management Division, CMS	Medical & Food	Bara	Dhading, Chitwan, Makwanpur, Dhangadi, Rupandehi, Banke, Dhanusha, Morang	139.2	408	13 trucks
22	01/10/20	WeltHungerHilfe (WHH)	Shelter items	Kathmandu	Chitwan	19.52	22	1 truck
23	13/10/20	Peacewin	Food and NFIs	Kailali	Bajura	29.1	54.6	1 truck
24	18/10/20 to 12/01/21	Provincial Health Directorate, Province 1	Medical items	Morang	Jhapa, Illam, Panchthar, Taplejung, Terhathum, Bhojpur, Khotang, Solukhumbu	8.028	53.6	4 truck
25	30/10/20 to 04/01/21	GIZ	Medical Items	Kathmandu	Chitwan, Rupandehi, Dang, Banke, Kailali, Kanchanpur, Dhanusha, Jhapa	23.49	109.5	6 trucks
26	18/11/20	Rural Reconstruction Nepal	Medical items	Banke	Achham	7.5	32	1 truck
		<b>Total</b>				<b>1,200</b>	<b>5,798</b>	<b>224 trucks</b>

**Storage Services:**

SN	Date	Agency	Items	Stored at	Weight (MT)	Volume (CBM)
1	04/05/20 - 17/05/20	Management Division, MoHP	Medical Items	HSA, Kathmandu	55.662	562
2	20/07/20	World Education Inc	NFIs	HSA, Kathmandu	8.176	30
3	22/09/20	WHO	Medical Items	HSA, Kathmandu	3.226	25.210
4	30/09/20	CARE Nepal	Medical Items	HSA, Kathmandu	37.800	147.583
5	30/09/20	MoHA	NFIs	HSA, Nepalgunj	25.313	67
6	30/09/20	CARE Nepal	Medical Items	HSA, Dhangadi	12.630	50.520
7	30/09/20	MoHA	NFIs	HSA, Dhangadi	16.875	44
8	01/10/20	CARE Nepal	Medical Items	HSA, Nepalgunj	12.7	51.540
9	07/10/20	Action Against Hunger	Medical Items	HSA, Kathmandu	0.6	6
10	08/10/20	MoHP	Medical Items	HSA, Dhangadi	1	8
11	23/10/20	GIZ Nepal	Medical Items	HSA, Kathmandu	9.1	41
12	11/12/20	UNICEF	Medical Items	HSA, Kathmandu	1.115	7.930
13	16/12/20	Action Aid Nepal	NFIs	HSA, Nepalgunj	11.134	84.5
14	19/12/20	GIZ Nepal	Medical Items	HSA, Kathmandu	14.690	70
15	30/12/20	GIZ Nepal	Medical Items	HSA, Kathmandu	1	5.5
				<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>1,200</b>



The National Logistics Cluster has activated the three existing HSA's (Kathmandu, Nepalgunj and Dhangadhi) to facilitate cargo storage and transport free-of-cost for Government and humanitarian organizations, using logistics preparedness capacity established by the UK Aid funded EPR-project. 3 MSU's were used at Kathmandu HSA, 2 MSU's at Nepalgunj and 2 MSU's at Dhangadhi for the Covid-19 response. Two new provincial HSA's are nearing completion: Surkhet is expected to be ready 1<sup>st</sup> of March and construction of Birgunj is 66% completed.

Four Mobile Storage Units (MSU's, 10x32m size) were loaned to the CCMC of which two were erected at Nepal Army No.14 Engineering Brigade at Tribhuvan Airport to expand storage capacity for a large quantity of COVID-19 medical supplies, one at Tribhuvan airport international terminal for arriving passengers and one MSU to expand the waiting area for passengers at the domestic terminal. In addition, one MSU plus 70 wooden pallets were given to Provincial Health Directorate, Bagmati Province to augment storage capacity for Covid-19 supplies and one MSU was loaned to Bharatpur COVID-19 clinic to provide additional space for patients.

MoHP confirmed through the COVAX GAVI support application (15 Dec 20) the anticipated gap in cold chain storage capacity at Pathlaiya central level, Janakpur province 2 and Surkhet Karnali province. MOHP Management Division requested support of WFP to augment cold chain storage capacity through provision of 3x 20ft refrigerated containers with clip-on backup generators. WFP is in the process to confirm technical specifications and procurement and supply options with MoHP and WFP HQ.

### Provincial level Storage capacity:

Province	Primary Preposition Store	Secondary Store
1	Inaruwa (Provincial Government)	Itahari (FMTC)
2	Janakpur (FMTC)	Pathlaiya (MD)
3	Hetauda (Provincial Government)	FMTC Emergency Store
4	Pokhara (Provincial Government)	
5	Nepalgunj HSA (WFP)	Butwal Medical store (MD)
6	Surkhet (FMTC)	
7	Dhangadhi HSA (WFP)	Dhangadhi (Provincial Government)

### Coordination

Two new logistics cluster provincial focal points were appointed from begin September to support Province 1 and 2, bringing the total logistics cluster provincial focal points to 8, one in each province and province 5 with 2 focal points (at Nepalgunj HSA and Butwal).

The results of the User Satisfaction survey and Gaps and Needs analysis was shared with Logistics Cluster members in December. The logistics cluster adjusted its strategy in the revised CPRP (10-Jan-21) to continue to provide common storage and transport services until the end of February 2021 in order to maintain an agile logistics operation that can respond quickly to sudden changes in scenario. In February the need for these services will be reassessed to see if they can be phased out or not.

### Planned activities

- Continue providing common transport & storage services until end of February 2021.
- Conduct half-day orientation training for log cluster users in the provinces on how to access log cluster products and services (as per recommendations of the gaps and needs analysis).
- Support to increase COVAX cold-chain storage capacity of MOHP, through potential provision of 3 refrigerated 20ft containers (as per MoHP MD's request of 26-Jan-21).
- Augment last-mile COVAX cold chain delivery to remote areas, as needed.