

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 11:00 – 12:00**

## **Participants**

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| 1. Action Against Hunger (ACF)   | 14. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)                     |
| 2. FHI 360   | 15. United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)                    |
| 3. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)                         | 16. United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)         |
| 4. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) | 17. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) |
| 5. Islamic Relief Nepal  | 18. Welt Hunger Hilfe (WHH)                                    |
| 6. Lutheran World Federation (LWF)   | 19. World Food Programme (WFP)                                 |
| 7. Mercy Corps   | 20. World Health Organization (WHO)                            |
| 8. Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)   |  |
| 9. Mountain Child  |  |
| 10. People in Need (PIN)   |  |
| 11. Plan International Nepal   |  |
| 12. Save the Children  |  |
| 13. Triangle Generation Humanitaire  |  |

**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 the National Logistics Cluster services:

- Received two trucks, (approx. 10 MT) of medical supplies donated by the Government of China from Kerung border crossing at the Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) in Kathmandu. In addition, received ventilators, PPE kits, oxygen concentrator, thermometer, antigen kits donated by different donors.
- On 10 June, WFP facilitated a chartered flight with medical supplies from Amazon Disaster Relief. The medical supplies were received at the HSA in Kathmandu.
- As of 11 June, the National Logistics Cluster has received 15 flights cargo donated by different countries and agencies for storage at the HSA in Kathmandu.
- To date, the National Logistics Cluster has transported 3,848 empty oxygen cylinders from hospitals in Sudur Paschim Province to refilling plants in Lumbini Province and Bagmati Province. Similarly, 3,399 filled oxygen cylinders were transported from the refilling plants to different hospital in Sudur Paschim Province, Gandaki Province and Lumbini Province.

- Dispatched 12 trucks of critical medical items (ventilators, PPE kits, oxygen concentrator, thermometer, antigen kits, oxygen cylinders) to all seven provinces.
- As part of monsoon preparedness, the National Logistics Cluster transported 2 trucks with tents and tarpaulins of MoHA prepositioned at the HSA in Kathmandu to Rupandehi, Banke, Surkhet, Dhangadhi and Sindupalchowk districts.
- Commercial flights have resumed for three destinations- Qatar, China and Turkey. However, partners are requested to share any information on chartered flight with the National Logistics Cluster so that the information can be further shared with other partners to bring essential cargo into the country.

## 2. Health Logistics Update

- The External Development Partner-Supply Chain Management (EDP-SCM) working group of USAID reminded all the partners to update the [Covid-19 Commodity mapping tracking sheet](#) as and when they have any updates in planning of receipt and distribution of medical supplies. USAID informed that their leadership team visited the HSA in Kathmandu and Teku hospital to see how information on medical supplies received from different countries and donors were being entered in Electronic Logistics Management Information System (e-LIMS). USAID requested partners who have issue in accessing information on COVID-19 dashboard to contact USAID. USAID also reminded all participants about the circular issued by the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) to extend support for essential medical equipment and commodities for COVID-19 response.
- Save the Children informed that they are planning to dispatch one truck medical supplies to Surkhet district.

## 3. Logistics Gaps and issues

- Save the Children inquired if vehicles carrying critical supplies could ply between 9:00 pm to 4:00 am during the ongoing lockdown. WFP informed that there is no restriction for movement of emergency service vehicles such as ambulances, drinking water, electrical maintenance, health related (medicine, oxygen cylinder), telecommunication/ internet maintenance, courier and postal service and waste management service transportation but they should display the name of service in the vehicle in a banner or printed paper. Similarly, vehicles carrying supply of vegetables, fruits, milk and dairy products and poultry, chickens' grains and livestock products, veterinary work, fuel, cooking gas, soap/sanitizer used in sanitation, print and government printing are allowed to operate from 09:00 pm to 11:00 am by mentioning the name of service in a banner or print in the vehicle. Likewise, vehicles carrying construction materials will be allowed to operate from 0900 p.m. to 0500 a.m. only.
- IFRC inquired if it is advisable to use Kerung or Tatopani border crossings as they are planning to bring around 20-ton of medical supplies and equipment through these border crossings. WFP informed that both the highways were operational, however, it is advisable to use Tatopani border crossing over Kerung considering the distance from Kathmandu.

- Mountain Child inquired if the current batch of Vero Cell vaccines announced by the Government for people aged between 60-64 years are also being transported to the remote areas or is it only focused for urban areas. WFP informed that it has no update on the distribution of current batch of vaccine for people aged between 60-64 years.

#### 4. AOB

- WFP informed that the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority of MoHA last week organized a meeting for the monsoon preparedness and response plan, with participation of stakeholders from various sectors. In the meeting it was informed that risk of flooding this monsoon year is very high. It is estimated that more than 180,000 people might be affected by monsoon caused flooding and landslides.
- With slowdown of the COVID-19 response, the National Logistics Cluster members agreed to change the frequency of the meeting from weekly to bi-weekly.

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

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