

Date: 22 May 2020, 11:00 – 12:00

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8. Buddhi Tamang, WHO
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13. Harimohan Shrestha, NRCS
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17. Kailash Shrestha, CRS
18. Manoj Upreti, WFP
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20. Menuka Rajaure, LWF
21. Mohan Bhatta, Humanity Inclusion
22. Niraj Shrestha, UNDP
23. Poojan Shrestha, WHO
24. Prajwol Gautam, ICRC
25. Prashant Khadka, IFRC
26. Prashant Upadhyay, Plan International
27. Rajendra Raj Bhandari, WHH
28. Rajesh Kumar Halwai, WHO
29. Ram Bahadur Ale, Oxfam
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31. Sandesh Adhikari, LWF
32. Salim Rana Magar,
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34. Shambhu Prasad Regmi, MoHA
35. Shivani Dixit, Care Nepal
36. Shobha Shrestha, IOM
37. Sumit Dugar, DFID
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Meeting Chaired by: Mr. Shambhu Prasad Regmi, Chief of NEOC, MOHA

General Highlights:

- The minutes of the last Logistics Cluster meeting (8 May) were reviewed and endorsed.

Agendas:

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

Action Points:

- Logistics Cluster to discuss with MoHA to see if it is possible to get mechanism to allow blanket transport permit for medical supplies for Covid-19.
- Logistics Cluster to check with MoHP if medical certification, while going out and coming in to Kathmandu, is required for the vehicle (driver and helper) assigned by Logistics Cluster to transport medical supplies of partners to the provinces. The updated directives issued by GoN

states that medical certification is required while going out and coming in to Kathmandu. Bishal from ACF to send more information about what specifically the problem is with transporting staff to the field. Logistics Cluster to follow up with UNRCO.

- Logistics Cluster partners to provide forecast of medical items in the pipeline and destination they anticipate transporting the supplies. Logistics Cluster will explore if transport rates can be established accordingly.
- Ms Bindi Borg to share the specification of the PCR kits with UNOPS.

1. Nepal Logistics Cluster services

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

- Shared possible flight info. of four flights (14th, 18th, 22nd and 25th of May).
- Nepali Army received 36.3 mt medical supplies from China through air and road, respectively, on 19th of May. Currently the supplies are store at TIA Nepali Army base.
- A second Mobile Storage Unit was provided to Nepal Army for storage of G2G supplies.
- Received 21 mt medical supplies of MoHP, MD for storage at the HSA on Wednesday, 20th of May.
- Transported three trucks, 14.5 mt medical supplies for MoHP, Care Nepal and Lutheran World Federation to provinces on 17th, 18th and 20th of May.
- Pending transport request from DCA Act alliance and IPAS.
- Requested the government for permission of WFP passenger flights Nepal-Kuala Lumpur. Following up with the government to receive the permission.
- A meeting was held between MoHP, MD, Nepali Army and Logistics Cluster to coordinate the medical supplies that are being received and also storage and distribution to the provinces and storage in the provinces as well. Agreed to conduct quick assessment of storage capacity in provinces, which is now ongoing.

Logistics Constraints/gaps:

- Lack of international availability of PPE and COVID-19 supplies.
- Lack of storage space for PPE & Health supplies in Provinces 1 and 2.
- GoN urgently requested: RNA extraction kits, viral transport media and RDT test kits.

2. Health Logistics Update

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

- More community transmission increasing with more complicated cases. The testing -strategy of the GoN has changed to PCR testing. GoN received large shipment of PCR test and have about a month supply. New quantification will be for 10,000 cases. Urgent need for RNA extraction kits. Other urgent need; assistance in quarantine facilities, need commodity, infrastructure improvement and technical assistance.

3. Monsoon Preparedness

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

- NDRRMA and NEOC are updating the stockpiles at province and district warehouses. Formulation of monsoon preparedness plan is under process. DAOs have been requested to update their monsoon prepared plan.

4. International Air transport

Mr. Jurgen Hulst shared update below on International Air transport

- Register in WFP aviation to import supplies to Nepal. Available to all UN agencies and INGOS and cargo transport is free of cost. Link to the WFP aviation website; <https://emergency.servicemarketplace.wfp.org/>
- Logistics Cluster has requested for permission from the GoN to start passenger transport service from Nepal. Tentatively the first flight will be Sunday, 31st of May to Kuala Lumpur and from Kuala Lumpur there are possibilities to connect to commercial flights. Once the passenger transport service is confirmed, Logistics Cluster will send a flyer with all information on how the service can be accessed.

5. Gaps or issues and AOB

Logistics gaps or issues raised by participants and discussed were:

- Mr. Ratindra Khatri informed that the Logistics Cluster has been coordination with CCMC, MoHP, Management Division, NEOC, MoHA and Nepali Army for Covid-19 response. Partners can reach out to the Logistics Cluster if there is any issue related to Civil Military Coordination.
- 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 5th of June.

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

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