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11. Dipendra Shrestha,
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13. Harimohan Shrestha, NRCS
14. Hema Shrestha, Action Aid
15. Jagadiswor Ghimire, UNFPA
16. Jurgen Hulst, WFP
17. Manoj Upreti, WFP
18. Max Kabalisa, GHSC-PSM
19. Menuka Rajaure, LWF
20. Mohan Bhatta, Humanity Inclusion
21. Niraj Shrestha, UNDP
22. Prabin Acharya, IPAS Nepal
23. Prahlad Dahal, WHO
24. Prajwol Gautam, ICRC
25. Prashant Upadhyay, Plan International
26. Purna Kumar Yonjan, UNICEF
27. Ram Bahadur Ale, Oxfam
28. Ratindra Khatri, WFP
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30. Salim Rana Magar,
31. Samjana Singh GC, MSIN
32. Shambhu Prasad Regmi, MoHA
33. Shivani Dixit, Care Nepal
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**Agenda:**

1. Nepal Logistics Cluster services
2. Health Logistics Update
3. Monsoon Preparedness
4. International Air transport
5. Gaps or issues and AOB

**Action Points:**

- Share written confirmation about extension of customs exemption for all medical items and health equipment directly related to Covid-19 response by MoF.
- Logistics Cluster members to also share the health supplies information in EDP health coordination sheet for Covid-19 to EDP group. Share donor coordination master sheet with Logistics Cluster members.
- The Logistics Cluster and UNOPS to liaise with government counterparts and the Nepal police to better understand guidelines and rules regarding transport of personal protective equipment.
- Discuss with MoHP, MD on how the health commodities (relatively small) from provincial stores could be transported to district health facilities.

## 1. Nepal Logistics Cluster services

Mr. Jurgen Hulst, Head of Supply Chain and EPR, shared update below on Logistics Cluster:

- The Logistics Cluster transported 0.5 mt of medical supplies for the Health Directorate to Butwal on 4 May 2020.
- The Logistics Cluster received 15 mt medical supplies of MoHP, Management division for storage at the HSA, Kathmandu on Monday, 4 May 2020. The Logistics Cluster will support MoHP in kit packing of the medical supplies before transporting to the provinces.
- The Logistics Cluster shared flight opportunity from Singapore on 8 May 2020 operated by Shree Air.
- MoF has extended customs exemption for all medical items and health equipment directly related to Covid-19 response, this will be duty-free until end of May.
- The Logistics Cluster has challenges with facilitating request of transport of small quantities. The Logistics Cluster cannot transport partial truck loads but can only accept the request if the organisation is ready to wait until there is enough cargo for the same destination for one truck load.

## 2. Health Logistics Update

Ms. Bindi Borg from External Development Partner, Supply Chain Management shared the update below on health logistics:

- There is an urgent request from MoHP for RNA extraction kits.
- Save the Children has provided around 1,500 extraction kits and GIZ is planning to provide around 1,700 extraction kits in near future. Similarly, USAID provided 1,500 RDT test kits. RDT kits are still needed.

Ms Bindi Borg requested Logistics Cluster members to record details of the medical supplies for Covid-19 that are being distributed or donated to GoN in EDP health donor coordination tool. Eventually, the details will transition to eLMIS system. This will help MoHP to track all supplies that are being contributed.

Ms Bindi Borg also informed that the service user points at health facilities at local levels aren't getting the stocks that they need, even when those stocks exist in their district or Provincial health store. He requested Logistics Cluster members, working with health facilities, if there is any way of assisting the health facilities to get their stocks from the district or provincial health store.

## 3. Monsoon Preparedness

Mr Shambhu Prasad Regmi, Chief of NEOC, MoHA shared update below on monsoon Preparedness:

- MoHA jointly with UNRCO is planning to update the monsoon Preparedness plan.
- Received stockpile update for monsoon Preparedness from 12 agencies.

Mr Jurgen Hulst informed that the stockpile master sheet has been shared with ESUPS, a global stockpile analysis working group, to analyse the stockpile information and provide set of recommendation per cluster on how the stockpile can be.

#### 4. International Air transport

Mr. Jurgen Hulst shared update below on International Air transport

- WFP has started global air transport services "Emergency Service Market Place" for cargo transport. The platform is available here: <https://emergency.servicemarketplace.wfp.org/>

#### 5. Gaps or issues and AOB

Logistics gaps or issues raised by participants and discussed were:

- Unavailability of PPE and Covid-19 health supplies on the global market.
- Lack of storage space for PPE and Health supplies in Provinces 1 and 2 as indicated by MoHP.
- A lack of international airfreight capacity to Nepal. (Hope this has been solved now by start of cargo services from China by WFP)
- Ms. Bindi Borg asked for a suggestion on how the health commodities (relatively small) from provincial and district stores could be transported to district health facilities. Mr. Manoj Upreti from WFP clarified that, as per his previous discussion with MoHP, MD, it was the practice that health facilities arranged their own transport to pick up supplies from sub-national stores. Mr. Max Kabalisa further clarified that the health commodities from the provincial stores to district or sub-national stores are transported by PHLMC, but transportation has been affected due to movement restrictions, due to the lockdown. UNICEF advised that they have managed to distribute all RUTF supplies to the health facilities and that this was made possible by obtaining transport permission from the CDO's. Since current transport restrictions do not apply to essential services and products, such as health supplies, this can be taken as an example of a good practice which can be used by health facilities affected by supply shortages.
- The Logistics Cluster members agreed for a bi-weekly Logistics cluster meeting for Covid-19. Therefore, the next Logistics Cluster will be conducted tentatively on 22 May 2020.

In case of other gaps, questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact the Logistics Cluster:

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