

- LOCATION:** Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA), Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM), Kathmandu
- DATE:** 15 December 2015
- CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator
- PARTICIPANTS:** Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) co-chair, Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Habitat for Humanity, Handicap International, Humedica, International Medical Corps (IMC), IOM, MAF, Malteser International, OCHA, NCM Nepal, Plan International, Real Medicine Foundation (RMF), Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, Solidarity International.
- ACTION POINTS:**
- Organisations to share their winterisation plans and their service requirements with the Logistics Cluster.
 - Organisations to report on any problems related to movement in the border region and impact of fuel shortage on their activities.
 - Organisations to provide container numbers to the Logistics Cluster in case of cargo stuck at Calcutta port.
- AGENDA:**
1. Logistics Information Updates
 2. Logistics Cluster Services
 3. AOB

1. Logistics Information Updates

- The latest Logistics Cluster Situation Update can be accessed at <http://www.logcluster.org/document/nepal-situation-update-14-december-2015>. Organisations are requested to continue to share information on customs, Logistics Cluster procedures and useful links in order to keep the document updated.
- Laurent Frimault, the current Cluster Coordinator, is leaving on 22 December. Peter Donovan, the incoming Cluster Coordinator, was introduced during the meeting.

Entry points

- Birgunj, the main entry point from India, is still closed and no reopening has been scheduled.
- All other entry points are operational but fully controlled by Indian authorities.
- Organisations facing issues with trucks/containers being held at the border with India can contact the Logistics Cluster for assistance.
- A WFP representative is in Calcutta between 15 and 17 December and can advocate for the release of containers stuck there, belonging to humanitarian organisations. Organisations with containers stuck at Calcutta port were invited to communicate the container numbers to the Logistics Cluster.

Fuel provision

- The fuel situation in the country remains critical.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate the provision of WFP-procured fuel to eligible organisations from Kathmandu Humanitarian Staging Area and from Deurali, Chautara and Charikot hubs. Fuel is provided only to trucks, and not to light organisations' vehicles.
- 12,000 litres of diesel are expected to arrive by 18 December in Kathmandu HSA, out of which 6,000 litres will be sent to Chautara and Deurali.

- During the meeting it was agreed that a total of 2,600 litres of diesel will be allocated to WFP Engineering for the completion of safety works on the newly re-opened Balefi-Kartike Road in Sindhupalchok District.

2. Logistics Cluster Services

- Organisations were reminded that the Logistics Cluster will be extended for four months. Services facilitated by the Cluster will therefore be available until the end of April 2016.
- As of beginning November, the frequency of the Logistics Cluster meetings has been reduced to twice a month.
- The Relief Item Tracking Application (RITA) team gave an overview of the services facilitated by the Logistics Cluster to date: 30,562 mt/ 69,436 m³ of cargo stored and moved so far on behalf of 157 organizations.

Road Access

- Most of the roads in the central region are open.
- Due to snowfall, access to Dharapani in Gorkha and Beding in Dolakha districts has been affected.

Transport

- Free road transport services continue to be provided with origin and destination within the districts of Gorkha, Dhading, Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Sindhupalchok and Dolakha. Ramechhap and Okhaldhunga districts have been added to the prioritized districts.
- Transport from Kathmandu and other main areas can still be provided through WFP on a full cost recovery basis.
- The facilitation of the transport services is conditional to the availability of fuel.

Air Transport

- UNHAS mission is planned to end on 31 December 2015.
- UNHAS still has some additional capacity, organisations were invited to submit SRFs for air transportation.
- MAF confirmed that its services will continue till end of March and that it currently has capacity to accept additional requests for transportation.

Remote Access Operation (RAO)

- In 2016 RAO will be focusing on trail rehabilitation based on the outcome of the Swiss rehabilitation survey conducted in November, improving some of the trails that have already been rehabilitated.
- Local cartels are forming for portering, rising the average prices for service provision. Organisations doing portering independently are invited to refuse to use the services until the prices are re-harmonised with average commercial prices. The Logistics Cluster's Remote Access Operation can provide info on what the average rates are.
- RAO is looking for specialised local NGOs, with experience in bridge and trail rehabilitation works, to collaborate with. Engineers and technical support will be provided by RAO, bridges (including suspension bridges) will be added to trails rehabilitation works. Qualified organisations are invited to contact RAO; the project is expected to run through April 2016.
- RAO rehabilitation works have been completed in the central corridor of Gorkha District up to Namrung and porter service through RAO are available up to Samagaun village.

- The lack of fuel continues to result in delays to get cargo to trail heads, slowing down portering operations.
- Organisations are requested to be precise when communicating the weight of their cargo and packaging details in the SRFs (30 kg limit).
- In case of specific changes and multiple destinations, organisations need to be present at the trail head.

Warehousing

- Organisations were reminded that the hubs are intended for short term storage, as some cargo has been stored in Kathmandu HSA for over 100 days.
- In 2016, field hubs will be gradually closed down, based on utilisation rate and needs of humanitarian organisations.

GIS

- The Logistics Cluster can provide support in printing and producing ad-hoc maps if needed.
- Organisations were reminded to share information on access constraints, including information on landslides' width and height, with the Logistics Cluster, so that the Access Constraints map can be kept up to date.
- All of the Logistics Cluster maps for the Nepal Response Operation can be accessed at the following link: [http://logcluster.org/search?f\[0\]=field_raw_op_id:24058&f\[1\]=field_document_type:27](http://logcluster.org/search?f[0]=field_raw_op_id:24058&f[1]=field_document_type:27)

3. AOB

- OCHA is ending its mission on 31 December. Organisations interested in hiring some of the national staff currently working for OCHA (drivers, information management officers, etc) are invited to contact OCHA.

***The Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings will be held as follows:
Kathmandu: HSA, 05 January at 11:00***

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