

# Afghanistan Logistics Working Group Meeting Minutes



**LOCATION:** Remote meeting

**DATE:** 13 July 2021

**CHAIR:** World Food Programme (WFP) and Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale (PU-AMI)

## **ACTION POINTS**

- Logistics Working Group (LWG) partners to review and share feedback on the Gaps Review and Preparedness Plan
- LWG to share the updated status of border situation
- LWG to share PU-AMI presentation materials for customs session
- LWG to share the updates of Logistics Capacity Assessment
- New invite will be sent out. Next meeting will be on the 27 July at 11am.

## **AGENDA**

1. Review of the Previous Action Points
2. Access Issues and Border Status Update
3. Alternative Corridors
4. Customs Issues  
(PU-AMI: Importation process for pharmaceutical items in Kabul Airport)
5. AOB

## **1. Previous action points**

- ***LWG to share contacts of United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) colleagues***  
The UNHAS contact details were shared in the last minutes of meeting. It is planned to invite an UNHAS representative to the LWG meeting once a month.
- ***LWG to share information on the Humanitarian Access Group (HAG) access reporting***  
The HAG access reporting was shared with the last minutes of meeting.
- ***LWG partners to review and share feedback on the Gaps Review and Preparedness Plan***  
The Gap Review and Preparedness Plan will be revised incorporating the comments & feedback from partners. LWG partners were requested to provide final comments, if any, by COB on 13 July.
- ***Regular agenda point to be included for discussions and updates around alternative corridors***  
See agenda point 3

## **2. Access Issues and Border Status Update**

### **BORDER STATUS UPDATE**

The following is the border status as of 13 July:

- **Chaman Border (Spinboldak) – Pakistan/Afghanistan:** Open for truck movements. Open one way for passengers (only entry to Afghanistan)

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- **Torkham Border (Jalalabad) – Pakistan/Afghanistan:** Open for truck movements only. Emergency passengers' cases (medical).
- **Hairaton Border (Mazar) – Uzbekistan/Afghanistan:** Open for truck movements. Open one way for passengers (only entry to Afghanistan)
- **Torghundi Border (Hirat) – Turkmenistan/Afghanistan:** Closed from Friday 09 July 2021
- **Islam Qala (Hirat) – Iran/Afghanistan:** Closed from Thursday 08 July 2021
- **Sher Khan Bandar – Tajikistan/Afghanistan:** Closed
- It was further explained by partners that there is potential closure of borders next week due to holiday (Eid-ul-Adha), but there is no other official confirmation of border closures at this stage.

### Access

- A representative from the HAG led by OCHA joined the meeting to provide update on access related issues.
- If partners have concerns in relation to access, please contact a HAG focal point, Nadja Patrizia Leuenberger ([leuenberger2@un.org](mailto:leuenberger2@un.org)).

### 3. Alternative Corridors

- Alternative Corridors was included as regular agenda for the LWG meeting.
- A partner provided the update on the importation of goods from China. The partner explained the initial DAP delivery point was at Torghundi, currently closed due to Taliban's control, hence, seeking to change to Hairaton for its delivery point.

### 4. Customs Issues

- Representatives (Pharmacy manager, Kabul Logistics Manager) from PU-AMI provided the dedicated session on the importation & customs process for pharmaceutical items in Kabul airport.
- It was explained that it takes average 28.7days to process importation process at Afghanistan Food and Drug Authority (AFDA).
- 2 main challenges & recommendations were addressed by the partner:
- Challenge: Name of manufacturing company of pharmaceutical item needs to be on the AFDA form  
Recommendation: Partners explained that AFDA will temporarily accept the form from Humanitarian INGO without the name of manufacturer.
- Challenge: AFDA will ban on medical products that are already produced domestically in Afghanistan (currently, 15 medical products)  
Recommendation: One official letter to represent INGOs' concerns to be addressed to AFDA
- If partners have any questions or would like to raise any comment, please contact Daniel Ambaw ([afg.logco@pu-ami.org](mailto:afg.logco@pu-ami.org)) or Masafumi Irie ([masafumi.irie@wfp.org](mailto:masafumi.irie@wfp.org)).
- The continuous challenge related to the online customs (Automated System for Customs Data - ASYCUDA) is raised as concern by partners.
- **Please note:** that the presentation along with the list of Afghanistan domestics medicine products are shared along with this minutes of meeting. These documents are intended to be shared for information sharing purpose, and not as official, endorsed guidance. Considering the context is rapidly evolving, we are unable to guarantee that the information will remain valid.

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## 5. AOB

- Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA): The LWG is updating the LCA, aiming to complete by the end of August 2021. The LCA is available in [Afghanistan - Logistics Capacity Assessment - Digital Logistics Capacity Assessments \(logcluster.org\)](#). The latest updates are the 6 sections in below table.

Chapter	Date Updated
<a href="#">1.3 Afghanistan Customs Information</a>	July 2021
<a href="#">2.1 Afghanistan Port Assessment</a>	July 2021
<a href="#">2.4 Afghanistan Railway Assessment</a>	July 2021
<a href="#">3.1 Afghanistan Fuel</a>	July 2021
<a href="#">4.2.3 Afghanistan Laboratory and Quality Testing Company Contact List</a>	July 2021
<a href="#">4.2.6 Afghanistan Fuel Provider Contact List</a>	July 2021

- A reminder that the Afghanistan Logistics Working Group webpage including the latest minutes, maps and a link to the LCA. The LWG is updating this information as details are collected and partners are encouraged to share any logistics capacity information to be included in the update. The page can be found here: <https://logcluster.org/countries/AFG>
- Next LWG meeting will be on the 27 July at 11am.

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