

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 11:00 – 12:00**

## **Participants**

1. Action Against Hunger (ACF)
2. Care Nepal
3. Christian Aid
4. Department for International Development (DFID)
5. Humanity and Inclusion Nepal
6. International Organization for Migration (IOM)
7. Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)
8. Mountain Child
9. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS)
10. Oxfam Nepal
11. People in Need (PIN)
12. Plan International Nepal
13. Save the Children
14. United Mission to Nepal (UMN)
15. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
16. United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
17. United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
18. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
19. United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
20. World Food Programme (WFP)
21. World Health Organization (WHO)

## **Agendas:**

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

## **General Highlight:**

The minutes of the last meeting was reviewed and endorsed.

## **Action Points:**

- The USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program-Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) to inform Mountain Child about quantity of PPE distributed to health facilities in Gorkha and Jumla districts.

### **1. Monsoon preparedness and response**

MoHA shared the update below on monsoon preparedness:

- More than 700 events of landslides across the country have been reported till date. 344 people have died, 109 people are missing, and 107 people have been injured due to floods and landslides incidents in various districts across the country. Human casualties have been reported in 52 districts. GoN has declared Sindhupalchowk and Baglung districts as crisis-hit districts. The government is planning to reconstruct the disaster-ravaged physical infrastructure in these districts.

Update by agency on monsoon preparedness and COVID-19:

- WHO informed that they have received 764,000 masks from Alibaba Foundation. The plan is to store the masks at Humanitarian Staging Area in Kathmandu before handing over them to the government next week. They also expect to receive 100,000 gloves and PCR test kits. Currently, they have 51 oxygen concentrators in stock and are waiting for arrival of spare parts to handover these oxygen concentrators to the government.
- People-In-Need informed that they distributed dignity kits in Ghumtang Village Development Committee (VDC) of Sindhupalchowk district. They are also planning to distribute dignity kits in other VDCs of Sindhupalchowk district.
- Save the Children informed that with support from the National Logistics Cluster, they dispatched 2 trucks medical items to Province 2 and Karnali Province. They also distributed NFIs prepositioned for monsoon response to the landslide affected districts and are in the process of replenishing those NFIs.
- UNICEF informed that with support from the National Logistics Cluster, they dispatched nutrition items from Central Medical Store of Logistics Management Division in Pathlaiya, Bara to the provincial headquarters. They also dispatched educational items to the provincial headquarters from field offices and Country Office in Kathmandu. They have received oxygen concentrators from their regional hub in China which are currently stored at the HSA in Kathmandu. The plan is to handover the oxygen concentrators to the government.

## 2. Nepal National Logistics Cluster services

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

- Transported 5 trucks, 57 MT (136 CBM) super cereal of Management Division (MD), Ministry of Health and Pollution (MOHP) transported to various districts. Similarly, transported 1 truck, 3.5 MT (16 CBM) Shelter and wash items of NRCS from Kathmandu to Bagmati Province (Sindhupalchowk).
- Requests have been received from MoHA, GIZ and Save the Children to transport NFIs and medical items to the provinces.
- Received 3.226 MT (25.21 CBM) medical items of WHO for storage at the HSA, Kathmandu.
- Till date, transported approx. 750 MT (4,115 CBM) medical supplies and NFIs for COVID-19 and monsoon response.
- 2 new staff have been deployed to Province 1 and 2, effective 15<sup>th</sup> September, to assist Provincial and Local government and humanitarian agencies with the National Logistics Cluster services for COVID-19 response.
- The Nepal Logistics capacity assessment website has been updated with the latest customs clearance process and tax and duty waiver requirements, including the 2017 Customs clearance procedure for relief materials documents (link to the website: [Nepal Customs Information](#)).

## 3. Health Logistics Update

USAID on behalf of the External Development Partners, Supply Chain Management (EDP-SCM) group shared the update below on health logistics:

- The Electronic Logistics Management Information System (e-LMIS), that tracks the health commodities contributions and stocks, continues to roll out at district level. The e-LMIS has been rolled out at the local level of Province 7 and Gandaki Province will be next. All participants of the meeting were requested to ensure their COVID-19 and non COVID-19 health commodities will be recorded in the e-LMIS by the recipients.
- The EDP-SCM group is planning to restart the regular logistics and supply chain management working group meeting with the Management Division. The group has been inactive for the last six months or so.
- Management Division has been requested to provide a health commodity stock report so that the commodities provided by MD can be at least tracked at the district level.
- Management division has procured 300,000 PCR and RNA extraction kits, which are in the pipeline. Similarly, UNFPA is procuring PPE for the government and a service delivery partner.

#### 4. Gaps or issues and AOB

- UNICEF inquired if it was possible to get login access to e-LMIS to see the records of their contributions of health commodities for COVID-19. USAID on behalf of the EDP-SCM group informed that until now there has been limited access to the e-LMIS. But agencies seeking information of a particular commodity can request MD or GHSC-PSM for the information.
- ACF inquired if the WFP transport service has been interrupted due to recent landslides in the highways. WFP informed that no transport interruption by the landslide has been reported.
- Mountain Child inquired if PPE was being sent out to the clinics in the rural municipalities of Gorkha and Jumla districts. These clinics had informed them that they did not receive sufficient PPE. GHSC-PSM to inform Mountain Child about the quantity PPE distributed to health facilities in Gorkha and Jumla districts.

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

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