

## Nepal – Earthquake

### Local ETC Working Group meeting #12

**Date: 23/07/15      TIME: 10:00 UTC +5:45**

## Attendance

ETC	Ozdzan Hadziemin, ICT Emergency Coordinator (WFP)	[Chair]
	Mikolaj Drozd, ETC Administration & Logistics Assistant (WFP)	
	Bhawana Upadhyay (WFP)	
International Fed. Red Cross	Rod Gribble	
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)	Laxman Niroula	
Plan International	Sundar Karki	
Samaritan's Purse	Don Jamison	
Samaritan's Purse	Narayan Khadka	

## Agenda

- Update from ICT Emergency Coordinator
  - Update on the upgrade of HSA network
  - Update on activities in field sites
  - Other updates
- Updates from participants
- AOB

## Minutes

### Update from ICT Emergency Coordinator

- Haidar Baqir, the deputy ETC coordinator, who normally chairs these meetings, is presently in Pisa assisting with the IT EMT training. He will return in time for the next one.
- The ETC (working on basic upgrade) of the network in the HSA, as the last upgrade was done after the May earthquake. Some equipment has already been purchased and some is pending.
- The VSAT has been relocated in Chautara, and some of the equipment is been reconfigured.

- The WIDER is being reconfigured for better performance by ETC standby partners in Charikot.
- A mission to Dhading has been carried out to install wireless Access Points due to requests from local humanitarian workers.
- The mission to Dhunche to split the Red Cross network was not successful due to time constraints. Another mission has been initiated today to finish the job.
  - IFRC reported that road to Dhunche was closed based on their last updates from the field. SP checked live with their field colleagues who reported road open.

### **Updates from participants**

#### *LWF*

- LWF continues to support WFP.
- There have been no negative comments regarding networks.
- LWF continues to work on its White Space project. Update will be shared with Bhawana Upadhyay.
- An update is requested for the report from the workshop held with the government. Ozdzan Hadziemin will forward details of contact person, keeping Ozdzan Hadziemin in copy.

#### *SP*

- SP is waiting on a connection from Subisu in Rasuwa.
- SP will be shutting off the VSAT in Bidur. All other equipment is switched off but in place, and will be moved out on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Ozdzan Hadziemin mentioned need to send ETC staff to Bidur to assist with shutdown.
- SP inquired about availability of UHF repeater in Nepal. They are moving from Charikot to Jiri and will maybe need repeater. Ozdzan Hadziemin mentioned that no UHF is available in Nepal, but VHF is although ETC have not had any requests to deploy one yet (this depends on number of potential users).
- SP asked if UN repeater reaches Dhading. Ozdzan Hadziemin will check and confirm.

#### *IFRC*

- Rod Gribble is new IFRC deployment team leader.
- MCross VSAT has been removed from Dhunche and is being shipped back to the USA. Rod is liaising on this with Og Afure Aseroma from ETC.
- In Malanchi, IFRC has one MCross VSAT and local comms.
- IFRC requests copy of Nepal radio coverage map. Ozdzan Hadziemin will check for latest version and share with all meeting participants.



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- Plan International is targeting 50,000 beneficiaries in Dolakha, Sindupalchowk, Sinduli and Makhwanpur. 46,000 have been reached so far, with data being collected via mobile phone usage.

#### **AOB**

- The Local Working Group meetings will now be held every three weeks.

**Next Local Working Group Meeting will be held on Thursday 13 August 2015 at: 10:00 Local Time.**

### **Acronyms**

ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IFRC	International Federation of the Red Cross
SP	Samaritan's Purse
ISP	Internet Services Provider
IT	Information Technology
LWF	Lutheran World Federation
VHF	Very High Frequency radio
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal
WFP	World Food Programme

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