CHARIKOT – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: IOM Office

DATE: 28 October 2015

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: IOM, PLAN International, WFP, ACTED, FAO, UNICEF, MSF, Save the Children

ACTION POINTS:

- Logistics Cluster requests organisations to urgently demobilize and distribute long standing relief goods from the warehouse as it is now fully occupied.

AGENDA:

1. Logistics Information Updates
2. Logistics Cluster Services
3. AOB

1. Logistics Information Updates

- Humanitarian activities restarted after festivities. Fuel shortage remains the main challenge reported by organisations.
- Delays are reported in the supply chain. Also suppliers are delaying consignments of relief goods due to fuel scarcity.
- The Logistics Cluster is supporting as much as possible the humanitarian operations by facilitating road, RAO and air transport to requesting organisations, plus distributing – depending on availability - a limited quantity of fuel for critically urgent relief item distributions, to partners that motivate a pertinent request.

Logistics Cluster Services

- Logistics Cluster coordinator requested an effort to the partners to plan for winterization items distribution, and formalize on time the requests for support to the Logs Cluster, if any.
- Partners were informed that the date of deactivation of the Logistics Cluster is the 31st December

Warehousing

- The partners were informed that the warehouse is fully occupied by organisations relief items. Additional requests for storage cannot be accepted until the space is freed and goods are distributed. It was remarked that much of the long standing stored goods are a consequence of the fuel scarcity. But a significant amount of items are in stock from before the fuel crisis took place. Urgent demobilization was requested.
- Organizations were informed that Service Request Forms (SRFs) should be sent to the dedicated email address: nepal.clustercargo@wfp.org. This also applies when requesting storage or transport services from one of the regional hubs.

Road Transport

- Free to user road transport services continue to be provided with origin and destination within the districts of Gorkha, Dhading, Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Sindhupalchok and Dolakha.
- Transport from Kathmandu and other main areas can still be provided on a full cost recovery basis.

Air Transport

- Organisations were reminded that the number of UNHAS cargo helicopters is decreasing from three to two Mi8s in November and to one Mi8 in December, as per current plan. This represents an additional reason for organisations to start moving cargo for their winterization operations as soon as possible.
- No issues are envisaged with JET A1 fuel that is being procured from India.

Remote Access Operation (RAO)

- Partners were invited to submit their requests for RAO services if any. Winter season might increase the accessibility challenges due to snow

GIS

- The Logistics Cluster can provide support in printing and producing ad-hoc maps if needed.
- Organisations were reminded to share information on access constraints, including information on landslide's width and height, with the Logistics Cluster, so that the Access Constraints Map can be kept up to date.
- All of the Logistics Cluster maps for the Nepal Response Operation can be accessed at the following link: http://logcluster.org/search?f[0]=field_raw_op_id:24058&f[1]=field_document_type:27

Fuel Provision

- WFP has succeeded in securing diesel from India and organisations can receive up to 180 liters of diesel at a rate of rupees 84.645/liter. Details have been communicated through the Logistics Cluster mailing list.

3. AOB

- It was agreed that the next Logistics Cluster meeting will be held on the 18 November. Time and venue will be confirmed.

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