

Date: 28th May 2021, 11:00 – 12:00

Participants

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| 1. Action Against Hunger (ACF) | 14. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) |
| 2. ADRA Nepal | 15. People in Need (PIN) |
| 3. Care Nepal | 16. Plan International Nepal |
| 4. Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) | 17. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) |
| 5. Humanity & Inclusion (HI) | 18. United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) |
| 6. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) | 19. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) |
| 7. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) | 20. Welt Hunger Hilfe (WHH) |
| 8. International Organization for Migration (IOM) | 21. World Food Programme (WFP) |
| 9. Islamic Relief Nepal | |
| 10. Lutheran World Federation (LWF) | |
| 11. Mercy Corps Nepal | |
| 12. Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) | |
| 13. Mountain Child | |

Meeting chaired by: Mr. Dil Kumar Tamang, Chief of National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC), 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 National Logistics Cluster activities this week:

- Dispatched 1,967 refilled oxygen cylinders from refilling plants to different hospitals in Sudurpaschim province. Till date, the National Logistics Cluster has transported 2,304 oxygen cylinders for refilling for hospitals in Banke, Kailali and Baitadi districts.
- Transported 3 trucks, 150 cylinders with 30,000 liters liquid oxygen, donated by the Chinese Government, from Tatopani border crossing to the Humanitarian Staging Area in Kathmandu on 23 May. The cylinders were dispatched to three hospitals in Kathmandu the same day.
- Provided onward transportation support upon the request of Provincial Headquarters from Dhangadhi, Pokhara, Janakpur and Biratnagar. Dispatched 9 trucks with critical medical supplies such as oxygen concentrators, antigen kits, PPE and thermometer to all seven provinces.

- Received 695 CBM of medical supplies and equipment donated by the UK, USA, Switzerland, Spain, Singapore, Tzu Chi Foundation and UNFPA to the Government of Nepal for storage at the Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) in Kathmandu.
- WFP informed that space at the HSA in Kathmandu is at a premium due to the increased volume of cargo arriving in the country. WFP requested all members to inform WFP about any planned cargo that will be arriving, to enable better coordination and management of space at the HSA.

2. Health Logistics update

- The External Development Partner (EDP) Supply Chain Management (SCM) working group of USAID informed that they are keeping track of medical supplies received by the Government through the EDPs. They also informed that the commodity tracking google spreadsheet has now been updated by adding an extra column for technical specification. Agencies planning to procure and donate medical supplies to the Government can now refer to this column to know about technical specifications for medical supplies. USAID requested all the partners to check and report any gaps in the google spreadsheet to USAID. Link to the spreadsheet: [Covid-19 Commodity mapping tracking sheet](#).
- Mountain Child informed that due to the joint procurement initiated by the Association of International I/NGOs (AIN), with support from CARE Nepal and One-Heart Foundation, a significant number of I/NGOs have been able to procure medical supplies for COVID-19 for their projects. Also, this joint procurement has been able to assure quality and supply of medical supplies for the participating I/NGOs.
- Plan International informed that they have placed orders through joint procurement for oxygen concentrators and oxygen cylinders for hospitals in Surkhet, Makwanpur and Dhanusha districts. They also continue to provide medical supplies through their partners in Dhanusha, Sunsari, Hetauda, Kalikot, Jumla, Banke and Bardiya districts.
- Care Nepal informed that procurement of medical supplies through joint procurement is under process, for 7 districts in Lumbini province and Sudur Paschim Province.
- NRCS informed that on 24 May they received 100 oxygen concentrators, 2,580,000 pcs of surgical mask, 100,000 pcs N95 masks and 600 pcs body bags donated by the Red Cross Society of China. 90 oxygen concentrators were handed over to the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), and the remaining oxygen concentrators will be delivered to various districts in consultation with the Department of Health Service of MoHP. The remaining medical supplies have been delivered to the NRCS district chapters, who will coordinate with the local government to distribute these items to the health facilities in their districts. IFRC is coordinating with the Red Cross Society of China to receive additional medical supplies which are expected to arrive in Kathmandu on 1st of June.
- UNOPS informed that they are in the process of procuring 7 oxygen generation plants (one each for all seven provinces) and 1,000 pcs oxygen concentrators through a project funded by the World Bank. All these items after being procured will be handed over to the MoHP.

3. Logistics Gaps and issues

- PIN inquired which transport has been restricted by the Government for the stricter lockdown. WFP informed that movement of all vehicles, besides vehicles carrying medicine, fruits, vegetables, drinking water, milk and gasoline, has been restricted by the Government. MoHA advised to visit the District Administration Office website (<https://daokathmandu.moha.gov.np>) for detailed information on the restrictions for the current lockdown.

4. AOB

- NRCS inquired if they could use the space at the HSA in Kathmandu to store their supplies planned to arrive from China for a certain period. WFP asked NRCS to send a formal request to WFP through a service request form and upon availability of space, NRCS can store their supplies at the HSA.
- WFP informed that the Government has decided to open flight services to and from China, Qatar and Turkey from June 1st. The Government is yet to issue an official notice regarding the resumption of flights to and from these destinations.
- WFP reminded members that the monsoon season is approaching and that Kodari highway to the China border is very likely to be interrupted during the monsoon as it is prone to significant landslides. Therefore anyone planning to bring supplies from China overland via the Tatopani border are recommended to expedite the procurement process to bring supplies before the start of the monsoon season, or consider alternative modes of transport, such as by sea or by air.

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

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