Nepal National Logistics Cluster Meeting Minutes

Date: 11th September 2020, 11:00 – 12:00

Participants (in alphabetical order)

1. Care Nepal
2. Christian Aid
3. Humanity and Inclusion Nepal
4. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
5. International Organization for Migration (IOM)
6. IPAS Nepal
7. Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
8. Marie Stopes Nepal
9. Mountain Child
10. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS)
11. Oxfam Nepal
12. People in Need (PIN)
13. Plan International Nepal
14. Save the Children
15. United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
16. United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
17. Welthungerhilfe (WHH)
18. World Food Programme (WFP)
19. World Health Organization (WHO)

Agendas:

1. Monsoon Preparedness and response
2. Nepal National Logistics Cluster services
3. Health logistics update
4. Presentation of the ESUPS stockpile report
5. Gaps or issues and AOB

General Highlight:
The minutes of the last meeting was reviewed and endorsed.

Action Points:

• Share slides of the ESUPS stockpile report presentation with the minutes.

1. Monsoon Preparedness and response
   Update by agencies on monsoon preparedness and COVID-19:
   • People-In-Need is planning to procure hygiene kits for the people affected by landslides in Sindupalchowk, Gorkha and Dhading districts.
   • IFRC informed that they have initiated national and international procurement of NFIs, which includes an additional 6,000 blankets. 6,000 tarpaulins were received in Kathmandu on 29th August. 2,000 hygiene kits were received and handed over to NRCS. Three search and rescue boats were dispatched to Udaypur, Saptari and Sunsari districts. 8,000 mosquito nets were received through WFP flights. Procurement of 1,350 dignity kits, 5,000 sleeping mats, 2,000 plastic buckets and 400,000 water purification tablets are in process.
2. Nepal National Logistics Cluster services

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

- The WFP air service to Kathmandu has been halted, with a final flight on September 9th, because international commercial flights resumed on September 1st. The air service can be resumed if flight restrictions are re-imposed.
- The WFP flight of September 9th carried 2.5 MT of cargo for IFRC and WFP, 24 inbound passengers and 18 outbound passengers to Kuala Lumpur.
- Transported 6 trucks, 19.6 MT (115.6 CBM) NFIs and medical items of Government of Nepal and humanitarian agencies to the provinces.
- 5,000 family tents of MoHA were received at the HSA, Kathmandu for storage.
- A user satisfaction survey of the National Logistics Cluster common services for COVID-19 response was launched on September 3rd. Members were requested to provide their feedback on the survey before the deadline on September 11th.

3. Health Logistics Update

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

- The e-LMIS, that tracks the health commodities contributions, is still rolling out. Requested all participants of the meeting to record their health commodities in the e-LMIS.
- A meeting was held to discuss and clarify the process to obtain a customs duty waiver for COVID-19, which concluded there is no fast track process to obtain a customs duty waiver, but the government has committed to expedite the process for COVID-19 commodities.
- The priority commodities at this stage are RNA extraction and PCR kits. Tender notice has been published for these items by the Government, including PPE.
• Requested to contact Management Division at Department of Health Services if agencies would like to contribute health commodities and ensure that they are recorded in e-LMIS.
• A shipment of Depo Provera is in the pipeline. There is a low stock of Oxytocin, Amoxicillin, Zinc and ORS. Procurement of Oxytocin and Misoprostal is under way. Vaccines are low in stock, but shipments are in the pipeline, except for the Pentavalent vaccine.

4. Presentation of the ESUPS stockpile report
WFP presented on the stockpile analysis done by Emergency Supply Pre-positioning Strategy (ESUPS) based on stockpile data that was shared on April 30th, 2020. ESUPS is a working group to promote coordinated pre-positioning of emergency supplies, with the goal to reduce gaps and overlaps in emergency preparedness and improve coordination among humanitarian actors.

5. Gaps or issues and AOB
• No logistics gaps or issues were reported and no AOB.

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

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