Nepal National Logistics Cluster Meeting
Minutes

Date: 5th March 2021, 11:00 – 12:00

Participants
1. Action Against Hunger (ACF)
2. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Nepal
3. Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)
4. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
5. International Organization for Migration (IOM)
6. Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)
7. Mountain Child
8. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS)
9. Plan International Nepal
10. Save the Children
11. United Mission to Nepal (UMN)
13. World Food Programme (WFP)
14. World Health Organization (WHO)

Agenda:
1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster storage and transport update
2. Health logistics update
3. Earthquake Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for the National Logistics Cluster
4. Outcome of the National Logistics Cluster Services questionnaire
5. Gaps or issues and AOB

1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster storage and transport update
The following updates were shared regarding the Nepal National Logistics Cluster services:
- On 2nd March, transported 3 trucks with 7 mt (29 cbm) of supplies from Provincial Health Logistics Management Center, Province 1 from Biratnagar to district headquarters in the province.
- On 2nd March, transported 3.5 mt (14 cbm) shelter items of MoHA from Kathmandu to Taplejung district for households affected by fire on 2nd March in Meringden Rural Municipality.
- the National Logistics Cluster successfully conducted National Logistics Cluster orientations from 22nd to 28th February in all six provinces, except Gandaki Province, for Log Cluster users on how to access National Logistics Cluster products and services.

2. Health Logistics Update
- UNICEF informed they handed over 1 million syringes to Management Division of Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) on 19th February and initiated procurement of additional 2 million syringes from India. They also handed over 150 oxygen concentrator sets to Management Division on 4th March.
- WFP informed that the last External Development Partner (EDP)- Supply Chain Management (SCM) working group meeting provided stock updates on health supplies for the Government and informed that there were no gaps or issues.
3. **Earthquake ERP for the National Logistics Cluster**
   - WFP presented the new draft for the Earthquake Emergency Response Plan (ERP). The objectives, scenario, planning assumptions and structure of the ERP were highlighted during the presentation. WFP will share the draft ERP with National Logistics Cluster members for their feedback and updates, especially concerning the National Logistics Cluster section of the ERP.

4. **Outcome of the National Logistics Cluster services questionnaire**
   - WFP presented the outcome of the National Logistics Cluster services survey that was conducted in February to determine the need of the National Logistics Cluster transport and storage services after February 2021. The results of the survey suggest that there is no need to further extend the National Logistics Cluster transport and storage services after February. Hence, it was agreed with the cluster members that the transport and storage services will be suspended as per beginning of March and the National Logistics Cluster will continue to provide transport and storage services only to the MoHP and provincial health directorates related to the Covid-19 response and vaccination.

5. **Gaps or issues and AOB**
   - Mountain Child enquired if the Earthquake ERP was based on a response within the country (without external assistance) or on the assumption that Nepal will request international assistance. WFP informed the draft ERP assumes that Nepal will request international assistance, due to the severity of the earthquake scenario and the resulting high number of people affected (5.4 million).
   - Save the Children inquired if the National Logistics Cluster could consider transporting small cargos in the provinces. WFP informed that the purpose of the National Logistics Cluster is to fill significant transport gaps in emergencies and the National Logistics Cluster has insufficient resources to be able to transport quantities smaller than a truck-load which can’t be consolidated to many remote destinations countrywide.
   - The National Logistics Cluster members agreed to change the frequency of the meeting from bi-weekly to monthly.

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

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