Afghanistan Logistics Working Group
Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Remote meeting

DATE: 02 March 2022

CHAIR: World Food Programme (WFP) and Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale (PU-AMI)

ACTION POINTS
- The next LWG meeting will be held on 16 March at 11:00 Kabul time

AGENDA
1. Review of Previous Action Points
2. Aviation Update
3. Border Status and Customs Issues
4. Shared Resources Request
5. AOB

1. Review of Previous Action Points

- **Custom Procedures**: Partners expressed concerns over procedural delays with Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ (MOFA) issuance of tax exemption certificates needed for importation of commodities. Partners communicated that different organizations are engaging with various ministries in efforts to shorten the lead times.

  **Ongoing**: Partners are strongly encouraged to share their specific challenges with the LWG Coordinator. WFP continues to engage with relevant actors. If, and when, these custom procedures are formalized, WFP will explore possibilities of expansion to the wider humanitarian community.

- **Pharmaceutical Importation**: Partners expressed the need for clarification on pharmaceutical importation procedures.

  **Ongoing**: PUAMI to draft and share SOP on these procedures.

2. Aviation Update

**UNHAS Domestic** (Passenger and light cargo service)
- Passenger and light cargo services to all domestic destinations remain operational
- For more information, please visit the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](https://www.humanitarianbooking.org), the LWG Website, the UNHAS User List, or contact UNHAS Customer Service at [unhas-afg.customerservice@wfp.org](mailto:unhas-afg.customerservice@wfp.org) and [khalilullah.kakar@wfp.org](mailto:khalilullah.kakar@wfp.org)

**UNHAS International** (Passenger and light cargo service)
- Islamabad airbridge is operational
- Dushanbe airbridge is operational
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• Doha airbridge is operational

UNAMA (Passenger service only)
• Almaty passenger airbridge is operational

Commercial (Passenger and cargo service)
• Mahan Air is operating between Kabul, Teheran, and Mashad
• Ariana Afghan Airlines is operating between Kabul and Dubai, Riyadh, Jeddah, and Islamabad
• Kam Air is operating between Kabul and Islamabad, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Shanghai

3. Border Status and Customs Issues

Border Status Update
The following is the border status as of 01 March 2022:

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<th>Border Point</th>
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<th>Status</th>
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<td>Chaman Border (Spinboldak)</td>
<td>Pakistan/Afghanistan</td>
<td>Reopened for cargo/truck movements and passenger movements.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Torkham Border (Jalalabad)</td>
<td>Pakistan/Afghanistan</td>
<td>Open for cargo/truck movements and passenger movements. With GL wait time is one day. Without GL wait time is one week.</td>
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<td>Hairaton Border (Mazar)</td>
<td>Uzbekistan/Afghanistan</td>
<td>Open for cargo. No congestion reported.</td>
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<td>Torghundi Border (Hirat)</td>
<td>Turkmenistan/Afghanistan</td>
<td>Open for cargo movements only and operating normally.</td>
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<td>Islam Qala (Hirat)</td>
<td>Iran/Afghanistan</td>
<td>Open for both cargo and passengers with valid road visas.</td>
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<td>Sher Khan Bandar</td>
<td>Tajikistan/Afghanistan</td>
<td>Open for cargo only</td>
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<td>Aqina Border</td>
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4. Shared Resources Requests

- PU-AMI is looking for temperature control warehousing. Please contact Muhanad Mowafq at afg.logco@pu-ami.org
- IRC is looking for recommended suppliers for procurement. Please contact Syafrin Djalil Syafrin atDjalil@rescue.org
  - IT Equipment (Kabul)
  - Generators (Kabul)
  - Vehicles (Kabul)
  - Borehole and Well Contractor (Helmand, Badghis, Gardiz, Herat, Jalalabad, Khost, Laghman, Logar)
  - Contractor (Helmand)
- CARE Afghanistan is looking to rent 15 m² of temporary warehousing in Kabul for medical items. If your organization can assist, please contact Mohammad Anwer at mohammad.anwer@care.org.
- UNDP is looking to rent 1000 m² of warehousing in Kabul for twelve months. If your organization can assist, please contact Mohammad Hashim Hashimi at mohammad.hashim.hashimi@undp.org.
- Action Against Hunger is looking to discuss partners’ experiences with local procurement over the past few months. Any partner willing to share experiences with Context Sensitive Procurement, please contact Nirmal Dhakal at logco@af-actionagainsthunger.org.

5. AOB

- Representative from Afghanistan’s Food and Drug Administration (AFDA) will join the next coordination meeting to answer questions on current pharmaceutical importation procedures. Partners are encouraged to use the opportunity to seek clarifications on their specific challenges.
- Afghanistan Logistics Working Group Webpage contains recent updates including minutes of previous coordination meetings, maps and other assessments which may be useful to partners.

Next LWG coordination meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 March at 11:00 Kabul time.

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