LOCATION: Remote meeting

DATE: 16 June 2020

CHAIR: WFP and PUI

ACTION POINTS

• IMPACCT list of customs issues being updated and will be shared once complete.
• FAQs on EU flights to be shared. Organisations interested in bringing cargo from Europe to Kabul to share contacts through email.
• PPE TORs and spreadsheet will be shared for feedback.
• Organisations interested in joining a sub-group to discuss PPE to mail Finne urgently.
• A base planning map will be shared for feedback.
• Members to revert with any questions regarding PPE and COVID supplies for MOPH.
• ACBAR to raise the issue of the lack of the MOPH distribution list at HCT.
• WFP to get information on Karachi delays.
• From Customs sub-group
  1. Official guidelines and step by step guides on how processes are done to be drafted to find common practices and identify potential practical solutions
  2. IMPACCT to update their list of issues based on the meeting discussions

AGENDA

1. Previous Action Points
2. Border update
3. Customs
4. AOB

1. Previous Action Points

• Background on NGO Co-leads shared and vote completed. Congratulations to PUI who will take on the position effective immediately.
• Supplier links and COVID information sites shared.
• WHO confirmed all health NGO in Afghanistan are included in the National Response Plan and so eligible to order supplies through the Supply Portal if they wish. Most orders that are refused are at Global level and due to lack of committed funds.
• UN agencies cannot do international bulk orders for the NGO community due to the complexity of the request. They are already ordering on behalf of MOPH.
• Organisations interested in joining a PPE sub-group **must express that interest** to Finne or the sub-group will not be formed.
UNICEF have provided a list of PPEs they have imported on behalf of MOPH. WHO will also provide theirs for sharing to help in planning for gaps.

PUI technician to assess HKIA temperature controlled storage. Still looking for a qualified technician.

2. Border update

- All borders are open and operational
- There continues to be congestion at Torkham and Chanam. The flow of trucks is approx. 125 from either side per day.

3. Customs

- A meeting was held on Monday 15 June of LWG members, IMPACCT and UNCTAD to discuss delays and an action plan going forward. PUI briefed on the meeting.
- IMPACCT will update their list based on the meeting and this will be circulated to everyone.
- Organisations will provide step by step guides on how they follow the processes to compare approaches and find solutions to common delays.
- Official guidelines will also be compared to the reality of how systems work.
- There are different processes for different items – Food, drugs, telecommunications equipment, armored vehicles.
- The group will meet in another two weeks.

4. AOB

- EU will consider another flight from Europe to Kabul but need details on cargo from members. The EU FAQ document and contacts will be shared.
- WFP has produced a base map for logistics planning. It will be shared for feedback and suggestions. As there are other maps out there, this needs to have added value or should not be further developed.
- PUI gave a brief on PPEs. A spreadsheet to capture the lists of items organisations estimate they will require for their response. The idea is to compile what is required by NGOs, compare that with what is in country and on the MOPH distribution plan and identify gaps. The biggest challenges seems to be to get the MOPH distribution plan and to procure PPEs matching CE/FDA standards. ACBAR will raise this at this weeks HCT, UNICEF and WHO have raised it to the first VP level. PUI will also communicate with their MOPH contact to follow up on when this plan will be available and if any assistance is required to get it drafted and circulated. Organisations will forward any questions they have for MOPH regarding COVID supplies to Finne for further action.
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