

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 11:00 – 12:00**

## Participants

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| 1. Action Against Hunger (ACF)                     | 14. Plan International Nepal                                   |
| 2. Care Nepal                                      | 15. Save the Children  |
| 3. Catholic Relief Services                        | 16. United Mission to Nepal (UMN)                              |
| 4. Humanity and Inclusion Nepal                    | 17. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)                    |
| 5. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) | 18. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)                |
| 6. International Organization for Migration (IOM)  | 19. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) |
| 7. IPAS Nepal                                      | 20. WeltHungerHilfe (WHH)                                      |
| 8. Lutheran World Federation (LWF)                 | 21. World Food Programme (WFP)                                 |
| 9. Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)                 | 22. World Health Organization (WHO)                            |
| 10. Mountain Child                                 |  |
| 11. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS)                 |  |
| 12. Oxfam Nepal                                    |  |
| 13. People in Need (PIN)                           |  |

## Agendas:

1. Nepal Logistics Cluster services
2. Health logistics update
3. User satisfaction survey results
4. Gaps or issues and AOB

## General Highlight:

- The minutes of the last meeting was reviewed and endorsed.

## 1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster services

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

- On 18<sup>th</sup> November, 1 truck with 7.5mt (32 cbm) medical items of Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN) from Banke (Nepalgunj) to Achham (Mangalsen).
- On 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November, 5 trucks with 39.8 mt (162 cbm) medical items of Provincial Health Logistics Management Center (PHLMC), Province 2 from Dhanusha (Janakpur) to Rautahat (Gaur), Siraha (Siraha), Saptari (Rajbiraj), Parsa (Birgunj) and Sarlahi (Malangwa) districts.
- On 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2 trucks with 2.5 mt (20 cbm) medical items of PHLMC, Karnali Province from Banke (Nepalgunj) to Dolpa (Dunai) and Mugu (Gangadi) districts.
- Till date, transported approx. 1086 mt (5,236 cbm) NFIs and medical supplies for COVID-19 and monsoon response.
- Till date, stored approx. 183.1 mt (1,032.8 cbm) medical items and NFIs for COVID-19 and monsoon response at the Humanitarian Staging Areas in Kathmandu, Nepalgunj and Dhangadhi.

## 2. Health Logistics Update

- Care Nepal received 500,000 face shields that are currently stored at the Humanitarian Staging Areas (HSAs) in Kathmandu, Nepalgunj and Dhangadi. They handed over the face shields to the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. They will support the MoHP in distributing the face shields to the health facilities in the provinces.
- Till date, UNICEF has distributed Covid-19 medical supplies such as oxygen concentrators, PPE etc to 17 hospitals in Kathmandu and 38 hospitals outside Kathmandu. They are also planning to distribute more medical supplies in future. Similarly, they also recently delivered medical supplies and NFIs (blankets) to Namkha, a remote village in Humla district.

## 3. User Satisfaction Survey Results

- WFP presented the results of the User Satisfaction survey of the National Logistics Cluster services with the participants.

## 4. Gaps or issues and AOB

- UNICEF informed that one of their trucks to Janakpur carrying medical supplies for Covid-19 was stopped by Nepal Police for unknown reason in Kavre Bhanjyang on 26<sup>th</sup> November. MoHA informed that they will inquire with Nepal Police on this matter and ensure that trucks of humanitarian agencies carrying Covid-19 supplies are not stopped in future. Save the Children informed that the police might have stopped the truck as heavy trucks are prohibited in Sindhuli-Bardibas highway before 9:00 pm because the highway is narrow and there are a high number of small private and public vehicle movements during daytime.
- Save the Children informed that they have been delivering health and educational items for Covid-19 with support from the National Logistics Cluster. They are planning to distribute 45 MT nutrition food for children in Province 2, Bagmati Province and Karnali Province in December and expect transport support from the National Logistics Cluster to deliver the nutrition food to these provinces.
- Care Nepal inquired if they could use the HSAs to store medical supplies for Covid-19 in future as well. WFP informed that the National Logistics Cluster services are ongoing and all humanitarian agencies are eligible to use the services. WFP is planning to organize a meeting with the National Logistics Cluster members early next week to discuss next 6 months' Covid-19 response plan of the UNCT and a way forward that will determine whether or not to continue with the transport and storage service.
- WHH inquired if any organization has invited expatriates to the country and if there was an issue to get a visa. WFP informed that there has been no issue reported on getting a visa for an expat to enter Nepal.
- Care Nepal inquired if there is any update from the MoHP on tax exemption for Covid-19 supplies. WFP informed that there is no any new update from the MoHP on tax exemption for Covid-19 supplies. The circular on tax exemption issued previously will be applicable throughout the fiscal year.

- Care Nepal inquired about the international medevac for UN and INGO staff and if the National Logistics Cluster is also involved in the medevac. WFP informed that the medevac is arranged by the UN Covid-19 Coordinator, Wenny Kusuma, the representative of UN Women, supported by Moon Gurung (UNV) and Niraj Shrestha (UNDP). All staff of UN agencies, regardless of nationality, and INGO staff working with the UN are eligible for medevacs. A medevac will be arranged by the UN Covid-19 Coordinator in close coordination with a medical team in Geneva and the WFP Aviation unit. Doctors in Geneva will liaise with doctors in Nepal and the patient and their family to exchange clinical information and decide if medevac is required. In case of in-country medevac, WFP Nepal can assist UN agencies to charter the aircraft. Currently only Shree Airlines is approved by WFP aviation for in-country medevacs.

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

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