

COMMON SERVICES IN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

Highlights

- The Emergency Telecoms Cluster is providing Internet connectivity in 84 locations across the three affected countries to 2,163 humanitarian personnel.
- Terminal H (Humanitarian Terminal) in Dakar, Senegal, was officially inaugurated on 27 February.
- WFP has donated 5,000 litres of fuel to ALIMA for use at the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Nzérékoré.
- UNHRD Dubai dispatched 200mt of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Guinea and Liberia on behalf of WHO.

Numbers

Overall requirements: **US\$ 178.5 million**

Overall shortfall: **US\$ 30.1 million**

8,688 passengers & **80.5mt** cargo transported by UNHAS

1,858mt dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 1 March 2015 (since 4 September 2014):

*the transportation of over **49,000m³****

*of cargo on behalf of **65** organisations*

*the storage of over **63,500m³*** of cargo*

*on behalf of over **50** organisations*

*The Logistics Cluster aims to report the most accurate data possible, based on the information available at the time of reporting.

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“In partnership with UNICEF, last week WFP delivered 30,000 WASH kits in Macenta, Nzérékoré and Lola prefectures. Credit is due to our deep field teams in Guinea for their great teamwork, as WFP has been requested to assist with the delivery of 80,000 more kits in the coming weeks.”

Christophe Morard, Logistics Coordinator, Nzérékoré, Guinea.

WFP, due to its expertise and vast field capacity, was mandated to be the global lead of the Logistics Cluster.

The Logistics Cluster is responsible for coordination, information management, and, where necessary, the facilitation of logistics service provision to ensure an effective and efficient logistics response takes place in each and every operation, through the lead agency, WFP.

STAGING AREA

- MAERSK, through the LET partnership, continues to make sea freight available to the humanitarian community to facilitate the supply of essential items to the three affected countries. A total of 66 shipments have been approved (amounting to 477 containers) for 22 organisations.



GUINEA

- Since 04 September 2014, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 15,234m³ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations and the storage of 24,080m³ of cargo on behalf of 21 organisations.



Focus on: Cargo Coordination in Liberia

The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the provision of technical support to the Ministry of Education for the rapid dispatch of books to schools throughout Liberia. To ensure the needs of the humanitarian community continue to be met, the Logistics Cluster will undergo a cargo prioritisation exercise at the upcoming Coordination Meeting to maximize use of resources. In order to provide stock-in-hand visibility to partners utilising WFP-managed storage facilities, the Logistics Cluster shares stock counts & inventories with partners up to three times a week.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September 2014, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 22,341m³ of cargo on behalf of 43 organisations and the storage of 29,524m³ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations.



SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September 2014, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 11,638m³ of cargo on behalf of 24 organisations and the storage of 10,003m³ of cargo on behalf of 18 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of the seven remaining WHO containers with items including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); two containers were delivered to the Ministry of Health's Central Medical Stores (CMS) and five to the main logistics hub in Port Loko. Movements during the reporting period complete the initial request from WHO to relocate 36 containers.
- An in-kind donation of 41mt of Chlorine from USAID/OFDA is pending customs clearance. The chlorine will be allocated to partners through the Logistics Cluster, and will be stored and dispatched by WFP. WFP is currently working to accelerate the customs clearance and allocation of stocks to the humanitarian community.

Various updated maps and information products are available on www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14

Due to its expertise in logistics, engineering and telecommunications, WFP has been requested to provide dedicated Common Services to the Ebola Response. All activities are being implemented under **Special Operation 200773**.

Logistics: *we deliver*

GUINEA

- To respond to the lack of available storage space at the main logistics base in Conakry, WFP is erecting four additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs). Construction works continue for the creation of a concrete slab for an additional storage unit that is planned to provide 500m² of temperature-controlled storage space. Six containers, currently used for long-term storage, are being relocated to Tombo. This relocation is expected to facilitate the daily movement of cargo in and out of the hub.
- On 24 February, WFP donated 5,000 litres of fuel to ALIMA for use at its Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Nzérékoré.
- WFP supported the distribution of 30,000 WASH kits for UNICEF to 89 villages across Macenta, Nzérékoré and Lola prefectures. WFP has been requested to support the further distribution of an additional 80,000 WASH kits, scheduled to arrive in Guinea in the next two weeks.

LIBERIA

- WFP, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, has been supporting the dispatch of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies to 700 health facilities across the country. Deliveries are now complete in 12 out of 15 counties. Deliveries to the three remaining counties – Maryland, Grand Kru, and River Gee are planned for completion during the first week of March.
- On 27 February, representatives from WFP and the Logistics Cluster attended a Transition Team Meeting hosted by the Ministry of Health. The purpose of this forum was to bring together key partners to stimulate the implementation of recovery activities in Liberia. WFP will continue to support the humanitarian community and Ministry of Health on the Logistics and Supply Chain aspects of the response, and is working to develop a mechanism to integrate the current supply chain - for the transport of Ebola Virus Disease - relevant items - into the regular supply chain system.



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Focus on: Preparation for the Rainy Season

In preparation for the rainy season, WFP is strengthening existing infrastructure and prepositioning essential items across the three affected countries. In Liberia, WFP has begun to build drainage channels at the main hub in Monrovia, as well as at all five Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs), to ensure the adequate protection of cargo. The prepositioning of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) supplies is also taking place throughout the country, in order to provide coverage for at least 8 months. In Guinea, ground works are on-going at the main logistics base in Conakry to prepare the terrain for the drainage of rain water, in order to avoid the potential flooding of the premises. In Sierra Leone, to ensure storage space of adequate supplies for the rainy season, WFP is augmenting the capacity of key facilities: the main hub in Port Loko will be expanded from nine to 23 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) as will FLB at Makeni, from six to eight MSUs.



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- Due to the expansion of storage capacity in Port Loko, WFP plans to close its warehouse in Freetown as storage requests are expected to decrease. The storage capacity of the main logistics hub in Port Loko will be expanded from 2,900m² to over 7,400m² via an additional 14 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) of 32x10m.
- WFP, via an UNHAS/UNMEER aircraft, facilitated the transport and handover of 70 vials of the ZMapp Ebola therapy from Liberia to Sierra Leone, on behalf of the US Government/Centre for Disease Control (CDC). The treatments arrived at Lungi Airport and were then transported by helicopter to Freetown and delivered to an Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU).

WFP COMMON SERVICES



UNHRD Humanitarian Response Depot

UNHRD is a network of depots around the world that procures, stores, manages and transports emergency supplies for the humanitarian community.

- Last week, UNHRD Dubai dispatched 200mt of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Guinea and Liberia on behalf of WHO. Among this 200mt were 120,000 PPE sets generously donated by the Government of Japan. For more information on the impact of this donation of PPE, please follow: <http://www.unhrd.org/?p=8020>
- In addition, 18mt of support equipment was dispatched to Sierra Leone and Liberia on behalf of UNDP.
- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched 1,858mt of relief items and support equipment to the West Africa region, on behalf of WFP, WHO, UNHCR, UNDP, JICA, Irish Aid, UNICEF and the Swiss Red Cross. Weekly dispatches are ongoing.



UNHAS
Humanitarian Air Service

UNHAS provides safe and reliable passenger and cargo air services to the humanitarian community, especially to remote locations where there are no commercial alternatives. To optimise the use of resources and ensure greater operational efficiency, as part of the Ebola Response, UNHAS and UNMEER operate under one joint schedule (UNHAS/UNMEER fleet).

- Since 16 August 2014, UNHAS has performed 1,670 takeoffs, transporting 8,688 passengers and 80.5mt of cargo.
- Last week, UNHAS transported 512 passengers and 1.6mt of cargo.
- The UNHAS West Africa fleet currently consists of four fixed-wing aircraft and three helicopters; two of these helicopters are equipped to perform medical evacuations for health and humanitarian personnel.
- UNHAS continues to coordinate with UNMEER and UNMIL to optimise the use of resources and ensure greater operational efficiency. A joint flight schedule is published regularly and maintained with necessary flexibility.



The Emergency Telecommunications (ET) Cluster provides timely Information, Communications and Technology services to support humanitarian community in carrying out their work efficiently, effectively and safely.

- The ET Cluster is providing internet connectivity in 84 locations across the three affected countries, ensuring reliable internet access for 2,163 humanitarian personnel.
- In Guinea, a total of 156 users are connected to ET Cluster Internet networks. A long outstanding VSAT modem issue was resolved at Nzérékoré Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU).
- The ET Cluster performed an assessment at the UNOPS Office in Nzérékoré to connect the Office to ET Cluster Internet networks.
- In Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster installed Internet connection at Connaught Hospital using equipment generously loaned from partners NetHope and Ericsson Response.
- Also in Sierra Leone, in partnership with emergency.lu, the ET Cluster upgraded equipment at International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) camps in Port Loko and Moyamba to improve Internet services for the humanitarian community operating in the area.

Focus on: Inauguration of Terminal H

On 27 February, the Senegalese Government, represented by the Prime Minister, officially inaugurated the Humanitarian Terminal (Terminal H) in Dakar. Terminal H provides medical screening services, facilitating the entrance and exit of humanitarian personnel travelling from and to the Ebola-affected countries on UNHAS/UNMEER flights. Located on "Ouakam Air Force Base" at Dakar Leopold Sedar Senghor International airport, this Terminal is the base of UNHAS/UNMEER air operations in Senegal.

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