**LOCATION**
KABUL, online

**DATE**
05 July 2023

**CHAIR**
Logistics Working Group

**PARTICIPANTS**
Organization for Migration (IOM), Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale (PU-AMI), Emergency, Food and Agriculture organisation (FAO), Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Caritas, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Rescue, Medair, Médicine sans Frontières (MSF), Save the Children, Handicap International (HI), World Vision Afghanistan (Wvi), Mercy Corps, World Health Organization (WHO), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief & development (ACBAR), AIRLINK, Pactec, Management Science for Health (MSH), ICF International Coaching Federation

**AGENDA**

1. Recap of Previous Action Points (from LWG meeting on May 31, 2023)
2. Feedback from Global Logistics Meeting (GLM)
3. Medical Supply Chain Assessment (IFRC)
4. Updates on Border Status and Customs Issues
   - Import permit challenges - Save the Children
5. Aviation-Related Update
6. Shared Resources Updates
   - Update on Waste Management (The WREC Project)
7. Any Other Business (AOB)

1. Recap of Previous Action Points:

- Ongoing — Customs standardization and streamlining have been taken up by the United Nations Operations Management Team (UN OMT). Member UN organizations have been asked to share internal Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for sector-specific customs procedures for review and consolidation. Any partners interested in sharing information on customs procedures for joint discussion and consolidation should contact the Logistics Working Group (LWG).

- GNA Questionnaire Development: In the last LWG coordination meeting, GNA was introduced to partners, and as a next step on GNA, a questionnaire will be shared with partners for their inputs and feedback. This questionnaire will be communicated with partners early next week.

- SMP Presentation Follow-Up: Humanitarian Logistics Services (HLS) team email address was developed and shared with partners during the LWG coordination meeting; partners can easily reach out to the HLS team through the following email address: HLS_AFG@wfp.org

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2. Feedback from Global Logistics Meeting (GLM):

The Afghanistan LWG joined this year’s Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) as a facilitator and presented during the Logistics Cluster Field Needs segment, which showcased selected updates from Cluster Coordinators representing a range of field scenarios, including sudden onset natural disasters, sudden conflict, protracted crisis, and non-activated clusters. The AFG LWG discussed its achievements and challenges, as well as specific considerations for cluster approaches and field support requirements in non-activated settings.

All partners are encouraged to visit the below links for more information on GLM and logistics cluster strategy:

- Logistics Cluster Strategy 2022-2026 (here)
- GLM Meeting Page (here)

3. Medical Supply Chain Assessment (IFRC):

IFRC is planning to conduct an assessment of medical warehousing capacities in the 7 Regions and plans to extend to 34 Provinces in Afghanistan. The purpose of this assessment is to identify the gaps in medical supply management and increase the capacity to respond to emerging medical needs.

The strategy is to increase local partners’ capacity to respond to emergencies, introduce or reinforce medical supply chain malmanagement guidelines by WHO, plan and implement an optimized medical supply chain management system and develop Medical Supply Chain Management adaptive to the needs.

4. Updates on Borders and Customs Issue

- Border Status Update: the following are the border statuses as of 05 July 2023

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- **New trade crossing area** was established in the Zara village of Spin Boldak to facilitate the trade and transit between Afghanistan and Pakistan in Spin Boldak.
- **Abrisham Bridge** located in Nimroz province of Afghanistan added to the borders map. This is a new commercial border crossing point between Afghanistan and Iran.
- **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 investigate ways to monitor these BCPs and add them to the weekly monitoring table.

Additional information regarding movements at points of entry can also be found from IOM DTM’s monthly flow monitoring [here](https://logcluster.org/countries/AFG).

### Import Permit Challenges

Save the Children Supply Chain Manager shared the import permit challenge during the LWG coordination meeting with partners; many partners raised the same challenges during their importation.

- The Ministry of Economy changed the rule of importation, which is based on this rule: organizations should obtain an import permit per item line, and the imports should be based on the import permit.
- The main challenge is that all the items cannot be imported in one shipment some items are not available with suppliers some items are very huge (packaging, weight, etc.) and cannot be imported in one flight.
- Organizations should schedule the second flight for the remaining items; this rule created challenges in managing the shipments, and the process of import permit will take up to 3 weeks to get an import permit for a single shipment.
- Regarding this challenge, a meeting will be set up with PU-AMI and Save the Children focal point to discuss and find a solution for this challenge and discuss it with the related authorities.

### 5. Aviation-Related Updates

**UNHAS Domestic (Passenger and light cargo service)**
- Passenger and cargo to all domestic destinations operational.

**UNHAS International (Passenger and light cargo service)**
- Islamabad airbridge operational
- Dushanbe airbridge operational
- Doha airbridge operational
- Dubai airbridge is operational through Al Maktoum International Airport
- To enhance the quality of aviation services, UNHAS is conducting the online Passenger Satisfaction Survey (PSS) and seeking for your constructive feedback.
- For more information, please visit the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](https://unhas-afg.customerservice@wfp.org), the LWG Website, the UNHAS User List, or contact UNHAS Customer Service at unhas-afg.customerservice@wfp.org and khalilullah.kakar@wfp.org

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UNAMA (Passenger service only)
• Almaty airbridge is operational

Commercial Airlines (Passenger and cargo service)
• Mahan: Kabul — Teheran and Mashhad
• Taban: Kabul-Tehran and Mashhad, Kandahar-Mashhad
• Kish Air: Operated to Kandahar
• Ariana: Kabul — Dubai, Riyadh, Jeddah, and Islamabad, AL Ain ANN UAE.
• KamAir: Kabul – Islamabad, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Shanghai, Ankara

Freight Forwarders and Courier Services
• UPS services: (Operational (Move One authorized UPS services) For more information, please contact Move One Country Director, Richard Tagg at richard.tagg@moveoneinc.com or visit https://www.moveoneinc.com/

ECHO Humanitarian Air Bridge (HAB)
• For more information, please reach out to thibault.larose@echofield.eu and alexandre.veron@rlh.coop

PACTEC:
• Operational.
• For more details regarding PACTEC services and flight schedules, kindly reach out to: Sayed Hamid Hashimi Booking/ Flight following Manager bookingkbl@pactec.net, John Woodberry PACTEC Country Director jwoodberry@pactec.net

6. Shared Resources Forum

• IRC is looking for information on RUTFs suppliers: Muhammad Ziad Muhammad.Ziad@rescue.org
• Intersos is looking for cold chain storage for duration of one month: Damien Chateau logistics.afghanistan@intersos.org.
• DRC is looking for suppliers of mining explosive material: Hamidullah Sediqi hamidullah.sediqi@drc.ngo
• IMC is looking for vehicle rental vendors in Central, Eastern and Northern regions of Afghanistan: sohailahmed@InternationalMedicalCorps.org
• Save the Children is looking for information on vehicle rental rates in different provinces: Allan Tuazon Allan.Tuazon@savethechildren.org
• Logistics Working Group Web Page: Afghanistan | Logistics Cluster Website
• WFP Service Market Place (SMP): Service Marketplace | Delivering humanitarian assistance services
• UNHRD Partner Portal: Home page | UNHRD
Update on Waste Management (the WREC Project)

ICF with WREC initiative mainly carrying out a mapping of waste disposal services around the country and will start services on recycling waste. This project is mainly working on the environmental sustainability in Humanitarian Logistics. The projects objectives and activities are as below:

- Gather and share data on the impact of logistics on the environment, raising awareness and presenting practical solution to allow organizations to prioritize environmental sustainability.
- Compile, collate and share the guidance on how mitigate environmental harm, using a single information portal accessible to all.
- Focus on waste and greenhouse gas, amplifying good practice case studies and identifying local, affordable, and scalable solutions. Map and share complimentary initiatives.
- Provide expert knowledge and guidance, through a dedicated help desk accessible to the entire humanitarian community.
- For more information and detail on the WREC project, please contact Samantha Brangeon: samantha.brangeon@icf.com. Please visit: WREC Waste management facilities mapping (here).

Logistics Impact of Ban on Female National Staff Workers

Discussions were held on partner reliance on the commercial logistics sector; dependence on humanitarian logistics support organizations; partner internal organizational logistics staffing across procurement, warehousing, transportation, contracting, and partner contingency planning.

The LWG continues to monitor closely for unanticipated gaps and secondary effects of reduced commercial or humanitarian logistics capacity resulting in the potential widening of decree enforcement, stronger restrictions on female staffing, or larger changes to humanitarian response programming.

7. 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, 26 July 11:00h Kabul time.

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