
Meeting Minutes, 07 August 2024

Kabul, Afghanistan



LOCATION: Kabul, Hybrid (Online)

DATE: 07 August 2024

CHAIR: Logistics Working Group

PARTICIPANTS Action Against Hunger (AAH), Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), Danish Red Cross (DRC), Caritas, Medair, Emergency, Médecine sans Frontières (MSF), Save the Children, IMMAP, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), (Røde Kors i Danmark), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNCHR), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), International Rescue Committee (IRC).

AGENDA:

1. WFP's Fleet Services Overview
2. Termez Logistical Infrastructure
3. Logistics Working Group Partners Presentation
 - IRC Logistics Services Overview
4. Humanitarian Service Provision
 - WFP On Demand Service (ODS) provision
5. Updates on Border Status
6. Aviation-Related Updates
7. Any Other Business (AOB)

1. WFP's Fleet Services Overview

In 2024, WFP's Fleet assets in Afghanistan sum up to 300, out of which 234 cargo trucks, 45 trailers, and 19 support vehicles such as mobile workshops, crane-mounted trucks, water tankers, and recovery trucks, and maintains a total of 102 armoured vehicles (AVs) and some soft-skin light vehicles across its operation in Afghanistan.

Types of Services:

Unscheduled minor & major repairs:

- Suspension repairing
- Brake system repair.
- Axle/Hubs repairing.
- Engine cooling system repair.
- Lathe machine room parts fabrication.
- Installation of run flat.
- Other

2. Termez Logistical Infrastructure:

During the meeting, the WFP Termez Humanitarian Hub focal point briefed attendees on the Logistics Services they are providing for various UN agencies in Termez. The UN agencies currently utilising their services include:

- World Food Programme (WFP)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)

Why Termez Humanitarian Hub:

- Government support
- Suitable supply chain infrastructure (railway, road, river ports, airports)
- Safety and stability
- Cost
- Stable energy supplies
- Diversification of corridors
- Geographical location to quickly serve northern and northwest of Afghanistan
- Predictability

3. Logistics Working Group Partners Presentations:

The International Rescue Committee (IRC): The IRC focal point presented the IRC Supply Chain and logistics activities during the LWG coordination meeting. Their presentation covered the following points:

IRC logistics activities overview, safety, and equipment, organisation of warehouse, asset and inventory disposal, and support Needs from LWG.

For further details regarding IRC Logistics activities please click: [Afghanistan Logistics Working Group - Presentation IRC August 2024 | Logistics Cluster Website \(logcluster.org\)](#)

4. Humanitarian Service Provision:

WFP's On-Demand Services (ODS): During the meeting, the Humanitarian Logistics Services team focal point for ODS presented the available services and opportunities for partners based on a full-cost recovery basis.

ODS is committed on supporting humanitarian actors by providing a comprehensive brochure that outlines the full range of services ODS can offer to its partners. This brochure will serve as a one-stop resource, giving humanitarian

organisations a detailed overview of the various types of support and assistance that ODS can provide. The benefits include:

1. Clear understanding of the full scope supports that ODS can offer
2. To better align ODS services with partner needs
3. Collaborate more effectively

Additionally, the ODS team briefed attendees on the WFP’s Service Level Agreement (SLA), an agreement between the WFP and the organisations that receives logistical services that outlines the responsibilities of both parties. This included sharing a template and noting the benefits of having an SLA with WFP. The benefits include:

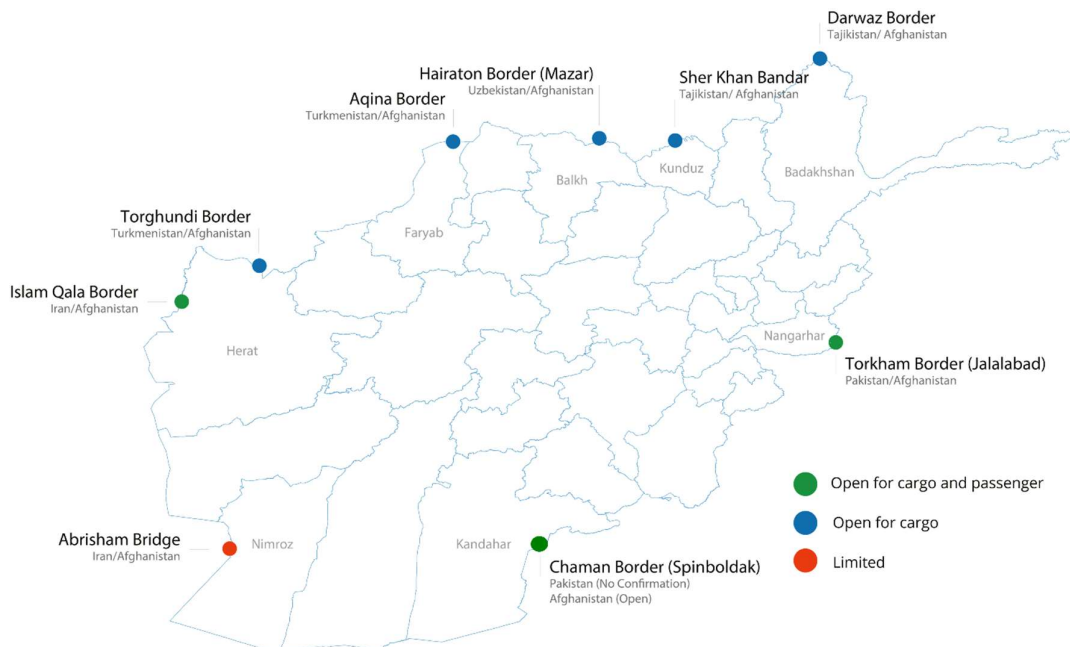
4. Faster provision of the services. (e.g. during an emergency)
5. No obligation to receive services

If any humanitarian agency requires assistance or would like to learn more about how ODS can support relief operations, please don't hesitate to reach out to us through:

- HLS_AFG@wfp.org | paballo.mosala@wfp.org | Phone: +93 707321493

5. Updates on Borders Status:

- Border Status Update Map: the following are the border statuses as of 03 July 2024.



Spinboldak Border Update: The Spinboldak - Chaman Crossing point is currently operational for all types of trucks with the requirements of valid Temporary Admission Document (TAD) documents, pedestrians should have a valid passport and visa.

Torkham Border Update: Current Situation at Torkham - The Torkham Crossing Point remains open and accessible for all types of trucks and pedestrians, with normal operations on both sides.

All partners are encouraged to report any importation challenges they are facing at these border crossing points (BCPs) to the LWG Team: shabnam.noori@wfp.org, aria.noor@wfp.org, paballo.mosala@wfp.org

Call for additional Border Crossing Points: 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.

6. Aviation-Related Updates:

UNHAS International (Passenger and light cargo service)

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- Islamabad & Dushanbe Airbridges are operational
- Doha Airbridge is operational

UNHAS Domestic (Passenger and light cargo service)

- Passenger and cargo to all domestic destinations operational
- Resumption of Mazar flights (Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday)
- Flights four times per week 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 for 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
- Fly Dubai: Kabul —Dubai— Kabul
- Taban: Kabul-Tehran and Mashhad, Kandahar-Mashhad
- Kish Air: Operated to Kandahar

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- Ariana: Kabul — Dubai, Riyadh, Jeddah, Islamabad, AL Ain ANN UAE.
- Kam Air: Kabul – Islamabad, Jeddah, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Shanghai, Ankara, Tashkand, Istanbul
- Turkish Airlines: Flights resumption to Afghanistan
- Iran Air: Started the flight services to and from Afghanistan.

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 (EUHAB)

- For more information, please reach out to thibault.larose@echofield.eu and alexandre.veron@rlh.coop

PACTEC:

- Operational (Three times per week to Herat)

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 jwoodberry@pactec.net

7. 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 LWG coordination meeting will be held on **04 September 2024 Online at 11:00h**, Kabul time.

8. Quick Links

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

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