

Saptari General Coordination Meeting Minutes

17 February 2009

OCHA, Saptari

General Background

The General Coordination Meeting (GCM) in Saptari commenced at 0800 hrs with a brief introduction of the participants and distribution of last GCM minutes.

The CDO updated the group on the ongoing return process of Indian nationals. Within two days of distribution 662 Indian HH had received the return package. The DM of Supaul previously agreed to arrange the transportation for returnees to their place of origin but it was not provided until the 2nd day of distribution, with Indian nationals arranging their own transportation. On the first day of cash distribution, Indian nationals were verified through the list provided by DEPROSC/WFP and then with the list prepared by DAO. For the second day's distribution, the CDO suggested to use the list prepared by the DAO for the verification of Indians claiming it was more authentic. DEPROSC Nepal has been providing regular facilitation support for the distribution of return package to the Indian nationals at the point of cash distribution.

Though Indian nationals residing in camps along the spur were not included in the DAO's verification process, the return package was provided to 137 Indian HHs from these camps. The Saptari DAO will claim reimbursement from the Sunsari DAO to ensure they have enough funds for the targeted HHs.

FMWR shared information on the "Health and Sanitation training" provided over 3 days in 5 VDCs including in Haripur through their own resources. They requested financial support to conduct further activities in the Koshi Flood affected areas in the future. The CDO agreed to coordinate with DPHO and other related donor agencies for appropriate proposals.

Food/Nutrition

The 8th round of 15-day food ration distribution was completed by DEPROSC Nepal, supported by WFP, to Nepalese IDPs. A total of 155,306 mt of ration was distributed benefiting 18,264 individuals from 3,511 HHs. 3,891 individuals benefited from 15,924 mt WSB distribution for one month duration. There is no plan to conduct further distributions.

CARE Nepal has distributed Horlicks to 1,353 pregnant and lactating mother.

Shelter/NFI

CARE Nepal has completed the winter clothes distribution benefiting 28,121 individuals from 5,458 HHs in all camps to the following age groups: under 1: 433, 1-3 yr: 1,384, 4-5 yr: 1,961, 6-11 female: 2,123, 6-11 male: 2,147, 12-18 yrs: 4,656, 18-60 yrs: 13,415, above 60 yrs: 2,002. The few remaining winter clothes will be handed over to NRCS Sunsari. Mattresses have been distributed to 1,816 HHs, achieving 98% of the targeted HHs.

CARE Nepal is planning to conduct joint monitoring from 21st Feb to 01 March through its central level.

WASH

WASH Cluster has decided additional pit (rings) in addition to substitute the filled latrine pit a total number of 24 in the Camp G (camp G1-17 and G2-4), L-3. The reason behind this Municipality vacuum sludge (human excreta) disposal van is not available and also not feasible to carry all latrines near by shelter.

WSSDO will fill the gaps of Camp G for the returnee IDPs that was assessed in the 2nd week of February; however, this could not be materialized yet. Decommissioning work of 183 latrines will be done within end of February 2009.

RRN/Concern Nepal will decommission WASH facilities in camp A and C. DWSSO has also plan in Camp C. It will be coordinated in the WASH cluster meeting to avoid duplication.

Education

UNICEF highlighted the gap in school uniforms due to different sizes. In camp E-L, there is a lot of pressure to accommodate the children in ECD and TLC due to movements from the other camps. It has also created problems for maintaining WASH facilities.

Health

No update available.

Protection

CARE Nepal has provided Psychological Counselling to 553 women and 82 men through 5 community based psychosocial workers.

WDO advised that a cluster meeting will be organized within two days for continuity. Winter clothes and tool kits to pregnant women will be distributed and Training on Child Rights to youths in Bhardaha will be organized this week, supported by UNICEF. Transistor radios will be provided to youth groups and the remaining 1,100 mattresses will be provided to pregnant women in the coming week.

TPO Nepal continues to provide Psycho-Social Counselling in the camps.

CCCM

OXFAM is planning Exit Strategy Orientation to the CMC from 1 February in each camp. Camp related support activity has been completed. OXFAM/KVS are updating the data of each camp which will be finalized in next week.

Agriculture/Livestock

No update available.