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Note - Protection Cluster Meet 5 Sept 2008

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1. Koshi Floods - action items for advocacy and follow up from last meeting

- *Security* – police presence continues to be required to provide security at IDP camps 24 hours a day and to facilitate delivery of relief and humanitarian access at other locations. OHCHR has followed up with Regional Police Chief and requested more female police officers be deployed. OHCHR also requested Home Ministry support during IASC meeting on 5 Sept. *OHCHR to request cluster members to continue to monitor and raise any issues with OHCHR or NHRC in the field, in the first instance.*
- *IDP policy and directives* – Cluster members to advocate for GoN to approve, implement and disseminate the directives. Note possible budget implications for government. UNHCR extending contract of Mr Paul White, PROCAP, to assist in addressing the issues. *NRC to meet and discuss with Mr White on Friday, 5 Sept. OHCHR also to follow up with him. Cluster members to follow up through Heads of Agencies.*
- *Registration of IDPs* – no system in place and it is unclear which government agency has responsibility for this. *OCHA following up. OHCHR to consult with UNHCR re best practices.*
- *Personal documentation* – victims report loss of documents (citizenship certificates etc). *OHCHR to consult with UNHCR re possible response options.*
- *Site identification/preparation* – Government reportedly having difficulty accessing suitable sites. State of emergency may be declared. Important to advocate for agencies to be involved in planning of new sites to ensure that protection concerns and needs of vulnerable groups are addressed. In addition, important to advocate for the participation of affected population in decision-making on this and all issues affecting them. *Cluster members to follow up through Heads of Agencies, consider how best to coordinate on these issues in next meeting and advocate for participation of affected population in decision making. OHCHR to request and distribute IOM contact details. OHCHR to follow up on declaration state of emergency.*
- *Camp management* – lack of proper organization remains a concern. Government is not taking a lead on this. Cluster members to monitor.

- *SGBV – Awareness raising activities under way in the field. Women’s Development Office is taking the lead on this issue in Sunsari and Saptari districts. UNFPA is requested to invite them to the next meeting of Protection Cluster in Kathmandu. UNFPA preparing terms of reference for sub-cluster and may call meeting at national level. UNFPA also seeking a meeting with Home Minister to advocate for 24 hour deployment of female police. OHCHR looking into preparation/briefing of police and leaflet for distribution. UNICEF/UNFPA/OHCHR considering joint press release.*
- *Information management - There was a discussion about obtaining up to date information about the situation in the field, and it was agreed that OCHA would send its daily updates to members of the cluster. OHCHR to provide OCHA with contacts for the protection cluster members.*

2. Protection Workshop

OCHA circulated a draft agenda for the planned protection workshop, requested participants to provide feedback and note the proposed dates.

3. Next meeting 1530 hrs 16 September 2008, OCHA