

Date: 1st December 2020, 11:00 – 12:00

Participants

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| 1. Action Against Hunger (ACF) | 12. United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) |
| 2. Care Nepal | 13. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) |
| 3. Humanity and Inclusion Nepal | 14. UKAID |
| 4. IPAS Nepal | 15. World Food Programme (WFP) |
| 5. Islamic Relief Worldwide Nepal | 16. World Health Organization (WHO) |
| 6. Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) | |
| 7. Mountain Child | |
| 8. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) | |
| 9. Oxfam Nepal | |
| 10. Plan International Nepal | |
| 11. Save the Children | |

Agendas:

1. Gaps and needs analysis results.
2. Priority activities for next 6 months (Nov.-Apr 2021) (Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (CPRP))
3. AOB

Action Points:

- WFP to ask WHO, UNICEF and Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) about their plan to distribute Covid-19 vaccines in the remote areas.

1. Gaps and Needs Analysis results

- WFP presented the results of the Gaps and Needs Analysis with the participants. The National Logistics Cluster performed Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) to assess the current logistics gaps and needs of the logistics common services.

2. Priority activities for next 6 months (Nov.-Apr 2021)

- WFP presented the new updated CPRP that covers 6 months, from November 2020 to April 2021. WFP informed that the priority activities will be evaluated at the end of February 2021 to see if there is an interim update necessary in the CPRP. Almost 50% of the participants agreed on the CPRP priority activities planned for next six months.

3. Gaps or issues and AOB

- UNICEF inquired if WFP has a plan to support the government to bring the COVID-19 vaccine in the country. WFP informed that the international supply and transport of the COVID-19 vaccine is managed by UNICEF supply division. UNICEF has indicated that they don’t need any extra support to transport the vaccines to the countries that will be using the vaccine. But WFP is ready to provide backup support if needed, in its role as logistics cluster lead and provider of last resort.

- UNICEF further inquired if the Nepal National Logistics Cluster will be providing support to distribute the vaccine once they arrive in the country. WFP informed that it has been following up with UNICEF and WHO, who are the main partners supporting MOHP with the vaccine, and has proposed to provide pharma-grade refrigerated containers to augment cold chain capacity and these could be used for storage and transport of vaccines where needed.
- Mountain Child inquired if WFP has any plan for last-mile cold chain transport and storage of vaccines, to remote mountainous areas of the country. WFP informed that the Covid-19 vaccine strategy from the government is planned on a priority basis and the first priority group are the frontline health workers, countrywide. Second priority are people over the age of 55 and the third priority is people with pre-existing health conditions and co morbidities. The government plans to roll out the vaccines countrywide, including to remote areas. We have not heard details yet about last mile distribution, but it could be an area where the national logistics cluster could assist.
- Mountain Child inquired if there is any progress in establishing a formal link between Covid-19 Crisis Management Center (CCMC) and humanitarian agencies. UNRCO responded: “CCMC assigned a Lt. Colonel for communication with the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT). Later this week or early next week MoHA and National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) are planning to host a cluster leads and co-leads meeting. Hopefully there will be more guidance on lines of communication etc. from MoHA/ NDRRMA during this meeting.
- Care Nepal informed that they have missed to include their Covid-19 distribution list in the Electronic Logistics Management Information System (eLMIS) and inquired if it was still possible to enter the distribution list in the eLMIS. WFP informed that the eLMIS is managed by the USAID funded Global Health Supply Chain Programme (GHSC) and forwarded the contact information of GHSC to Care to get their items entered in the eLMIS.

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

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