

Afghanistan Logistics Working Group Meeting Minutes



LOCATION: Remote meeting

DATE: 9 June 2020

CHAIR: WFP

- ACTION POINTS**
- Background information on PUI and DRC will be shared and a vote for your choice to be sent to finne.lucey@wfp.org by COB **Sunday 14 June**.
 - Any supplier links received by members to be shared. **These will not be recommendations but for information only.**
 - Some COVID information sites/documents will be shared.
 - WHO to confirm if there is **a)** list of partners included in the AFG National COVID Plan **b)** If all health partners are automatically included.
 - WHO to explain Portal request validation criteria and why a request might be denied.
 - PPE group will be formed to consolidate an offline view of overall NGO PPE requirements, compare to national requirements and suggest next steps.
 - Request if a UN agency could do a bulk order of PPE for NGOs.
 - UNICEF to share quantity and list of PPE imported for MOPH. WHO will be asked for same information.
 - PUI technician to assess refrigeration unit in HKIA and a repair plan and budget provided.

- AGENDA**
1. Previous Action Points
 2. Border update
 3. KHIA assessment
 4. PPE update
 5. AOB

1. Previous Action Points

- Two NGO Co-lead nominations were received for PUI and DRC. PUI briefed the group on why they would like the position. DRC sent their apologies but a link/ information pack on each agency will be shared for a further vote from the membership.
- PPE will be discussed within the agenda.
- No suggestions were received to be added to the COVID information sites. These, plus some documents, will be shared.
- WHO video on the Portal plus a presentation on how the process works was shared.
- WHO to confirm if there is a list of NGOs included in the national plan. Still to be confirmed.
- Customs Group meeting is still being followed up and should be convened by early next week.

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2. Border update

- All borders are open and operational.
- Chaman – Torkham border with Pakistan still has a significant backlog. Approx..100-125 trucks from each side crossing daily. Disinfecting takes 15 minutes per truck which is adding to the delays but is a necessity.

3. KHIA Assessment

- A team of PUI, MSF, Save the Children and WFP visited HKIA Wednesday 3 June. They met with the head of Customs and discussed medicine clearance procedures. They visited the facilities that could be used.
- A summary report was shared with members and next steps will happen over the coming weeks
 1. PUI will send a technician to assess the refrigeration unit in one of the facilities
 2. MSF will provide digital thermometers to ensure the temperature control of the units
 3. A follow up visit could be considered in a few weeks
- In one of the storage rooms there were NGO cargo that had been there for a couple of months. PUI will try to contact the NGOs to see if they are aware the cargo is there.
- There may be a need to find funding to repair the damaged refrigeration. Once PUI have assessed it that can be discussed.

4. PPE

- The original sub group was difficult to convene. However, there is a definite need to get a group together to look at the country requirements for the NGOs.
- Everyone was, once again, encouraged to register on the WHO platform and Portal whether they use it or not.
- If anyone gets a link to an international suppliers' catalogue it will be shared with the group. **These will NOT be recommendations but are for information purposes only.**
- Approaching a UN agency to request they do a bulk order for the NGOs was raised. This will be raised with UN agencies for discussion.
- **Extra information: COVID related supplies purchased outside the WHO Portal system will be eligible for free to user transport by WFP through the [Emergency Service Marketplace \(ESM\)](#).**

5. AOB

- There are still Customs delays that should be discussed. Exemption Certificates are still a concern. Procedural changes also. Contact will be made with IMPACCT in GVA and a group convened of LWG members to discuss delays and possible solutions.
- There is now a [page dedicated](#) to Afghanistan LWG on the Logistics Cluster Website. It can be accessed through the home page under countries <https://logcluster.org/>.
- Meetings will continue for now on a weekly basis.
- The EU HAB flight is due 16 June and PUI is collating all the NGO paperwork and will draft a letter for the authorities to ensure the cargo is released when it arrives. UNICEF will make their own arrangements.

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