

**LOCATION:** Gorkha DDRC

**DATE:** 17 June 2015

**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster

**PARTICIPANTS:** CARE, DCA, IOM, IMC, Oxfam and People in Need.

**ACTION POINTS:**

- Organisations to advise the Logistics Cluster on road access constraints, and of their interest in using Remote Access Operation services.
- The Logistics Cluster to share information on customs procedures, and list of relief items and geographical area prioritisation, as soon as it becomes available.

**AGENDA:**

1. Logistics Cluster Update
2. Organisations' Operational Update

### 1. Logistics Cluster Update

- A seventh Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) has been erected in Deurali. The total storage capacity of the hub currently stands at 1,920 m<sup>2</sup>. Organisations were reminded that common storage and transport services are provided on a free-to-user basis.
- In light of the beginning of the monsoon season, air transportation of Corrugated Galvanised Iron (CGI) sheets for the provision of shelter to the northern areas of the Gorkha District, has been identified as a key priority.
- A second phase of WFP food distribution is expected to start soon.
- The Logistics Cluster to share with organisations updated information on custom procedures, as soon as it becomes available from the government.
- An electrician is currently on duty at the Deurali Logistics Cluster Hub, and support can be provided to organisations in need of electrical maintenance.
- Lack of visibility on the timeframes for the handling of transportation requests submitted by organisations to the Logistics Cluster, remains an issue.
- The Logistics Cluster to share with organisations the relief items and geographical area prioritisation lists finalised by the Humanitarian Coordinator, as soon as it becomes available.
- The Remote Access Operation was presented to organisations. Organisations were requested to provide feedback on whether they would be interested in using the porters and packed animal's transportation services to remote locations.
- Organisations were asked to share with the Logistics Cluster information on road access constraints, so that the Access Constraints Map can be kept up-to-date.
- The need for CGI sheets in Dhading and of further humanitarian presence in the district, remains an issue.

- The Logistics Cluster is currently considering setting up an additional hub in Dhadingbesi (Dhading District).

## 2. Organisations Operational Update

- **CARE:** The organisation reported that distribution of 2,000 bundles of CGI sheets and shelter, hygiene, kitchen and tool kits were carried out in the north of the Gorkha District via the Bapak, Lapak and Lundak roads, over the last two weeks. CARE reported that it is also currently active in the Dhading District. The organisation reported several issues with dangerous and sometimes closed roads.
- **PIN:** The organisation is working in Chhekampar together with Phase Nepal. PIN has been using helicopter transport services to move CGI sheets to Salyantar, where a new warehouse and landing zone are being set up. Organisations will be notified as soon as they will also be able to also use the warehouse in Salyantar. On 17 June, flights were conducted from Salyantar to Prok, and some problems were highlighted with landing in Mongaltar.
- **OXFAM:** The organisation reported it is working towards receiving all its cargo (hygiene kits and CGI sheets) inside the country by 22 June, to be entitled to a customs waiver, as per recent changes to customs procedures issued by the Nepalese Government. A suggestion was made for the material incoming from India and destined for Gorkha, to be sent to the Barathphur Logistics hub rather than to the Kathmandu hub.
- **NCA/DCA:** The organisation reported that it has supported some 7,600 households in Gorkha. NCA/DCA is not using CGI sheets, it is instead focusing on cash programming for shelter. In the framework of WASH activities, alternatives to CGI structures for latrines, such as wooden ply with plastic sheeting, are currently being considered. Around 660 hygiene kits were expected to arrive on 19 June from Kathmandu. These kits will be dispatched to Makaising. Future plans include dispatching a further 660 hygiene kits to Gorkha, where 2500 kits were already delivered. This will be the first round of replenishment for certain sets of consumables such as hand and laundry soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste.
- **IOM:** The organisation reported that as of last week, it had sent 31,500 CGI sheets to Deurali from the main hub in Kathmandu. An additional 5000 CGI sheets were expected to arrive within the next two days. IOM has been donating CGI sheets to other organisations and it expects to replenish its stocks within a month. Issues were highlighted about lack of transport to the Village Development Committees (VDCs) in Dhading.

***The next Logistic Cluster Coordination Meetings is on Wednesday 24 June at 16:00 at the WFP's Deurali Hub***

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