Operation Overview as of 19 May 2015

The Logistics Cluster, when activated in an emergency, is responsible for providing logistics coordination, information management; and, where there is a gap in logistics infrastructure, it acts as a ‘Provider of Last Resort’ by offering common logistics services to support the humanitarian community in their response operations.

**Logistics Coordination, Information Management and GIS**
- The Logistics Cluster was formally activated on 27 April.
- Logistics Cluster Cells have been established in Kathmandu, Deurali and Chautara. Meetings are held on a regular basis in all locations.
- Information is disseminated on a daily basis both through the mailing list of organisations on the ground and via the Logistics Cluster website. [http://logcluster.org/ops/nepal](http://logcluster.org/ops/nepal).
- The Logistics Cluster has a dedicated GIS officer able to take requests from the humanitarian community for logistics mapping. Relevant maps are available for download on the Logistics Cluster website, including a road access map and a map of helicopter landing zones to assist air operations.
- As of 19 May, over 207 participants from 102 organisations have attended coordination meetings in Kathmandu, Deurali and Chautara.

**KTM Airport Capacity Augmentation**
- From the start of the operation, the Logistics Cluster established regular coordination with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) to avoid logistics bottlenecks, and a representative has been made available to advise the humanitarian community on customs procedures in Kathmandu.
- To enable rapid rotations of aircraft on the landing strip, equipment including forklifts, tele-handlers and tractors have been deployed by DFID, IOM and WFP to enable faster offloading of humanitarian cargo. Shunting services are available from the Kathmandu International Airport (KTM) apron to the Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA).
Air Transport

- UNHAS currently has two Mi8 and one AS350 helicopter providing cargo and passenger transport for the humanitarian community.
- There is a high need for airlift in the Nepal response due to severe access constraints into many of the affected areas, and at present there is a substantial backlog of requests. In response, three additional Mi8s are being deployed and are expected to be operational in the coming week. These aircraft will be used for both cargo and passenger transport as well as assessment missions and emergency evacuations.
- As of 19 May, UNHAS has airlifted essential humanitarian cargo to 25 different locations. 333 passengers have been transported on behalf of 18 organisations to 33 destinations.
- UNHAS has flown 239 sorties since the start of the air operation.

Civil/Military Coordination

- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating cargo operations and providing logistics support through the deployment of Civ/Mil Coordinators in Kathmandu to liaise regarding the use of Civil-Military assets on behalf of the humanitarian community.
- The Logistics Cluster is coordinating with partners for air transport provided by US Air Forces helicopters to deliver relief supplies. Destinations are based on needs.

Road Transport

- To augment transport capacity, a 25 truck fleet is available from Kathmandu for common cargo transport to the hubs and those affected areas that can still be reached by heavy vehicles. To date, 240 transports have taken place for 47 different organisations.
- 40 off-road trucks are positioned between the field logistics hubs of Deurali and Chautara.
- Additional means of transport into hard-to-access areas are being established, including the use of porters and experienced mountaineers.
Storage

**Humanitarian Staging Area - Kathmandu**

- As part of the Logistics Response Plan drafted in 2013, WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, established a Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) as a contingency plan in the event of a natural disaster. This avoids congestion at the main entry points of affected areas and eases the flow of life-saving commodities during large-scale relief operations. 8 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are currently operational at this site.
- A storage facility in Deulikel (Kavre district) has been established to increase HSA capacity and offer longer-term storage for international air shipments before onward movement. Four MSUs are currently operational at this site.
- 5 MSUs have been provided to partners to assist with their logistics operations and one was given to a local orthopaedic hospital to increase their treatment facilities.
- As of 18 May, 11,400 m³ of relief items (the equivalent of 240 full C130 aircraft) have been facilitated by the Logistics Cluster through the airport for 67 organisations. 63% of this was shelter, 16% health, 10% food, 6% WASH, 3% Logistics Support, 1% Education, and 1% protection.

**Regional logistics hubs**

- Staging areas and logistics hubs have been established at strategic locations in the affected areas where the road infrastructure still allows access by larger trucks, and which can also support local air operations to hard-to-access locations. These hubs currently include:
  - Chautara (Sindhupalchok district) - 4 MSUs;
  - Deurali (Ghorka district) - 5 MSUs;
  - Bharatpur - 4 MSUs.
- Four additional satellite hubs with storage facilities and possibly helicopter landing pads are being established. These will be managed by Logistics Cluster partner organisations Handicap International, IMC, and potentially Plan. Locations: Bidur (Nawakot district) and Dhunche (Rasuwa district), Charikot (Dolakha district) and Dhading Besi (Dhading district).
- To date, relief items stored in the hubs have encompassed everything from shelter items, food and medical supplies to forklifts and generators on behalf of partners.