LOCATION: Kathmandu, Nepal
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Situation Overview

- With the opening of the Dhading Besi logistics hub on 15 July, all earthquake-affected districts have now a Logistics Cluster presence.

- In the framework of the Remote Access Operation (RAO), trail rehabilitation is currently ongoing in the Dolakha, Rasuwa and Sindhupalchok districts, and around 129 mt of food, and 104 mt of Non-Food Items (NFIs) have been dispatched to the Gorkha and Dolakha districts. So far, 98 assessments have been completed, covering a total of around 690 Km. Trail rehabilitation has been completed on 120 Km of trails, while 114 Km are currently undergoing rehabilitation.

Air Transport and Cargo Handling

Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA)

- To date, a total of 40,302 m³ (14,368 mt) of cargo has been facilitated through the Logistics Cluster for 124 national and international Non-Governmental Organisations, and UN agencies. From from mid-June to mid-July a total of 16,814 m³ (8,329 mt) of cargo was been handled for 73 organisations.

- The fleet in Kathmandu currently consists of 10 trucks of 6 to 10 mt capacity.

- Around 60 off-road trucks and tractors are operating on a daily basis from Deurali, while around five off-road trucks are operating in Chautara.

Customs


- Organisations can apply to receive duty exemption for relief and recovery items, which are included in the following Government-approved list: http://www.logcluster.org/document/government-approved-list-humanitarian-relief-items-nepal

- To receive duty exemption, organisations should obtain a letter of recommendation from the relevant ministry, which will be then submitted to the Ministry of Finance. If approved, the Ministry of Finance will then issue a letter to the relevant Customs Office granting a tax waiver.

- The duty reduction from 30% to 15% on Corrugated Galvanised Iron (CGI) sheets is still active.

UNHAS

- Four UNHAS-operated Mi8 helicopters (2-2.5mt cargo capacity) mainly dedicated to cargo transport, are currently in country. Two AS350 helicopters for assessment missions and evacuations (max 4 passengers) are also operational.

- Assessment missions with AS350 helicopters are ongoing to identify potential new landing zones in areas for airlift, before the bigger Mi8 helicopters can start moving cargo to these new locations.

- Despite adverse weather conditions due to the monsoon season, which have been causing flight delays and cancellations, UNHAS has conducted to-date, 2,373 sorties to 130 different locations. 2,287 passengers and 1,193 mt of cargo have been transported on behalf of 120 organisations.

Logistics hubs and storage

- Current total storage capacity offered in country to the humanitarian community amounts to over 9,640 m² in Kathmandu, Deurali (Gorkha District), Chautara (Sindhulpachok District), Bharatpur (Chitwan), Dhulikhel (Kabhrepalanchok District), Bidur (Nuwakot District), Dunche (Rasuwa District), Charikot (Dolawa District) and Dhading (Dhading Besi District).

Kathmandu
- The Humanitarian Staging Area (HAS) has eight Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) for a storage capacity of 2,640m² available for short-term storage for humanitarian cargo that continues to enter through Kathmandu International Airport (KTM).

Dhulikhel
- The Dhulikhel hub, managed by Handicap International, has an additional four MSUs for medium-term capacity, with a storage capacity of 1280m².

Chautura
- Four MSUs, for a storage capacity of 1,120m² are available for common storage to position cargo for local operations. Due to the rough terrain of this location, no additional space is available to increase storage capacity.

Deurali
- Seven MSUs for a storage capacity of 1,920m² are operational, with large quantities of cargo in turnover.

Bharatpur
- The staging area in Bharatpur has four MSUs in place, for a storage capacity of 1,280m², to handle inbound cargo from India, as well as to provide additional storage capacity for the operation.

Satellite hubs
- Satellite hubs managed in coordination with NGOs part of the Logistics Cluster, have been established in forward locations to support last mile transport and are operational in Bidur (Nuwakot District), Dunche (Rasuwa District), Charikot (Dolakha District) and Dhading Besi (Dhading district).
- To access all common transport and storage services, a Service Request Form (SRF) is available at: http://www.logcluster.org/document/nepal-service-request-srf

Road Access
- In light of the ongoing monsoon rains, road and trail conditions continue to deteriorate due to frequent landslides. The Logistics Cluster continues to monitor the status of the road in coordination with the government’s Risk Management Office. An Access Constraint map is regularly updated by the Logistics Cluster’s GIS officer. The last Access Constraints Map can be found at: http://www.logcluster.org/map/central-region-access-constraints-map-15-july-2015

Remote Access Operation (RAO)
- In the framework of the Remote Access Operation (RAO), last mile transport into otherwise inaccessible and high-altitude locations is being provided through a three-phase project targeting the five districts of Gorkha, Sidingupalchok, Dolakha, Dhading and Rasuwa. The first phase entails an assessment of the trekking and community trails, in order to establish the need for repairs to ensure security. Phase two is the rehabilitation of the trekking trails, many of which require substantial work due to earthquake damage and landslides. The

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The third phase is the transport of food and Non-Food-Items (NFIs) into the mountain areas using porters and pack animals.

- This operation is designed to complement ongoing road and air transport. The overall goal of this project is not only to provide immediate essential supplies to sustain local communities through the monsoon season, but also to help quake-stricken areas recover much faster.
- Trail rehabilitation is currently ongoing in the Dolakha, Rasuwa and Sindhupalchok districts.
- So far, 98 assessments have been completed, covering a total of around 690 Km. Trail rehabilitation has been completed on 120 Km of trails, while 114 Km of trail are currently undergoing rehabilitation.
- Around 129 mt of food and 104mt of NFIs have been dispatched to the Gorkha and Dholaka districts.
- Organisations requiring transport to remote locations through the porter transport operation, should contact the Logistics Cluster to discuss their requirements. A formal request must also be submitted via the standard SRF procedures.

### Coordination/Information Management/GIS

- Prioritisation for cargo-transport through the services offered by the Logistics Cluster is taking place under the list of priorities approved by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC), in accordance with the mandate of the common services:
  - Sectors in order of priority: 1) Shelter, 2) Food, 3) Health, 4) WASH, 5) Education (emergency components only), 6) Nutrition (emergency components only)
  - Sectors in terms of percentage of cargo to be transported (planned target): Shelter 50%, Food 40%, Other Sectors 10%
  - Geographic coverage: hard-to-reach areas of Gorkha, Dhading, Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Sindhupalchok, Dolakha and areas adjacent to these districts.

- Logistics Cluster coordination cells are in place in Kathmandu, Deurali (Gorkha District) and Chautara (Sindhupalchok District), with weekly coordination meetings.
- So far, over 250 participants from more than 124 organisations have attended Logistics Cluster coordination meetings.
- Updated logistics information and maps are shared via the Logistics Cluster Nepal Operation website: [http://logcluster.org/ops/nepal](http://logcluster.org/ops/nepal) and via a dedicated mailing list.

### Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- Adverse weather conditions, expected to continue throughout the monsoon season, continue to hamper air operations.
- Trail conditions continue to deteriorate, slowing down both rehabilitation and last mile transport using porters, due to frequent landslides.

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