

**Date: 05 June 2020, 10:15 – 11:00**

## Participants

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5. Bishal Newar, ACF
6. Buddhi Tamang, WHO
7. Charles Callanan, UNOPS
8. Dil Gurung, Care Nepal
9. Deepak Bhatt, Mercy Corps
10. Harimohan Shrestha, NRCS
11. Jagadiswor Ghimire, UNFPA
12. Jurgen Hulst, WFP
13. Kailash Shrestha, CRS
14. Manoj Upreti, WFP
15. Madan Gyawali, Save the Children
16. Menuka Rajaure, LWF
17. Murari Wasti, MoHA
18. Niraj Shrestha, UNDP
19. Prabin Acharya, IPAS Nepal
20. Prashant Khadka, IFRC
21. Prashant Upadhyay, Plan International
22. Rajendra Raj Bhandari, WHH
23. Rajesh Kumar Halwai, WHO
24. Rahul Pradhan, WHO
25. Ram Bahadur Ale, Oxfam
26. Ratindra Khatri, WFP
27. Roshan Phuyal, CRS
28. Salim Rana Magar,
29. Samjana Singh GC, MSIN
30. Shivani Dixit, Care Nepal
31. Shobha Shrestha, IOM
32. Steven Wells, WFP
33. Sumit Dugar, DFID
34. Sumita Shrestha,
35. Umesh Gupta, WFP
36. Upendra B. Singh, WVI
37. Yaju Shrestha, UNOPS

**Meeting Chaired by:** Mr. Murari Wasti, Chief of NEOC, MOHA

## General Highlights:

- Mr. Murari Wasti, newly appointed Chief of NEOC and Mr. Steve Wells, Logistics Cluster Coordinator introduced themselves to the attendees of the meeting. Followed by a round of introduction by the attendees.
- Mr. Ratindra Khatri briefed that the government has announced plans for repatriation of Nepalis with up to 10 flights per day that will be permitted. Similarly, the health advisory for incoming passengers has been updated.
- The minutes of the last National Logistics Cluster meeting (22 May) were reviewed and endorsed.

## Agendas:

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

## Action Points:

- WFP to follow-up with MoF to clarify the current customs duty exemption directive.
- Bindi to share the source of information and locations where there is still a gap in transport capacity to transport medical supplies from district medical stores to health facilities.
- Partners to share a forecast of medical items in the pipeline and destinations they plan to transport the supplies to, with the National Logistics Cluster, to enable planning of storage capacity and establishing transport rates for new destinations.
- WFP to share information on how to access the eLMIS and ensure the data will be entered.

## 1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster services

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

- Shared flight info. of 11 flights on different dates for 22<sup>nd</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> of June.
- The first WFP air passenger flight for outbound passengers, landed in TIA, Kathmandu on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, with 3.8 MT of medical supplies for UNICEF, WFP and US embassy.
- The National Logistics Cluster common transport and storage services for the COVID-19 response have been extended until end of July.
- The National Logistics Cluster services have been funded by DFAT, Australian embassy. A proposal to the UNRCO multi donor trust fund is in process and we anticipate receiving additional funds from DFID which would extend services for 6 months till October. This is still to be confirmed.
- In the process of preparing contracts for transport from Provincial headquarters of Province 1, Province 2, Province 3, Gandaki and Province 5 to district headquarters. This will be announced as soon as this service are ready to start.
- Transported medical supplies of Provincial Health Directorate, Karnali Province, WHO, WFP, Save the Children DanChurchAID and IPAS Nepal to Provinces on different dates for 22<sup>nd</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> of June.
- Storage: 1.5 MSU is full of medical supplies of MD, MoHP at the HSA KTM. In addition, 2 MSUs loaned to Nepali Army are full of medical supplies procured through G2G.
- Waiting for the distribution plan from MD, MoHP, to dispatch supplies to the provinces.
- Till date dispatched Approx. 28.5 MT (285 cbm) of cargo of medical items.

## 2. Health Logistics Update

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

- Government Priority commodities are still PCR-RT test-kits and Viral Transport Media.
- Continue to face a transport gap of medical supplies (family planning and MCH) from districts health stores to points of use, to health facilities.
- Coordination: Donated commodities must be entered in the eLMIS; the format and procedure has been shared on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, which can be entered at health facilities that have the eLMIS, or it can be sent directly to Management Division to be entered.

### 3. Monsoon Preparedness

Mr. Murari Wasti, Chief of NEOC, MoHA shared update below on monsoon preparedness:

- For monsoon preparedness, the season has already started (Jun-Aug). MoHA normally prepares the central guidelines and CDO's make district disaster preparedness plans. The new guidelines have been prepared for this season, but they are not yet approved, but will be soon. This year includes also the COVID-19 emergency, which will make it extra difficult to prepare and respond.

Mr Jurgen Hulst informed that the UN consolidated monsoon ERP is in the process of being finalized by the UNRCO. All the clusters have sent their inputs this week. UNRCO will coordinate this with NDRRMA and MoHA to finalize the ERP.

Update by agencies on their relief stockpiles that were prepositioned for monsoon preparedness, but have also been used now in support of the COVID-19 response;

- Plan International has distributed NFI for COVID-19 prepositioned in Nepalgunj and Hetauda but also started already procurement to replenish stocks.
- NRCS has distributed extra NFI, blankets and tarps for COVID-19, now stocks are running low and they are working with IFRC to procure new NFI to replenish stocks.
- Mercy corps: prepared around 200 NFI kits and are now procuring new items.
- Save the Children: Distributed items like tents, mosquito nets, tarpaulins and other NFI from their warehouses in Provinces for COVID-19. Planning to replenish the items through local procurement.
- UNFPA: Reproductive Health kits are prepositioned. Planning to support with additional 1000 PPEs, 20,000 gloves and 20,000 masks focussing on SRH services.
- ACF is planning to distribute hygiene kits and sanitation items.

### 4. Gaps or issues and AOB

- Lack of international availability of PPE and COVID-19 supplies.
- GoN urgently requested: PCR-RT test-kits and Viral Transport Media.
- Transport gap of medical supplies from district medical stores to health facilities.
- The National Logistics Cluster members agreed for a bi-weekly meeting for COVID-19. Therefore, the next National Logistics Cluster will be conducted tentatively on 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

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

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