

Date: 31 July 2020, 11:00 – 12:00

Participants

Action Contre la Faim; Care Nepal; Catholic Relief Services; Department For International Development; International Committee of the Red Cross; International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent; MoHA; Mountain Child; Nepal Red Cross Society; Oxfam; People In Need; Plan International; Save the Children; USAID; WFP; WHO

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

Agendas:

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

Action Points:

- WFP to check with the MoHA and provide more information on the travel restriction recently announced by the MoHA.
- Check where the quarantine centers will go after government's recent decision to remove them from the schools.

1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster services

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

- Second access constraints map as of July 21st was prepared and shared with National Logistics Cluster members, MoHA and UNRCO.
- Planning to support Management Division, Ministry of Health and Population and Nepali Army to transport medical items in coming weeks.
- Till date transported approx. 1,894 cbm medical supplies and NFIs for COVID-19 and Monsoon preparedness.
- The sixth WFP air passenger flight landed in TIA, Kathmandu on Wednesday, 29th of July. The flight brought 214 kgs of cold chain medical supplies for UNICEF and 51 inbound passengers and 47 outbound passengers from humanitarian agencies, boarded the flight to Kuala Lumpur same day.
- The next passenger flight is scheduled for August 12th
- The National Logistics Cluster continues to have Cargo Space and Transport Services, free of charge, for COVID and Monsoon related activities from Kathmandu, Nepalgunj and Dhangadhi HSA's.
- The National Logistics Cluster services for transport and storage have been extended until October 31st.

2. Health Logistics Update

USAID on behalf of the External Development Partners, Supply Chain Management group shared the update below on health logistics:

- The automated RNA extraction machines and reagents have arrived. The machines are in operations in central level and being distributed with one per province.
- Medical items procured through Government to Government and stored at the warehouse in the airport are being distributed in the provinces by CCMC.
- The lab items stock seems to be sufficient and have been distributed to various labs. More lab items are coming through UNICEF and further procurement is being done by UNOPS.
- Intensive care unit medicines are being distributed from central stored provinces and more are on the way.
- Analyzing consumption of medical items is proving a bit difficult even though e-LMIS has been rolled out fast and far and wide.
- Requested all members working with health facilities to encourage them to use e-LMIS and keep it updated so that current picture of consumption is known.
- UNFPA has procured 500,000 pcs of misoprostol.
- Stock of Depo-Provera are running low. There is a procurement underway and hoping to speed up the procurement.

3. Monsoon Preparedness

MoHA shared the update below on monsoon preparedness:

- 38 districts have been affected by landslides and 20 districts have been affected by flood since the start of the monsoon till date. 166 people have died, 56 people are missing, and 102 people have been injured. In addition, more than 1000 families have been affected and transferred to safe places.
- Requested the National Logistics Cluster members to also parallelly support the monsoon response.

Update by agencies on monsoon preparedness;

- NRCS informed that they have prepositioned dignity kits and have distributed PPE sets and disinfectant items in the provinces. Medical equipment such as ventilators are in the process of distribution. PPE sets, surgical mask and N95 mask received from Singapore are being distributed in the provinces. As a part of monsoon preparedness, wash and hygiene kits have been prepositioned in the provinces. Medical items such as goggles, face shields, gum boots, aprons were handed over to Surkhet eye hospital. NRCS emergency unit clinic has been formed to respond to waterborne diseases and the dengue outbreak in the country. The unit can be deployed within 24 hrs for response. Requested if any of the members could support with PPE sets for their deployment team. As per the data received from Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA), 3,200 NFIs sets have been dispatched to the district chapter.
- CARE Nepal informed that with the help of National Logistics Cluster, they transported 100 NFIs for monsoon preparedness to Kaski district. 500 different NFIs were dispatched to Kailali for the

people affected by the recent landslide in the district. Similarly, they also provided NFIs to people affected by landslides in Sindupalchowk, Jajarkot, Tanahu and few other districts. The NFIs prepositioned in Nepalgunj office are currently being replenished.

- IFRC informed that 6,000 blankets are in pipeline from Guangzhou, China. They are expecting to receive the blankets in August. 20,000 blankets from India are also in the process of procurement. Tender finalizations in the process for 1,000 hygiene kits, which will be handed to NRCS once procured. Planning to procure 7,500 pcs of mosquito nets.
- Plan International informed that they have procured NFIS and dignity kits for monsoon preparedness and these NFIS and dignity kits are prepositioned in their warehouse in Sunsari, Makwanpur and Banke districts. NFIs in Banke (Nepalgunj) warehouse will also cover Jumla and Kalikot districts. Therefore, an assessment team from Plan International is exploring for the possibilities to support victims of a recent landslide in Kalikot.

4. Gaps or issues and AOB

- WFP clarified that Diplomats, staff of UN, International Organizations, and their dependents will be permitted by MoFA to enter Nepal if they provide a letter of endorsement from their organization stating the official purpose of their visit to Nepal. INGO staff require a letter of endorsement from their line Ministry, as well as a letter from their organization stating the official purpose of their visit before applying for MoFA approval to enter Nepal at this time. In addition, a COVID declaration & quarantine form needs to be filled out and the bar code should be provided at customs clearance. Link to the form: https://ccmc.gov.np/arms/person_add_en.php.
- IFRC requested if any cluster members have procured mattress locally and if they could see the mattresses, this would help them finalize specification for 5,000 pcs of mattresses they are planning to procure in the future.
- Care Nepal inquired if WFP can provide transport service for medical items for COVID-19 from Calcutta to Kathmandu. WFP informed that any request for medical items for COVID-19 can be made through the emergency service website for international request here; <https://emergency.servicemarketplace.wfp.org/>

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

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