Meeting Minutes, 03 August 2022
Kabul, Afghanistan

LOCATION: KABUL, online

DATE: 03 August 2022

CHAIR: Logistics Working Group

PARTICIPANTS: UNHCR, UNDP, WHO, ICRC, AFIAT, MSF, IMMAP, RESCUE, Afghan aid, IFRC, WVI, FCDO, CARITAS, DFID, PU-AMI, Mercy Crops, International Medical Corps, Medair, Save the children, FAO.

ACTION POINTS:

• A tax exemption certificate is required to facilitate the importation of humanitarian relief items.
• Clarification on pharmaceutical importation procedures to be completed.

AGENDA:
1. Review of the Previous Action Points (previous LWG meeting on 20 July)
2. Afghanistan Access Constraints map
3. Quick Earthquake update
4. Discussion on positioning of LWG, products, communications etc
5. AOB

1. Previous Action Points:

• Partners expressed concerns over administrative delays with Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ (MOFA) issuance of tax exemption certificates needed for importation of commodities. Partners communicated that different organizations are resorting to different engagement strategies with various ministries in efforts to shorten the lead times.

• Ongoing: The Customs SOP is now on hold after organizations have reported that de-facto authorities are no longer issuing Guarantee Letters for customs clearances. However, Exception Certificates are still required for all international arrivals. The Guarantee Letters were used as confirmation letters to support cargo clearance at border crossing points, while the Exception Certificates were processing. Partners were requested to report any experienced challenges to the LWG. WFP will continue to engage with customs authorities on this issue.

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

• Ongoing: PU-AMI, in coordination with Afghanistan Food and Drug Authority (AFDA), is finalizing SOPs and guidance for importation procedures. PU-AMI presented a draft version of the SOP and partners were requested to share their interest in participating pharmaceutical SOP working group to finalize this draft.

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2. Afghanistan Access Constraints map

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Above maps of the Physical Access Constraints has been published and available on the Afghanistan Country page of the Logistics Cluster website: [Afghanistan - Access Constraints Map](https://logcluster.org/countries/AFG).

The Afghanistan Access Constraints map divided into two parts (west area and east area) because there is a lot of roads and by this technique it will be more visible and useful.

LWG requested all organisations to support LWG on providing information about the road status by emailing the LWG with updates.

The LWG will remain as a centralised data collection point using the GIS services and will present on a regular basis an up-to-date map based on the information provided.
3. Earthquake Update

- **WFP Logistics Hubs Status - Hubs managed by IOM:**
  - Below WFP Logistics Hubs are available for partners on a free-to-user basis and to be managed by partners on the ground in coordination with relevant Clusters. The ICT equipment is in-place. The helicopter landing zone for Giyan was completed yesterday. Birmal is operational. Spera has been identified and engineering team will plan for the construction of the helipad.

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- UNHAS has implemented a regular schedule capturing Giyan and Birmal working on a three times per week basis. Spera is under assessment and once completed will bring that into the schedule and update you accordingly.
- Normal booking procedures apply for all UNHAS flights.

4. Positioning of LWG, products, communications

- Logistics Working Group (LWG) has updated the existing products on the Afghanistan LWG webpage. During the meeting all organizations and the focal points were requested to sign up to Logistics Working Group (LWG) web page. This will mean that when any updates of the webpage that are posted those that have signed up for notifications will be automatically informed.
- The Logistics Working Group (LWG) members will receive the updates through Logistics Working Group (LWG) common e-mail address: [afghanistan-working-group@logsector.org](mailto:afghanistan-working-group@logsector.org)
- For all LWG updates visit the LWG webpage.
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- Links to all publication:
  - Road transporter list – Forms and Guidance: Afghanistan Logistics Working Group - Road Transporter List, 17 July 2022 | Logistics Cluster Website (logcluster.org)
  - Border status - Forms and Guidance: Afghanistan Logistics Working Group - Border Status, 17 July 2022 | Logistics Cluster Website (logcluster.org)
  - Afghanistan Physical Access Map Afghanistan - Access Constraints Map, 29 July 2022 | Logistics Cluster Website (logcluster.org)

5. 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.
- The next Logistic Working Group coordination meeting will be held on: Wednesday, 17 August 11:00h Kabul time.
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