**LOCATION:** Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA), Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM), Kathmandu  
**DATE:** 05 January 2016  
**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), All Hands Volunteer, DFID, Handicap International, Humedica, International Medical Corps (IMC), IOM, MAF, MEDAIR, OCHA, NCM Nepal, Plan International, Real Medicine Foundation (RMF), Salvation Army, Save the Children, Samaritan’s Purse, Solidarity International.

**ACTION POINTS:**  
- Organisations to share their winterisation plans and their service requirements with the Logistics Cluster.  
- Organisations to report the extent to which their winterisation plans has progressed.  
- Organisations to report on any problems related to movement around the border region and impact of fuel shortages on their activities.  
- Organisations to report potential issues faced at Calcutta port, including number of cargo container currently being stuck.

**AGENDA:**  
1. Logistics Information Updates  
2. Logistics Cluster Services  
3. AOB

### 1. Logistics Information Updates


- Peter Donovan, the new Cluster Coordinator, chaired the meeting.

#### Entry points

- Far eastern entry points like Biratnagar are reported operational although protests can temporarily obstruct their crossings.

- Although supply through other border points has resumed, Birgunj, the main entry point from India, is still obstructed by border-centric protests.

- Kodari border crossing point with China is not yet operational.

#### Fuel provision

- The fuel situation in Nepal remains critical.

- Not even the recent supply of petrol made available on grant by the Government of China has managed to ease the ongoing fuel crisis.
The security situation remains challenging mainly around Birgunj region Consequently the Government has been providing escort to containers and vehicles coming from that area.

If any problem arises with entering the country, organisations can contact the Logistics Cluster for guidance.

Details of fuel distribution in Logistics Cluster-Nepal were presented (total dispatches till date: 95,902 litres). Goal, SCF, WFP and Plan International were among the top 5 users. Fuel has been provided mainly for shelter items under winterization.

The Logistics Cluster Coordinator clarified the procedures for fuel distribution. Information to be provided include: location (to/ from) and kilometres to be covered, type and number of trucks to be filled, weight and volume of materials transported. Organisations are then informed about the time slot for fuel collection, (collection is organised on Wednesdays and Thursdays).

2. Logistics Cluster Services

Organisations were reminded that Logistics Cluster activities will be extended for four months, and therefore services will be facilitated until the end of April 2016.

As of beginning of November, the frequency of the Logistics Cluster meetings has been reduced to twice a month.

Organisations requiring air services were reminded to send detailed plans in advance. Depending on the various transport options available, pipeline priorities can be discussed during the Logistics Cluster Meetings.

The Relief Item Tracking Application (RITA) team gave an up to date overview of the services facilitated by the Logistics Cluster: 31,600 mt/ 72,637 m³ storage/transport on behalf of 161 humanitarian organizations.

Road Access

All the major roads in the central region are open except the segment beyond Timbu (Sindupalchowk district) and Lamabagar (Dolakha district).

Due to snowfall, access to Larkyepass (Gorkha district) has been affected.

Transport

Free road transport services continue to be facilitated 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 facilitated on WFP assets on a full cost recovery basis.

Transport services are conditional to the availability of fuel.

Air Transport
UNHAS activities have phased out on 31 December 2015.

MAF confirmed that its services will continue till end of March 2016 and that it currently has capacity to accept additional requests for transportation. NGOs and INGOs responding to the earthquake emergency can approach MAF for air cargo transport.

Remote Access Operation (RAO)

- The RAO team gave an overview of the achievements to date. 1.681 mt of relief items have been delivered to 33 Village Development Committees (VCDs). Currently running at 25MTs per day capacity, RAO is delivering in four districts: Gorkha, Dhading, Sindupalchok, Dolakha.
- Current weather conditions have imposed to halt trail rehabilitation activities.
- In 2016 RAO will be focusing on trail rehabilitation based on the outcome of the Geo-Technical survey conducted in November.
- Due to competition on the porter market, average prices have been rising steadily. Organisations wishing to access portering services can contact the Logistics Cluster’s Remote Access Operation for info on porter average daily rates.
- RAO is looking for specialised local NGOs, with experience in bridge and trail rehabilitation works, to partner 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 communicate accurate information in regards to 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 phased out, 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 the Logistics Cluster maps for the Nepal Response Operation can be accessed at the following link: http://www.logcluster.org/search?f[0]=field_raw_op_id:24058&f[1]=field_document_type:27

3. AOB

• It was reported that OCHA ended its mission on 31 December.

• Alessandra Piccolo, Information Management officer, has concluded her assignment in Nepal; her replacement is due to arrive soon.

The Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings will be held as follows:
Kathmandu: HSA, 19 January at 11:00

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