



Nepal National Logistics Cluster Meeting Minutes



LOCATION: Kathmandu, Nepal

DATE: 22 August 2017, 14:00

CHAIR: WFP (as co-chair of the national logistics cluster, chaired by Ministry of Home Affairs)

PARTICIPANTS: Care Nepal, DFID-GIZ Risk Management Office, Mercy Corps, Mission Aviation Fellowship, People In Need, Plan International, Samaritan's Purse, Save the Children, UNFPA, WFP, WHO (11 organisations)

ACTION POINTS

- Organisations were requested to share the contact details of the focal points at the district level to update the logistics cluster contact list.
- Organisations were requested to submit planned logistics activities in the 4Ws matrix.
- Organisations were requested to share updates on road accessibility if they receive from staff in the flood affected districts.

AGENDA

1. Logistics Operational Update
2. Gaps and Constraints
3. AOB

1. Logistics Operational Update

Road Access Constraints

- It is reported that all major highways have re-opened, but there are several sections where only one-way traffic is possible. Please consult the latest road access constraints map.
- An updated road access constraints map is available on the Logistics Cluster Nepal Country page: <http://www.logcluster.org/map/nepal-access-constraints-map-22-august-2017> .

Surface Transport

- Overall sufficient commercial transport capacity is available in the affected districts in the East, Central and West. Local transporters can be reached through the Nepal Transporters association. Contact details are provided in section AOB below.

Air Transportation

- All domestic airports in the floods affected districts are reported to be functional.
- Mission Aviation Fellowship informed that they are able to assist with helicopters or fixed wing coordination through commercial operators in Nepal. If organisation are interested they can directly contact on nep-bookings@maf.org or 9813151797. This number is answered 24/7.

Storage

- Sufficient commercial warehouse space is available in the flood affected areas in East, Central and West. Warehouse and transport capacity information is available at the Logistics Capacity Assessment website: <http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Nepal>

<http://www.logcluster.org/countries/NPL>

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- For warehouse contact information and available capacity in Jhapa, Saptari, Hetauda and Nepalgunj see the logistics cluster minutes of 18 August:
<http://www.logcluster.org/document/nepal-meeting-minutes-18-august-2017>

Fuel

- There are no fuel shortages in the affected area or Kathmandu. Regular fuel supply from India has resumed and Nepal Oil Corporation has substantial fuel reserve in all its depots.

Customs

- According to the Customs Department there is currently no special customs tax exemption for import of relief items for the flood response. (Only standard tax exemption for agencies with an umbrella agreement with the government is applicable, such as the UN).

2. Gaps and Constraints

- Organisations were advised to share the information on road accessibility if they have any updates from their sub-offices and partners in the flood affected districts.
- Currently 66 Village Development Committees are still inaccessible via rural roads for all vehicle types, due to damage to roads and bridges. Rural roads of Rautahat, Mahotarri, Danusha and Saptari districts are most affected.
- Warehouse space in Rautahat district is limited, but storage options are available 20-42km away towards the Mahendra highway.
- There are no gaps in transport, storage and fuel supply.

3. AOB

- The press release by Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) on the “single-window” collection of relief supplies at the central level is still to be clarified due to a Supreme Court verdict against it. All humanitarian agencies may co-ordinate supply and distribution of relief items directly with District Disaster Relief Committee (DDRC), or contribute the supplies in Kathmandu to the “single-window” supply mechanism. Both options are welcomed, as per the information received from Head of Disaster Management Division, MoHA.
- Mr. Kedar Neupane, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs is responsible for overall coordination of response operations and relief items (for further details, please contact National Logistics Cluster).
- Organisations were informed that during the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) meeting, UN resident Coordination Office (UNRCO) has planned to set up a meeting with MoHA to get clear information on the “single-window” collection of relief.

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- Organisations were requested to submit the planned logistics activities in the 4W matrix. UNRCO is producing weekly infographic and map based on the information provided.
- The next National Logistics Coordination meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 14:00 at the HSA, Tribhuvan Airport.

Transporters contact details:

Transporters	Location	Email	Phone No.
Arjun Ranabhat, Federation of Truck Transport Entrepreneurs	Kathmandu	info@fttten.org.np	015531052, 9857025006
Shree Megh Raj Sigdel, Biratnagar Truck Association	Biratnagar		021-523651, 9852021851
Shree Babu Sayeb Jha, Janapur Truck Association	Janakpur		041-522191, 9854026635
Ishwor Bhattarai, Koshi Truck Association	Itahari		025-580590, 586590
Shree Badri Prasad Chaulagain, Narayani Yatayat Association	Hetauda		057-521034, 9855068115
Shree Prakash Adhikari, Mid-Western Truck Association	Surkhet		083-521399, 9848021879
Shree Jagdish Aryal, Saragmatha Truck Association	Rajbiraj		031-526729, 9842820630

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