

Date: 14th May 2021, 11:00 – 12:00

Participants

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| 1. Action Against Hunger (ACF) | 12. Plan International Nepal |
| 2. Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) | 13. Save the Children |
| 3. Humanity Inclusion (HI) | 14. United Mission to Nepal (UMN) |
| 4. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) | 15. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) |
| 5. International Committee for Migration (IOM) | 16. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) |
| 6. IPAS Nepal | 17. World Food Programme (WFP) |
| 7. Mercy Corps Nepal | 18. World Health Organization (WHO) |
| 8. Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) | 19. World Vision International Nepal (WVI) |
| 9. Mountain Child | |
| 10. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) | |
| 11. People in Need (PIN) | |

Meeting chaired by: Mr. Dil Kumar Tamang, Chief of National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC), Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA).

Agenda:

1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster update
2. Health logistics update
3. Logistics gaps and issues
4. AOB

1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster storage and transport update

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

- Transported 600 empty oxygen cylinders from Seti Zonal Hospital, Sudurpaschim Province to Nepalgunj and Chitwan for refilling, out of which 415 refilled cylinders returned to the hospital. Similarly, transported 152 cylinders from Biratnagar to Kathmandu for refilling.
- Upon the request of MoHA and Chief District Officer (CDO), Rautahat, 50 tents were delivered to Rautahat district, Province 2 for prepositioning as a part of monsoon preparedness.
- At Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) Kathmandu, 138 m³ supplies were received this week: 400 oxygen cylinders, 160 oxygen concentrators and 10 ventilators and 35m³ medical kits and PPE donated by the Chinese government. At Provincial Humanitarian Staging Area (PHSA), Nepalgunj 203 m³ and at PHSA, Dhangadhi 102 m³ supplies were received for temporary storage. The PHSA in Surkhet has been activated for the Covid-19 response.
- To enable cargo consolidation of air shipments to Nepal, the National Logistics Cluster is collecting cargo flight information on a google spreadsheet that is updated regularly. See: [Nepal Cargo Flight information](#)

2. Health Logistics Update

USAID as chair of the External Development Partners (EDP), Supply Chain Management working group (EDP-SCM) shared the following updates on health logistics:

Upon a request to streamline Government requests for the COVID-19 response, the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) provided a consolidated request for EDP's on May 10th. The EDP-SCM working group, started tracking all requests from Government and offers from UN, EDP's and NGO's in a central coherent file, and is reporting this weekly to Ministry of Health and the Health Cluster. Partners are requested to update their support in this [tracking spreadsheet](#). Agencies are requested to appoint a point of contact in each organization to be responsible to enter and update the data regularly.

3. Logistics Gaps and issues

- Mountain Child and UNICEF inquired if WFP is planning to start air services considering the suspension of international flights until 31 May. WFP informed that after this was discussed by the International Development Partners' Group (IDPG) group and donors, it was decided to postpone consideration to resume WFP air services in favor of focusing on advocating with the Government of Nepal (GoN) to allow one or two regular commercial flights a week to resume.
- Oxygen supply to the hospitals is a critical gap; the COVID-19 Crisis Management Center (CCMC) initiated a web-based O₂ demand form to provide permission for oxygen supply but on 13 May they didn't receive any request for oxygen despite the crucial need. A meeting by the Council of Ministries decided to shift responsibility to distribute oxygen cylinders to MoHP. It is planned that MoHP will distribute oxygen to the hospitals in Kathmandu; while in the provinces this will be done through the CDO's and local administration.
- IPAS asked if the national logistics cluster transport and storage services will be resumed. WFP informed that currently there is no gap in private sector transport and storage services and therefore these common services for humanitarian agencies haven't been resumed yet. Presently, these services are available to MoHP, MoHA and provincial government agencies for the Covid-19 response. If agencies experience interruptions or gaps in transport or storage, then please inform the national logistics cluster and then the cluster will be ready to assist if necessary.

4. AOB

- Mr. Tamang, NEOC Chief informed that, MoHA discussed activation of clusters (both national and provincial) with the UN Resident Coordinator and NDRRMA, and said that MoHA will decide within the next couple of days if all the clusters will be activated.
- Regarding customs waivers, as stated in the government budget of 2020, no customs duties will be charged for medical supplies for the COVID-19 response, after approval by the MoHP.
- Due to the surge in Covid-19 cases and activation of national clusters, it was decided to return to weekly meeting frequency for the national logistics cluster meetings.



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

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