

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 11:00 – 12:00**

## **Participants**

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| 1. Action Against Hunger (ACF)   | 12. Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)                            |
| 2. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)                      | 13. Mountain Child   |
| 3. CARE Nepal  | 14. People in Need (PIN)                                       |
| 4. Catholic Relief Services (CRS)  | 15. Plan International Nepal                                   |
| 5. Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)                     | 16. Save the Children  |
| 6. FHI 360   | 17. Triangle Generation Humanitaire (TGH)                      |
| 7. Humanity & Inclusion (HI)   | 18. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)                     |
| 8. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)                         | 19. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)                    |
| 9. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) | 20. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) |
| 10. International Organization for Migration (IOM)                         | 21. Welt Hunger Hilfe (WHH)                                    |
| 11. Lutheran World Federation (LWF)  | 22. World Food Programme (WFP)                                 |
|  | 23. World Vision International (WVI)                           |

**Meeting chaired by:** Mr. Ganesh Gaire, Under Secretary, MoHA.

## **Agenda:**

1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster update
2. Health logistics update
3. Monsoon Preparedness and Response Update
4. Logistics gaps and issues
5. AOB

### **1. Nepal National Logistics Cluster storage and transport update**

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

- Received 24 MT (120 CBM) of medical items such as ventilators, thermometers, oxygen concentrators, PPE, antigen test kit donated by Tzu Chi Foundation, Belgium, UNICEF, Austria, Slovenia, Malta, USA, Denmark, Ireland and locally purchased by the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) at the Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) in Kathmandu for storage.
- One Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) with a storage capacity of 320 m<sup>2</sup> was installed at the premises of the Central Medical Store of MoHP, to augment their storage capacity for COVID-19 medical supplies. Similarly, another MSU was erected at the HSA in Kathmandu to provide extra storage for COVID-19 medical supplies received from various donors.
- To date, the National Logistics Cluster on behalf of WFP has transported more than 4,400 empty oxygen cylinders, mostly from hospitals in Sudur Pashchim Province, for refilling to oxygen plants in Lumbini Province and Bagmati Province. Similarly, 4,200 filled oxygen cylinders from the

refilling plants to different hospitals in Sudur Pashchim Province, Gandaki Province and Lumbini Province.

- Dispatched 14 trucks of critical medical items (ventilators, PPE kits, oxygen concentrator, thermometer, antigen kits, oxygen cylinders) from HSA in Kathmandu to provincial capitals and district headquarters.
- Government of Nepal has increased the number of international commercial flights to different destinations from 24 June 2021. Therefore, there is now no further need to update the Cargo flight information spreadsheet.

## 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 they have 3,900 oxygen cylinders coming to Nepal by road via India next week. They also informed that they are discussing with EDP-SCM team to expand e-LIMS coverage to more service delivery points.
- UNICEF informed that on 25 June, they dispatched 6 trucks containing COVID supplies as per the request of the Government of Nepal to different province capitals. They are also expecting to receive 800 oxygen cylinders from China next week. In addition, they are planning to hand over 5 million syringes next week to support the COVID-19 vaccine programme of the MoHP.
- Plan International informed that they delivered COVID-19 medical supplies such as oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, antigen kits and other medical supplies to Bardiya, Nepalgunj, Jumla, Kalikot and Hetauda. They are also planning to dispatch medical supplies to Sindhuli, Janakpur and Sunsari districts today. As part of monsoon preparedness, they are planning to procure tarpaulins, blankets, mosquito nets and sleeping mats.
- IFRC informed that they received 100 sets of oxygen concentrators, including extra spare parts for each oxygen cylinder, for different district hospitals from district chapters. Similarly, they received 75 oxygen concentrators from Singapore Red Cross Society and are expecting to receive additional 1,100 oxygen cylinders soon. Likewise, they handed over 50,000 N95 masks and multipurpose tents as well.
- Save the Children informed that they have dispatched relief items in their field offices in eastern and western regions for monsoon preparedness with transport support from the National Logistics Cluster. For COVID-19 response, they have been regularly dispatching oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, PPE and other COVID-19 related health equipment to the districts.
- Welthungerhilfe informed that they are receiving oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators and PPE items next week and the plan is to dispatch these items to Province-2, Karnali Province (Mugu) and Sudhur Paschim province (Bajura). They informed that their medical items for Mugu and Bajura are relatively less, hence, inquired for a collaborative dispatch if any organization is planning to dispatch medical supplies in these districts.

- World Vision International Nepal informed that they have distributed 1,400 oxygen cylinders and oxygen concentrators, hygiene kits, medical beds in the provinces in the last 30 days. They plan to dispatch hygiene kits and lifesaving kits to the provinces as part of monsoon preparedness.
- FHI 360 informed that with support from USAID, they handed over eight high-flow nasal cannulas to the MoHP. They have ordered 50 high-flow nasal cannulas and are receiving them in batches as a limited number of commercial flights are operational due to COVID-19 restrictions. In the coming week, they are planning to hand over viral transport media and oxygen concentrators to the MoHP. They also informed that four 20 liters capacity liquid oxygen tanks are in the pipeline and they expect to receive two oxygen tanks next week and the remaining two oxygen tanks the week after that. They are planning to donate all four oxygen tanks to four different hospitals. They have also initiated the procurement process for additional two liquid oxygen tanks, ICU beds, PCR test kits, antigen kits as per the request of the MoHP.
- Care Nepal informed that the Association of International NGOs in Nepal (AIN) successfully procured medical supplies, based on the list provided by the MoHP, worth nine crores and eighty lakhs through joint procurement. The medical supplies were handed over to the MoHP in a handover ceremony, in presence of 13 organizations who were part of this joint procurement, held at the premises of the MoHP.

### 3. Monsoon Preparedness and Response Update

- WFP informed that over the last two weeks, the National Logistics Cluster dispatched eight trucks of shelter and food items to flood and landslide affected districts. MoHA, as part of monsoon preparedness and response, has prepositioned shelter items such as tarpaulins, tents and sleeping bags at the HSA in Kathmandu, Nepalgunj, Surkhet and Dhangadhi and their warehouse in Butwal. Tarpaulins and tents of the MoHA prepositioned at the Provincial HSA in Dhangadhi were dispatched for the people affected by landslides in Bajura district. Similarly, some plastic sheets and tarpaulins were sent via helicopter for the people affected by landslides in Gorkha district.
- Mountain Child informed that the District Administration Office of Gorkha with the help of Mountain Child was able to send a large number of relief supplies such as tarpaulins, foods, tents, hygiene kits and COVID safe kits for the people affected by the landslide in Sirdibas of Chumnuhari rural municipality. 29 households were affected out of which 6 houses were destroyed completely and the remaining houses were partially damaged.
- UNICEF informed that they dispatched six medical tents to Sindhupalchowk district for flood response this week.
- Save the Children informed that they have relocated their prepositioned monsoon preparedness items to their field offices in the East and West as a part of monsoon preparedness.
- Care Nepal informed that they have been providing support to the flood response in Sindhupalchowk district.
- Mountain Child inquired if WFP is planning to issue another access constraint map shortly. WFP informed that the access constraint maps are put on hold due to some issues which now have been solved. Hence, WFP will resume sharing the access constraint map from today.

- IFRC informed that they handed over 6,000 sleeping mats and 4,000 sleeping mats are in the pipeline. Similarly, 4,000 pcs of mosquito nets are expected to arrive from India via road soon. They informed that local procurement of 600 packing kits and 1,000 dignity kits for monsoon preparedness.

#### 4. Logistics Gaps and issues

- Mountain Child inquired regarding the visa processing as there have been no updates from the Department of Immigration (DoI) since 19 May. WFP informed that any information on visa processing from the DoI will be immediately shared with the partners.

#### 5. AOB

- WFP informed that Mr. Jurgen Hulst, Head of Supply Chain and EPR has finished his contract in Nepal and Mr. Derek McGuiness has been appointed as the interim Head of Supply Chain and EPR.
- MoHA asked partners to directly contact NEOC of MoHA if they have any problems/challenges in terms of responding to the COVID-19 and monsoon response.
- The next logistics cluster meeting is scheduled for 9 July from 11:00 to 12:00 hrs.

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

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