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CHAIR: Logistics Working Group

PARTICIPANTS: Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale (PU-AMI), Danish Red cross (DRC), Rescue, Food and Agriculture organisation (FAO), Caritas, Rescue, Medair, Emergency, Médecine sans Frontières (MSF), Save the Children, Humanitarian Inclusion (HI), World Vision Afghanistan (WVI), Mercy Corps, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Management Science for Health (MSH), IMMAP, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), (Røde Kors i Danmark), Action Again Hunger (AAH), UNICEF, UNFPA.

AGENDA: 1. Recap of Previous Action Points (from LWG meeting on 01, November 2023)
2. Humanitarian Service Provision
3. Updates on Border Status
   • Torkham Border & Spinboldak (Returnees)
4. Aviation-Related Updates
5. Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA)
6. Global Logistics Meeting (GLM)
7. Shared Resources Updates.
8. Any Other Business (AOB)

1. Recap of Previous Action Points:

Customs and Importation Challenges:
• Clarification on prohibited pharmaceuticals: During the meeting, PU-AMI informed the partners about their discussion with Afghanistan Food and Drug Authority (AFDA). The AFDA has decided to ban the import of items that are manufactured in large quantities by local manufacturers in Afghanistan. As a result, AFDA will no longer issue import permissions for these items. If any procurement of these items has already been made and they have reached customs, the parties involved are requested to notify AFDA through an official email, providing the necessary details of the case. Partners raised that the biggest challenge that they faced due to this ban is that locally procured items may not meet donor’s requirements.
LWG will engage with the Health Cluster and share this issue with its focal point to raise it in the next Health Cluster meeting for further discussion. Health Cluster has raised the concern at different levels.
multiple times regarding the importation of medicine and medical supplies and delays in clearance by ADFA. There has not been much success and partners are still facing challenges.

2. Humanitarian Service Provision:

During the meeting Humanitarian Logistics Services (HLS) focal point for WFP's On-Demand Services (ODS) presented the available services and opportunities offered. The services will be as below:

Available Services:
- Storage Services in 6 Area Offices (AOs)
- Transportation Services for 400 Final Delivery Points (FDPs) across the country
- Warehouse Management in 6 AOs
- Any Other Logistics Solutions which partners struggle with

Partners We Supported Recently:
- Supported HI with transportation of earthquake response donations from KIA to Herat.
- Supported IOM by provision of MSU Storages for Returnees in Torkham and Kandahar.
- Supported FAO by provision of MSU Storage in earthquake affected district of Injil, Herat.

UNHRD Airfreight Services:
- Partners are strongly encouraged to utilize UNHRD which has been organizing air freight for both the earthquake and returnee's responses.
- UNHRD will try to consolidate the cargo from the different partners in one aircraft, that could lower the cost for partners.
- UNHRD email Address: unhrd.customerservice@wfp.org

If any partners need any further information or support, please feel free to reach out to the HLS team via the following email: HLS_AFG@wfp.org

3. Updates on Borders Status:

- Border Status Update Map: the following are the border statuses as of 06 December 2023
- **Salt Custom and importation ban** has been delayed up to 4 months and the halted trucks or commodity already purchased will cross the border up to the given deadline as the government authority issued a decree regarding the delaying of ban.

- **Spinboldak Border**: The Spin Boldak - Chaman Crossing point remains closed for all types of truck movement, but still allows pedestrian movement. The closure is due to the ongoing protest in Chaman city.

- **Torkham Border**: The Torkham Crossing is currently open and accessible for all types of cargo trucks, with regular operations on both sides of the crossing point.

All partners are encouraged to report any importation challenges they are facing at these BCPs to the LWG Team: [aria.noor@wfp.org](mailto:aria.noor@wfp.org), [paballo.mosala@wfp.org](mailto:paballo.mosala@wfp.org)

**Call for additional Border Crossing Points (BCPs)**: Partners are encouraged to share with the LWG additional BCPs of concern if relevant to their operations. LWG will investigate ways to monitor these BCPs and add them to the weekly monitoring table.
4. Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA)

The Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) is a source of information related to logistics infrastructure and services in a given country; a tool for organizing that information in a standard way across multiple countries; and a means of sharing that information both within WFP and with the humanitarian community globally. The LCA is a collaboration tool to bridge the information gaps in logistics services, and infrastructure, particularly in emergency humanitarian logistics response. The LCA tool is designed to share knowledge and will be utilized in various humanitarian services, including logistics capacity information, exercises, collaboration, and other relevant elements. For further information on LCA please visit the page Here.

5. Aviation-Related Updates

**UNHAS International (Passenger and light cargo service)**
- Islamabad & Dushanbe airbridges operational.
- Doha airbridge operational
- Dubai airbridge operational through Al Maktoum International Airport

**UNHAS Domestic (Passenger and light cargo service)**
- Passenger and cargo to all domestic destinations operational
- Flights 4 times weekly to Herat

- **Visa Requirement for Traveling to Afghanistan**: It is now mandatory for all passengers, including those utilizing humanitarian air services, to possess a valid visa for Afghanistan. Passengers without a valid Afghanistan visa will be rejected entry by the immigration authorities. Please note that for all passengers arriving on international flights to Kabul, it is also imperative to possess either a valid entry visa for Afghanistan or an approved letter from the authorities that grants a visa upon arrival.
- 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

**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, Islamabad, AL Ain ANN UAE.
- Kam Air: Kabul – Islamabad, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Shanghai, Ankara

**Freight Forwarders and Courier Services**

https://logcluster.org/countries/AFG
• 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. Global Logistics Meeting (GLM)

The Global Logistics Meetings (GLM) are held twice per year and bring together representatives from organizations involved in humanitarian logistics responses. These meetings are a forum for strategic discussions on the Logistics Cluster, its partners and humanitarian logistics, and provide an opportunity to confer on relevant operations, collect feedback from partner organizations on Logistics Cluster performance, and discuss ideas, solutions and new research relevant to the field of humanitarian logistics. The GLM mainly focused on and discussed the below four pillars:

Partnership base: A broad partnership base is established and maintained to better serve the entire humanitarian community.

Standards and Policy: General humanitarian logistics good practices are identified, and standard policies for the function of logistics cluster activities and service established and implemented.

Strengthening response capacity: better equipped partners who are involved in emergency response.
Operational Support: Joint assessments, shared resources, and deploying the right capacity, and service performance analysis will efficiently and effectively respond to an emergency crisis.

The last GLM was held in November 28-30, 2023, and the aim was to connect the Supply Chain managers and logisticians to share logistics knowledge and academic research at the global level. Please find the link for materials GLM [Here](https://logcluster.org/countries/AFG).

7. Shared Resources Forum

- IRC is looking for information on RUTFs suppliers: Muhammad Ziad Muhammad.Ziad@rescue.org
- DRC is looking for suppliers of mining material: Hamidullah Sediqi hamidullah.sediqi@drc.ngo
- Save the Children is looking for information on vehicle rental rates in different provinces: Allan Tuazon Allan.Tuazon@savethechildren.org

8. AOB

- Any partners who would like to request dedicated time to present their specific logistics challenges in the next LWG Coordination Meeting can please contact the LWG Team. Contacts below.

The next Logistic Working Group coordination meeting will be held on: **17 January 2024 at 11:00h, Kabul time.**

Quick Links

- Logistics Working Group Web Page: [Afghanistan | Logistics Cluster Website](https://logcluster.org/countries/AFG)
- Afghanistan LOG.IE Platform: [LogIE Afghanistan (logcluster.org)](https://logcluster.org/countries/AFG)
- WFP Service Marketplace (SMP): [Service Marketplace | Delivering humanitarian assistance services](https://logcluster.org/countries/AFG)
- UNHRD Partner Portal: [Home page | UNHRD](https://logcluster.org/countries/AFG)

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