



Nepal National Logistics Cluster Meeting Minutes



LOCATION: Kathmandu, Nepal

DATE: 29 August 2017, 14:00

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

PARTICIPANTS: IFRC, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Shelter Box, UNICEF, WFP, WHO (six organisations)

ACTION POINTS

- Organisations were advised to speed up the distribution of relief items as local level elections are scheduled to take place on 18 September 2017.
- 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

- 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.
- At Ratu Bridge in Mahotarri district only light vehicles and passenger buses may use the bridge, trucks must cross the river through a diversion. This may cause hours to days delays in case the river water is high.
- 40 Village Development Committee's (VDC) are still inaccessible via rural roads for all vehicle types, due to damage to roads and bridges. Rural roads of Rautahat (6 VDCs), Mahotarri (13 VDCs), Danusha (16 VDCs), Saptari (1 VDC), Banke (3 VDCs) and Kailali (1 VDC) districts are affected.
- An updated road access constraints map is available on the Logistics Cluster Nepal Country page: <http://www.logcluster.org/map/nepal-access-constraints-map-29-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. For contact information see the logistics cluster minutes of 18 August: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/nepal-meeting-minutes-18-august-2017>

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

Upon the request of the Government of Nepal, WFP, as the lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, supports the activities of the Nepal national logistics cluster with coordination of the relief efforts of the humanitarian community and the Government of Nepal.



Nepal National Logistics Cluster Meeting Minutes



Air Transportation

- All domestic airports in the flood affected districts are reported to be functional.
- Mission Aviation Fellowship informed that they can assist with helicopters or fixed wing coordination through commercial operators in Nepal. If organisations 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>
- 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

- The Customs Department confirmed there are no special exemptions for import of relief items. Regular customs clearance procedures are being applied.

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.
- Warehouse space in Gaur, Rautahat district, is limited, but storage options are available in Chandranigapur (Chapur).
- There are no gaps in transport, storage and fuel supply.

3. AOB

- 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).

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

Upon the request of the Government of Nepal, WFP, as the lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, supports the activities of the Nepal national logistics cluster with coordination of the relief efforts of the humanitarian community and the Government of Nepal.



Nepal National Logistics Cluster Meeting Minutes



- Organisations were advised to speed up on their distribution of relief items to flood victims in Province No. 2 as local level election is scheduled on 18 September 2017. The distribution is expected to be kept on halt a week before and after the election once the election code of conduct is executed.
- The next National Logistics Coordination meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 14:00 at the HSA, Tribhuvan Airport.

Contacts:

Jurgen Hulst	<i>Head of Supply Chain and EPR</i>	Jurgen.hulst@wfp.org
Ratindra Khatri	<i>Civil-Mil Coordination Officer</i>	Ratindra.khatri@wfp.org
Ekta Adhikari	<i>Information Management Officer</i>	Ekta.adhikari@wfp.org

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

Upon the request of the Government of Nepal, WFP, as the lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, supports the activities of the Nepal national logistics cluster with coordination of the relief efforts of the humanitarian community and the Government of Nepal.