2.2 Afghanistan Aviation

Key airport information may also be found at: World Aero Data Website

Civil Air Transport in Afghanistan is mainly used for passenger services. Afghanistan has about 50 airports/airfields, with the biggest being the Kabul International Airport, serving the capital and centre region. Main airports are Kandahar International Airport in the south, Herat International Airport in the west, and Mazar-i-Sharif International Airport in the north. Some smaller airfields have unpaved runways facilities and operate under visual flight rules.

Commercial Flights for Passenger Services


INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS: United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, India, Iran, Pakistan and a number of other Asian destinations are connected through direct flights. Main airlines calling Kabul airport are Emirates, Flight Dubai, Turkish Airlines, Gulf Air, Air Arabia, Spice Jet, Air India and PIA.

Flights are taking place throughout the year. However, during the harsh winter season, some of the smaller domestic airports become inaccessible whilst the international airports reopen after short delays. A point to take note of is the huge congestion of Afghanistan international airports during Hajj season.

Cargo Services

All airways companies that have air operation in Kabul, perform cargo shipment to and from Kabul, except Emirates, that handle cargo only to Kabul, and do not ship any cargo from Kabul to other destinations.

Cargo Handling

Ariana/NAS are certified by ISAGO, and technically equipped with standard loading equipment. http://www.nas.aero/Network.aspx
Ariana/NAS can load any type of aircraft - no limitation.
Humanitarian Flights

Humanitarian air transport organisations collaborate between them defining destinations in consideration of fleet characteristics and airports specificities.

UNHAS provide passengers air transport. If requested, dedicated cargo flights can be performed, after seats reconfiguration. UNHAS Afghanistan transports on average 1,940 passengers and 7.3 MT of cargo per month, flying to more than 25 destinations including remote and high-altitude areas.

UNHAS:

- Average Fleet:
  - Three Beechcraft 1900D fixed wings aircrafts
  - Capacity: up to 19 pax depending on destination distance
  - Cargo: Up to 2000 kg depending on destination distance
  - One Mi8 Helicopter
  - Performance Data - 2016: Passengers transported 21,864 PAX
  - Cargo transported 42,091 kg
  - User organizations served: 158
  - Regular destinations: 25

PACTEC Afghanistan

- Fleet: three Kodiak 100 fixed wings aircrafts
- Capacity: Up to 7 Pax
- Cargo: up to 700 kg payload depending on destination distance

ICRC

ICRC aircrafts are exclusively dedicated to ICRC staff transportation. Fixed schedule to various destinations is implemented. If remaining capacity is available, ICRC might offer seats or cargo space to other humanitarian organizations if specifically requested. ICRC management evaluate the requests prior to giving permission.

- Fleet: 2 aircrafts B/1900
- Capacity: up to 18 pax depending on destination distance
- Cargo: up to 1500 kg payload after reconfiguration, depending on destination distance

UNAMA FLIGHTS

UNAMA can be contacted for air transport request.
https://unama.unmissions.org/un-flights-services

Procedures for Foreign Registered Aircraft
Afghanistan Flight Clearance Procedures:
1. Letter from the agency,
a. Address to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Protocol Department
b. Protocol Department of MoFA will endorse and will forward to Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authorities (ACAA)
c. ACAA to review the letter, if no objection will issue written approval.
d. Advise Kabul Tower and briefing office.
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4.2.5 Afghanistan Airport Company Contact List

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