LOCATION: Remote meeting

DATE: 16 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 30 March at 11:00h Kabul time

AGENDA

1. Review of the Previous Action Points (previous LWG meeting on 02 March)
2. Presentation and Q&A from AFDA on pharmaceutical importation procedures
3. Customs Procedures Partners Exercise
4. Aviation Updates
5. Border Status Update and Customs Issues
6. Shared Resources
7. Vendor and Supplier Exercise
8. 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. LWG will be reaching out to partners with customs procedure experience to draft a joint SOP on best practices.

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

Ongoing: PU-AMI will work with AFDA on finalized SOPs and guidance for importation procedures and provide AFDA contact information for partner support and potential AFDA orientation program. For specific importation challenges raised by partners during the meeting, an additional meeting will be held with interested partners to discuss potential areas of improvement.
2. Presentation and Q&A from AFDA on pharmaceutical importation procedures

- Representative from Afghanistan Food and Drug Administration briefed on pharmaceutical importation procedures and conducted Q&A with partners. The main partners’ concerns included clarity on customs and importation procedures and requested guidance documents, SOPs, and forms from the AFDA. The AFDA will work to design these documents to streamline the importation process. The AFDA will also provide contact information for partners to be able to directly receive answers to specific procedural questions, and will initiate an orientation session for partners that wish to have staff members trained in the procedures. This information will be shared when available.

- Other issues raised by partners included rising prices of medical commodities in the market; delays in quality control sample collection; delays in consignment release; among others. An additional meeting will be held with partners with technical medical expertise to discuss these issues and offer recommendations to the AFDA.

3. Customs Procedures Partners Exercise

- Concerns were raised by partners on general customs procedures (non-medical) and the lack of clarity and subsequent delays. Partners have been encouraged to contact the LWG with their specific issues in the past, but it was agreed that partners with relevant customs experiences will meet to pool their experiences for drafting a joint SOP.

4. 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, the LWG Website, the UNHAS User List, or contact UNHAS Customer Service at unhas-afg.customerservice@wfp.org and khalilullah.kakar@wfp.org

**UNHAS International** (Passenger and light cargo service)
- Islamabad airbridge is operational
- Dushanbe airbridge is operational
- 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, Shanghai, and Ankara
5. Border Status and Customs Issues

**Border Status Update**

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

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<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 but fully closed for all passenger crossing to Uzbekistan. <strong>Congestion reported.</strong></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>
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- **Call for additional Border Crossing Points (BCPs):** Partners are encouraged to share with the LWG additional BCPs of concern if relevant to their operations. The LWG will look into ways to monitor these BCPs and add them to the weekly monitoring table.

6. 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.
7. Vendor and Supplier Exercise

- Due to partner requests for logistics services vendor and supplier contact information, the LWG is calling for partners to share their shortlisted suppliers with the LWG Coordinator.
- Relevant suppliers include:
  - **Logistics Services**: Transport, Warehousing, Customs Clearances, Air Freight, TSL;
  - **Medical Logistics**: Pharmaceutical, Medical Equipment;
  - **General Services**: Personal Transport, IT Supplies, Admin Supplies
- This information will then be vetted by the LWG, consolidated, and then published in the Logistics Capacity Assessment.

8. AOB

- Any partners, who would like to request dedicated time to present their specific logistics challenges in next LWG Coordination Meeting, can please contact the LWG Team.
- For all LWG questions and concerns, please make sure to keep all of the below in copy:
  - Brian.langdon@wfp.org; Muhanad Mowafq <afg.logco@pu-ami.org>; aria.noor@wfp.org
- 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, 30 March at 11:00 Kabul time.**

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