

Afghanistan Logistics Working Group Meeting Minutes



LOCATION: Remote meeting

DATE: 09 March 2021

CHAIR: WFP and PUI

ACTION POINTS

- Organise a themed meeting on transport.
- Gather information on how organisations are facilitating and expediting the process for exemption certificates across Ministries.
- Source supplier details for construction goods in Ghazni.
- Share supplier list for insurance agents in Kabul.
- Check the status of COVAX and donated vaccines in Afghanistan.
- New invite will be sent out. Next meeting will be on the 23rd of March at 11am.

AGENDA

1. Previous Action Points
2. Access issues
3. Border update, storage, Transport and Commercial providers
4. Customs issues
5. AOB

1. Previous action points

- Clarify conflicting information on numbers of vaccine doses being delivered to Afghanistan, and in what provinces they will be sent.
 - *First batch of COVAX vaccines have arrived. The Logistics Working Group (LWG) will look into the distribution plan for them and the status of the previous Indian donation and report back.*
- Source information on organisations having difficulty with using commercial transport in the South West of the country.
 - *A problem across the country from Kabul to provinces, districts and distribution. The LWG will work with partners to share information and discuss contingency plans.*
- Follow up on UNHAS funding and what it means for their operations in Afghanistan.
 - *To be updated at next LWG meeting if services are impacted.*
- Source information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) implementation, training and impact on operations.
 - *Efforts are ongoing*

2. Access issues

- The LWG is ready to assist and connect partners in order to analyse and manage access issues.
 - *Some partners have experienced an increase in access issues, partners are encouraged to share information, anonymously if preferred with either the Humanitarian Access Group (HAG) or the LWG. The LWG Coordinators are here to assist in the coordination, collaboration and sharing of information.*

3. Border update, storage, transport and commercial providers

BORDER UPDATE

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- Nothing serious/abnormal, all borders are open and normal movements of cargo. A slight delay on movements due to a technical fault in weighing machine on the Afghan side of Torkham border, which now seems to be resolved.

UNHAS

- Deteriorating weather conditions in Afghanistan affected UNHAS operations for the past two weeks. Flights are planned based on weather forecast, however weather conditions may change at any time. Users to plan accordingly as flights may be delayed or postponed for safety reasons.

TRANSPORT

- Any information on commercial transporters is always appreciated (e.g. types, prices, quality and contracting details).
- Any partner experiencing new issues with commercial transport is encouraged to reach out to the LWG Coordinators.

5. Customs issues

- No issues raised, however, the LWG is ready to assist if any partner is experiencing difficulties.
- Any feedback from organisations using ASYCUDA would be greatly appreciated

6. AOB

- LWG Coordinator (Ben) returned to Kabul on the 8th of March and is contactable 24/7 should the need arise.
- A reminder that the Afghanistan Logistics Working Group webpage has some useful, if not somewhat dated, information filed under the LCA tab at the bottom of the page. The LWG will work to gradually update this information as details are collected. The page can be found here: <https://logcluster.org/countries/AFG>

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