



National Logistics Cluster Common Services for COVID-19

The Nepal National Logistics Cluster, lead by Ministry of Home Affairs and co-lead by WFP, is currently offering common **Transport and Storage** services for COVID-19 related medical supplies to humanitarian agencies responding to the crisis. These services will be provided to resolve storage and transport constraints caused by the ongoing national lockdown, and to increase the supply-chain capacity of the **Ministry of Health and Population** as well as the **Nepal Army**. An overview of these services are outlined below. For more information, please visit: <https://logcluster.org/countries/NPL>

The objective of the transport and storage services is to support humanitarian organizations and the Government of Nepal to establish a supply chain of medicines, medical goods and medical equipment mandated by the Ministry of Health and Population for the prevention of COVID-19 transmission, control and treatment to hospitals and primary healthcare facilities. These services are not intended to replace the logistics capacities of responding organizations, nor are they meant to compete with the commercial market. Rather, they are intended to fill identified gaps or as a last resort in case private sector service-providers are limited or unable to serve due to the current lockdown situation. These services are currently scheduled to be provided until July 30th 2020, but could be extended longer depending on resources.

1. Common Services

1.1 Storage services -

Common warehousing facilities will be provided at three Humanitarian Staging Areas (HSA)- **Kathmandu, Nepalgunj** and **Dhangadhi**. In addition, up to six mobile storage units in Kathmandu and for medical stores in provinces will be provided to facilitate receipt and onward movement of COVID-19 medical supplies to health facilities, in partnership with MoHP, Nepal Army, provincial Ministries of Internal Affairs and law and Chief District Officers.

1.2 Transport Services -

Transport services will be provided from the Kathmandu HSA to the provincial headquarters of the seven provinces, and from the provincial capitals and HSA's at **Nepalgunj** and **Dhangadhi** to the district headquarters of all seven provinces.

2. Logistics Coordination and Information Management

Coordination will be done in **Kathmandu** and provincial capitals through dedicated support present in provincial capitals, to provide federal and provincial authorities with updated logistics information and ensure full access and use of logistics common services. Similarly, updated logistics operational information such as customs directives, international cargo flight information, transport permit procedures, SOP's, meeting minutes and storage and transport updates will be provided through email and the dedicated webpage. Please see the *Standard Operating Procedure* for details about the scope and limitations of these storage and transport services and how to use them here:

<https://logcluster.org/countries/NPL>

3. International Logistics Cluster Services

International cargo transport service to Nepal: <https://emergency.servicemarketplace.wfp.org/>

International passenger transport to & from Nepal: <https://humanitarianbooking.wfp.org/en/wfp-aviation/>