

**Date: 03 July 2020, 10:30 – 11:30**

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

## General Highlight:

- The minutes of the last Logistics cluster meeting (19<sup>th</sup> of June) was reviewed and endorsed.

## Agenda:

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

## Action Points:

- WFP to follow-up with Ministry of Finance to clarify the customs duty exemption directive.
- Follow up with GHSC-PSM regarding locations where there is a gap with transport of medical supplies from district medical stores to health facilities.
- WFP to follow up with United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (UNRCO) to clarify process to obtain permission for staff movement to the field.

## 1. Nepal Logistics Cluster Services

The following updates were shared regarding the National Logistics Cluster services:

- The fourth WFP air passenger flight landed in TIA, Kathmandu on Wednesday, 1st of July. The flight brought 14 inbound passengers and 28 outbound passengers from humanitarian agencies boarded the flight to Kuala Lumpur same day.
- Information shared for 3 flights that are taking place during the reporting period (Qatar Airlines 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Turkish Airlines 4<sup>th</sup> July and Everest Miracles 4<sup>th</sup> July).
- Two MSU's were loaned to the COVID-19 Crisis Management Center (CCMC) and one of them was set up as a waiting area for repatriated Nepali citizens at Tribhuvan International Airport.
- A logistics planning meeting was held between MD, MoHP, Nepali Army and WFP at the HSA on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss about upstream supplies expected, downstream storage and transport capacity needed and to follow up on provincial storage assessment and alternate storage sites. MoHP will provide the Nepal National Logistics Cluster with the planned quantities of supplies that will be procured and distribution planning of the remaining medical items.
- The Nepal National Logistics Cluster expanded its transport services for medicines, medical supplies and medical equipment for COVID-19 response from Provincial capitals to all District HQ's, as of 2<sup>nd</sup> of July.
- 4 trucks transported 7.6 MT each (76 cbm in total) of medical supplies for MD, MoHP and Save the Children to Provinces on 25<sup>th</sup> of June. Till date transported approx. 134.3 MT (1343 cbm) of cargo of medical items.

## 2. Health Logistics Update

No representation from the EDP-SCM sub-group, therefore no health logistics update was provided this time.

## 3. Monsoon Preparedness

MoHA shared the update below on monsoon preparedness:

- After the start of the monsoon two weeks ago, 18 people have died due to landslides and 20 people due to lightning strikes.
- The monsoon preparedness plan was endorsed by MoHA two weeks ago. COVID-19 response plan has been merged with the monsoon preparedness plan this year. Roles and responsibilities of all the sectors have been included and stated clearly in the response plan. The plan can be downloaded from the DRR Portal: <http://drportal.gov.np/uploads/document/1629.pdf>

Update by agencies on monsoon preparedness:

- NRCS has NFI kits prepositioned for 11,000 households at 12 different warehouses across the country. They are in the process of procuring 18,000 blankets and 6,000 tarpaulins for monsoon preparedness. NFIs have been prepositioned by 77 district chapters. NRCS monsoon preparedness and monsoon plan was presented to NDRRMA.
- MoHA has received 28 boats (5 aluminum and 23 inflatable) with outboard engines, from WFP, which have been dispatched to 12 districts at risk of flooding.
- MoHA's NFIs such as tarpaulins, blankets, cloths etc. stored at the HSA in Kathmandu have been dispatched to be prepositioned in the districts at risk of flooding. Similarly, WFP is planning to

provide logistics support to the MoHA to transport hygiene kits, tarpaulins, mosquito nets and bedsheets which will be prepositioned in the provinces for monsoon preparedness.

- WFP informed that stockpile data shared with ESUPS is currently being analyzed by two universities and hopefully the analysis will be ready by next week. This analysis will be per cluster with recommendations regarding locations and specific quantities of NFI needed.

#### 4. Gaps or issues and AOB

- ACF informed that they have managed to get customs clearance for 40,000 N95-masks for COVID-19 response. The MoHP gave clearance after they provided information about the medical items being bought and the portion of masks to be distributed by the Government.
- NRCS has handed over medical items such as masks, boots with covers and sanitizers to the MoHP. In addition, they are in the process of procuring PPE from the local market and to check the quality and standards of the PPE. NRCS will seek help from the medical council and bio-engineers.
- WFP inquired with Tribhuvan Airport authorities about damage to cargo received with the June 3<sup>rd</sup> flight from Malaysia. The airport authorities said they will investigate and will inform WFP on this matter. The airport authorities will ensure that such type of incident will not occur again in the future.
- Regarding Quality Assurance for PPE, WFP advised one should include in the procurement specifications the right quality standard for PPE. As a next step, buying organizations should request the supplier to provide samples and inspect the samples. Before taking delivery of the shipment, buying organizations should hire a third-party inspection agency who can inspect the PPE according to the quality standard and if necessary, submit samples to an ISO-certified laboratory, to be tested against the quality standard.
- UNICEF has received 3 shipments of PPE via the WFP air passenger flights till date. Additional PPE is in the pipeline for delivery to Nepal. UNICEF has been also purchasing small portions of medical items such as gloves, thermometers, sanitizer from the local market. UNICEF procurement unit is inspecting and checking the quality of medical items procured through local market, to ensure that it meets WHO standards.
- Humanity Inclusion is in the process of procuring PPE from the local market but is facing difficulties to procure PPE due to the new guidelines published by the Government, which require local vendors to get a Quality Assurance (QA) certificate from the Government to sell the PPE. The vendors are facing difficulties to get QA certificates from the government.
- CARE Nepal to contact WFP for guidance on the process and procedures for inbound passengers.
- UNICEF inquired if WFP could provide the shipping documents of the cargo that is being brought in WFP flights 2-3 days in advance. WFP informed that getting shipping documents is the responsibility of respective organizations and organizations should contact their HQ's to get those documents. WFP only takes cares of passenger lists and flight permissions.
- The next Nepal National Logistics cluster meeting will be conducted tentatively on 17<sup>th</sup> of July.



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

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