

LOCATION: DDC office, Gorkha, Nepal

DATE: 26 May 2015

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: Care Nepal, Oxfam, Catholic Relief Service (CRS), People in Need, Save the Children, UNFPA, WFP, DFID.

ACTION POINTS:

- Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings to take place weekly on Wednesday at 16:00, with alternating locations.

AGENDA:

1. Work planning
2. Storage
3. Transport
4. Any Other Business

1. WORK PLANNING

- The National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC/MCAP) advised that it has 600 blankets in Kathmandu that should be sent to Sirdibas.
- Save the Children shared that they will store 84 mt of rice-seeds at Deurali and are expecting to dispatch them within a week.
- Care Nepal plans to store 25,600 pieces of CGI sheet plus 800 fitting kits at Deurali, which are expected to arrive on 1 June.
- CRS plans to store 36,000 pieces of CGI sheet, expected to arrive on 26 May and scheduled to be dispatched over nine days. CRS shared that it is not yet clear how the CGI sheets will be packed and shipped.
- The onwards transport of the CGI sheets for Care and CRS will require about 190 trips by tractor/4x4 truck. The Logistics Cluster advised that when the second round distribution of food starts, this will potentially cause a shortage of truck capacity for secondary transport.

2. STORAGE

- Participants were advised that the Deurali logistics base is currently 80% full, with mostly only outside storage available. Most space is used by CRS (47%), Norwegian Church Aid (19%), Save the children (7%) and InterSOS (5%). The organizations are urged to dispatch their cargo to ensure other agencies can also access the Deurali storage and transport common services.
- Save the Children are planning to re-bag the rice seeds to 9 kg bags, but they do not have the required equipment currently. Deurali base also does not have enough of this equipment.

- Care plans to do re-bagging of nails and tools for the CGI and requested support. The Logistics Cluster advised Save the Children, Care and organizations interested in kitting or re-bagging to discuss options bilaterally at Deurali base. CRS informed they are doing kitting of hygiene kits at their own store and they have no additional needs.
- WFP is expecting 800 mt of food items to arrive this or early next week at Deurali for the second round of food distribution. Before this arrives, two additional MSU's would need to be erected: one dedicated to food and the other for NFI.

3. TRANSPORT

Air operations

- Since 26 May there are 3 MI-8 available to UNHAS. This means that for approximately five days a week one MI-8 will be available for Gorkha district. Soon rotations will start for the second round priority air destinations. The agreed list of priority destinations for Food is currently used as the basis to plan helicopter flights in Gorkha, due to absence of a comparable list of agreed priority destinations for Shelter and WASH supplies. The Shelter and WASH Cluster are urged to share with UNHAS and the Logistics Cluster Gorkha their list of agreed priority items and list of priority destinations for the second round of distributions.
- Agencies who want to distribute Shelter and WASH supplies to the remote northern destinations in Gorkha are urged to submit their SRF forms urgently, to enable UNHAS to include the items in the Air-ops transport planning.
- UNHAS in cooperation with the Logistics Cluster is planning to provide soon a rolling three-day helicopter schedule.
- Agencies asked if there are plans to sling-load supplies. The Logistics Cluster advised that UNHAS has 1,000 disposable sling-nets in the pipeline but currently no information is available when they will arrive.

Road transport

- The Logistics Cluster shared that for the remote area operations
 - 4 mt of rice are going (via the North-West) via the Larkya pass to Samdo and Samgaun. 35 People are helping to re-open the Larkya pass after a recent snow storm.
 - A second group of 150 mules are ready at Dharapani to start, once they receive confirmation that the Larkya pass is open. 5 people have been flown into Samagaun to set up the trail logistics support from Samagaun to Bihi.
 - 113 mules are planned to leave Arkhet Bazar (via the North-East) 27 May to Dobhan/Hulchowk with 5.6 mt of rice. 14 mules are planned to leave Arkhet Dazar 28 May to Dobhan/Hulchowk with 0.7 mt of rice.
 - In the North East trail rehabilitation is ongoing on the trail Singla-Laprak and Korla-Korla Besi, expected to finish by 29 May. When this is finished porters will take rice for the second round distribution to Singla, Korla and Korla Besi.

- Participants were advised that the following locations can be reached by mule or porters: Dodhan, Hulchowk, Kachigaun, Kerauja, Rumchut, Singla, Korla, Korla Besi. Agencies were requested to send SRF's for transport of NFI/shelter items to these locations.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The frequency and location of Logistics Cluster meetings was discussed and consensus was reached to change to weekly meetings, on Wednesday at 16:00pm, with the location alternating between Deurali Logistics Base and the DDC Office in Gorkha town. The new Logistics Coordinator for Gorkha was announced (contacts below).
- A general email address for Deurali base has been set up. All Service Requests Forms (SRFs) and Release Orders for Gorkha district should be sent to: deurali_logcluster@wfp.org in addition to: Nepal.cargo@logcluster.org.
- **The next Logistics Cluster meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 June, at 16:00 at DDC office in Gorkha.**

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