LOCATION: KABUL, online

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CHAIR: Logistics Working Group

PARTICIPANTS: Caritas-Germany, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), ECHO, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), HALO, Handicap International (HI), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Medair, MercyCorps, Organisation for Migration (IOM), PU-AMI, UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision International.

AGENDA:
1. Situation Overview & Feedback from the Inter-Cluster Coordination Team (ICCT)
2. Customs Exemption for Herat Earthquake
3. Update on Air Operations
   • Updated UNHAS SAOP
4. Overview of Humanitarian Service Provision
5. Physical Access Constraints
   • LOG.IE
6. Torkham Border Crossing Point Returnees
7. Information Sharing
8. Any Other Business (AOB)

ACTION POINTS:
• Participants will work together to gather more information about the locations affected by the earthquake to plan resource mobilization.
• Nematullah ATEF to provide information on firms that can supply satellite phones, drivers, and SIM cards.
• Logistics WG will continue to update information and resources.

1. Situation Overview & Feedback from the Inter-Cluster Coordination Team (ICCT)

Another large earthquake shook Herat with a magnitude of 6.3 on 15 October 2023. To date, 43,395 people (7,165 families) are reported to have been directly affected by the recent earthquakes across Kushk / Rabat-e-Sangai, Gulran, Herat, and Kohsan districts. Injil is the worst affected district, accounting for 53 per cent of people affected. More than 3,330 homes are also reported to have been completely destroyed – the majority in Zindajan district – 2,137 homes severely damaged, and 1,697 homes moderately damaged.

• Internet Connectivity:
  WFP ICT team is currently in Herat and on standby to support and reports received of mobile service providers deploying mobile trucks in areas affected by poor connectivity. As of now,
no concrete requests for support have been received. LWG partners are highly encouraged to 
communicate specific needs to address internet connectivity challenges.

- **Temporary Emergency Storage**
  WFP has erected Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) in Zindajan Village (Nayib Rafi and Seya Ab), 
  Zenda Jan District (Shakiban area) and Rabat Sangi DAC (District centre) to potentially support 
  ongoing response needs. Should partners require short-term emergency storage, please get 
  in touch with the LWG for any inquiries or requirements.

2. **Exemption From Customs for Herat Earthquake**

Partners are reporting the reception of new customs guidance from the DFA Ministry of Finance 
and Customs Revenue & Department granting a humanitarian-wide exemption to expedite the 
customs clearance of aid coming into Afghanistan for the Herat earthquake response. Partners 
are encouraged to seek clarification through their normal internal customs clearance channels.

Please direct your questions to the OCHA Access team ([ochaafgaccess@un.org](mailto:ochaafgaccess@un.org)).

3. **Updates on Air Operations (Herat):**

- **UNHAS Domestic (Passenger and light cargo service)**
  - Flights 4 times weekly to Herat
  - Operations are running as planned.

  Note: UNHAS updated Standard Administrative and Operating Procedures (SAOP); the updated 
  procedures are now available for partners' reference and will provide partners with 
  comprehensive information about the UNHAS rules and procedures in Afghanistan.

  For further information and details please reach out to UNHAS Customer Service: [unhas-afg.customerservice@wfp.org](mailto:unhas-afg.customerservice@wfp.org)

- **Passenger service only (PATEC):**
  - Flights 3 times weekly
  - Available for charter services

  For further information and details please reach out to John Woodberry [jwoodberry@pactec.net](mailto:jwoodberry@pactec.net)

- **Commercial Flights**
  - Commercial flights are operational (KamAir, Ariana)

- **WFP ON-DEMAND SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY (Services Available in Herat based on cost recovery)**
  - **Transportation**: WFP Fleet can support partners for earthquake response and has active commercial contract from Herat to Zindajan.
  - **Storage**: WFP can transport and erect MSUs in affected areas and lease out MSU storage space to partners.

Please contact: HLS_AFG@WFP.ORG

- **UNHRD Air Freight**:
  Partners with urgent air transport needs for emergency relief items are encouraged to contact UNHRD customer service to explore potential reduced-cost flights through cargo consolidation and cost apportionment.

Please contact UNHRD Customer Service: unhrd.customerservice@wfp.org

5. Physical Access Constraints (LogIE Platform):

The Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) focal point introduced the LogIE Afghanistan platform during the Logistics Working Group (LWG) ad-hoc meeting. LogIE platform visualised and shares relevant logistics information through online maps.

This platform includes:
- **Physical Access Constraints**: Information about the status of access routes and key infrastructures, along with vehicle limitations and other details that can support logistics planning and response.
- **Situation Monitoring**: Information in real time regarding the respective natural hazard (e.g. evolution of a tropical storm).

You can access LogIE through this URL: https://logie.logcluster.org/?op=afg

6. Torkham Border Crossing Point Returnees

400 - 500 households migrating from Pakistan to Afghanistan daily, WFP assessing stock and resource pipeline. Action Taken to date is the Inter-agency Contingency Plan.

https://logcluster.org/en/countries/AFG
7. Information Sharing

Partners are highly encouraged to use the logistics working group page to find transporters, warehouses, and airport information and mentioned updates to the logistics capacity assessment page (LCA). Additionally, a list of transporters approved by WFP has already been shared on the logistics website. The Logistics Working Group will keep the chat in Teams open for any updates from partners.

8. (AOB) LWG Meeting Frequency

Logistics Working Group Frequency. The next meeting will be held the following week.

The next Logistics Working Group Coordination meeting will be held on 1st November 2023.

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