

# COMMON SERVICES IN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

## *Highlights*

- ➔ With the support of UPS and Cologne/ Bonn Airport in Germany, the first inter-agency flight arrived in Monrovia on 27 November. The cargo flight was coordinated by the Logistics Cluster through the Air Coordination Cell (ACC) on behalf of MSF, ICRC, IRC, Direct Relief, Save the Children, Concern, Welthungerhilfe and UNICEF.
- ➔ WFP in Guinea, on behalf of Alima, organised the transportation of 6.3mt of cargo, via an UNMEER Mi8 helicopter, from Kissidougou to Nzérékoré for onward delivery to the Nzérékoré Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU).
- ➔ The ET Cluster is providing technical support to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to programme 400 mobile phones to be used for data collection by health workers in Bo, Sierra Leone.

## *Numbers*

Overall requirements: **US\$ 87.0 million**

**US\$ 65.2 million** received.

Overall shortfall: **US\$ 21.8 million**

**3,162** passengers & **20.9mt** cargo transported by UNHAS

**1,315mt** dispatched by UNHRD

*Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 30 November (since 4 September 2014):*

*the transportation of **29,217m<sup>3</sup>\*** of cargo on behalf of **32** organisations  
the storage of **33,959m<sup>3</sup>\*** of cargo on behalf of over **30** organisations*

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



***“The Europe Staging Area, generously supported by UPS and Cologne Bonn Airport, has provided the humanitarian community with a strategic entry point, facilitating more effective delivery of cargo, to the Ebola Response.”***

*Sherif Georges, Logistics Cluster, Europe Staging Area*

**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, 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

- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is facilitating the setup of a double-drop flight to Conakry and Freetown transporting essential cargo on behalf of the humanitarian community. This essential cargo will include small consignments of medical supplies and equipment. The flight is tentatively scheduled for the second week of December.
- During the reporting period, the Air Coordination Cell (ACC) communicated to the humanitarian community, the availability of 20mt on an Allied Air flight from Liege to Freetown (29 November).
- The ACC informed partners of the upcoming Kuehne-Nagel flight from Liege to Freetown scheduled to depart on 04 December, with 30mt/100m<sup>3</sup> of remaining space, as well as a Scan Global flight, planned for 8 December from Liege to Monrovia, with 20mt/100m<sup>3</sup> of space remaining.
- The ACC is also facilitating the potential support of ocean freight funded by Maersk.

## GUINEA

- A total of 3,684 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo has been transported on behalf of Alima, Americares, DRC, Direct Relief International, IFRC, MSF Belgium, Pharmacie Centrale de Guinea, Plan International, UNICEF and WHO.
- Overall 7,217 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo has been stored on behalf of Alima, Americares, Direct Relief International, IFRC, MSF Belgium, Pharmacie Centrale de Guinea, UNICEF, UNMEER and WHO.
- 70 Fuel cards have been handed over to IFRC for burial teams in Forest Guinea.
- Through the Logistics Emergency Team (LET) partnership, Maersk donated four refrigerated containers, which will be delivered to Nzérékoré and Kissidougou in order to allow cold storage in the field.



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## LIBERIA

- A total of 21,481 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo has been transported in Liberia for 25 organisations.
- Overall 23,936 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo has been stored on behalf of 22 organisations, including IRC, Liberian Ministry of Health, Medecins du Monde, UNICEF, USAID/OFDA, WHO.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding WFP's securing of dedicated helicopters for the Rapid Reaction Teams in Liberia; WFP, UNMEER, UNHAS, and the US Department of Defense are developing a “Fly away” supply kit for the teams, which would be transported on these helicopters.
- The inter-agency flight from Cologne to Monrovia, coordinated by the Logistics Cluster, arrived on 27 November with cargo on behalf of MSF, ICRC, IRC, Direct Relief, Save the Children, Concern, Welthungerhilfe and UNICEF.
- In Liberia, 48 startup kits are ready to be dispatched, to operationalise ETUs and CCCs throughout the country. So far the Logistics Cluster in Liberia in support of the EVD response has handled 59 containers of equipment.



## SIERRA LEONE

- The total amount of cargo transported to date is: 4,052m<sup>3</sup> on behalf of Childfund, Health Association of Sierra Leone, IHP, Lion Heart, Government of Luxembourg, MSF Belgium, Save the Children, THW, UNICEF, UNMEER and WHO.
- Overall cargo stored to date amounts to 2,805m<sup>3</sup> on behalf of IMC, Lion Heart Foundation, Save the Children, THW, DFID, UNICEF and WHO.
- A one-page overview of national private sector engagement mechanisms has been shared, and a meeting was held between private sector and partners on 25 November. Partner organizations have been asked to invite their procurement colleagues to attend.
- In Sierra Leone, WFP through its partnership with THW, facilitated by the Logistics Cluster, has been providing support to the set up of a 'Life Support Base' in Kumala. The camp was officially completed on 27 November, and will support 25 persons (international and national) working at the Community Care Centre (CCC). Organisations that will be resident in the camp include, amongst others: Médecins du Monde, WHO, WFP, UNICEF, CDC, Oxfam, and IFRC. THW has provided camp materials including a kitchen and sanitation facilities. OXFAM will assist with providing water and sanitation services. Internet connectivity and 1,000 litres of Diesel has also been provided by WFP.
- 10 trucks, arrived on the Dutch vessel Karel Doorman, are currently in the WFP Freetown/Kissy warehouse awaiting registration. The Logistics Cluster is coordinating with UNOPS regarding long-term solutions to registration of vehicles in Sierra Leone, as this issue has been causing delays to partners' operations.
- Facilitation of PPE kit packing for DFID, to supply of their Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs), is on going.
- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, facilitated the dispatch of UNICEF equipment (thermometers, chairs, and sprayers) from Port Loko to Makeni; once in the Makeni FLB, they will be included in the materials that are currently being kit packed for use in CCCs.
- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, facilitated the dispatched 22 pallets and 249 cartons of various medical support supplies to IMC from Port Loko Hub on 23 November.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of seven 20ft containers from Freetown Port to Port Loko Hub on 26 November. Six of the containers are for WHO (including a mobile hospital) and one (mobile laboratory) for Save the Children.
- The Logistics Cluster is coordinating the transport of medical equipment from Freetown to Bo on behalf of MSF. Four WFP trucks have been dedicated to transfer cargo between the two locations, which will continue throughout the week and was finalised on 29 November.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of three ambulances from the Freetown Port to WFP Freetown/Kissy warehouse on behalf of WHO and Lion Heart. WHO has collected one ambulance and Lion Heart is arranging drivers and will collect the two ambulances next week.
- Three containers of assorted medical equipment, which arrived on the Dutch vessel Karel Doorman, were cleared by WFP and transported to Tonkolili on behalf of Lion Heart. Two additional containers also arrived for Christian Health Association and were delivered to Freetown.
- Four containers of gloves for WHO, which arrived on the Dutch vessel Karel Doorman, have been transported from Freetown Port to Central Medical Stores in Freetown.
- A forklift donated by DfID was transported from Port Loko hub to the GOAL compound to assist with the offloading of trucks.
- Three containers (ablution units and air conditioning units) were offloaded by WFP at Moyamba IHP base campsite on 28 November.
- One Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) was loaned to MSF in Magburaka and was delivered on 29 November.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the provision of two WFP MSUs (10 x 32m) to Aspen Medical for support of the Hastings #2 Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU). The two MSUs and a technician will be deployed to Hastings ETU site on 01 December to assist with the erection of the MSUs.



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# WFP COMMON SERVICES



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## GUINEA

- In Guinea, so far, WFP has operationalized the main logistics hub in Conakry and two Forward Logistics Bases in Kissidougou and Nzérékoré. The extension of the main Logistics Hub in Conakry is now completed and six Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) with a storage surface of 2,080m<sup>2</sup> were erected. This facility can now also store medical items requiring temperature of up to -20°C.
- At Kissidougou Airport, the airport terminal and tower rehabilitation works are almost finalized; the airstrip was cleared last week to receive up to C-130 aircraft.
- WFP in Guinea, on behalf of Alima, organised the transportation of 6.3mt of cargo, via an UNMEER Mi8 helicopter, from Kissidougou to Nzérékoré for onward delivery to the Nzérékoré Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU). The opening ceremony of the Nzérékoré ETU was held on 29 November 2014.
- Construction works are ongoing in the three other ETUs (Kerouane, Coyah and Beyla).
- Three incinerators for medical waste were received at Conakry airport; two of these incinerators have so far been dispatched to Kissidougou and Coyah Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs).
- WFP contracted local service provider UMS, for the urgent transfer of French Red Cross cold chain (-20°C) medical items, from Conakry to Macenta via helicopter, for the opening of the Macenta ETU on 28 November.
- WFP has financed the rehabilitation of five existing structures for the Ministry of Health in Kankan, Siguiri, Farannah, Kindia and Beyla in order to enable the government to establish temporary Ebola holding centres – these will be implemented by the Government of Guinea.
- WFP handed over 70 Fuel cards to IFRC to be managed by Guinean Red Cross for burial teams in Forest Guinea.
- A rental contract for a 12mt forklift for the humanitarian hub in Conakry has been signed with the forwarding agency based African Maritime Agency (AMA).
- WFP responded to an urgent request from the Ministry of Health of Guinea to provide the Kouremale (at the border with Mali) health department with material needed for the Community Transit Centre. The cargo was delivered on 26 November.

## LIBERIA

- In Liberia, WFP has so far built a main Logistics Hub in Monteserrado, and five Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs); three of which – Voinjama, Gbarnga and Zwedru – are operational. Works are nearly finalized in the FLBs Buchanan and Harper.
- During the reporting period, WFP installed collapsible water tanks for staff toilets, as well as constructed pit latrine and shower room for laborers at FLB Gbarnga.
- 737 Household Hygiene kits were also delivered to Voinjama FLB for onward distribution by MoPW/Global communities.

- In Liberia, with the support and coordination of the WFP Port Captain, all cargo operations relating to the Dutch vessel have been completed; 102 pallets and seven crates were loaded and transported to the main hub, including ambulances, vehicles, PPEs, incinerators, beds and medical equipment.
- Each FLB is currently supported by one 5mt and one 10mt truck.
- 40 trucks are undergoing customs clearance in Monrovia. The trucks will then rotate between Monrovia Port and the SKD Hub in order to be equipped and will then be deployed to respond to urgent needs of the humanitarian community.
- The 30 long-haul trucks (20 4x6 and 10 6x6) for Liberia are currently in Guinea, on their way to the border. These trucks will primarily be based in Monrovia and will be used for long-haul transport.

## SIERRA LEONE

- In Sierra Leone, so far, WFP has built a main hub in Port Loko, an airport staging area at Lungi Airport and four FLBs in Makeni, Freetown, Kenema, and Kailahun.
- Lungi Airport, Freetown, remains operational with 2 MSUs (480m<sup>2</sup>). WFP is in consultation with UNMEER/GoSL regarding the potential relocation of the Staging Area (currently located across the runway) to the apron. In the interim, WFP has established an effective transport system for humanitarian cargo to be rapidly transferred from Lungi Airport to the Main Logistics Hub in Port Loko.
- In Port Loko hub, nine MSUs are now erected with additional space available; Kit packing of CCC equipment ongoing. UNICEF is currently in the process of collecting CCC construction materials from the WFP Port Loko hub. The CCC construction materials include, tents, generators, lighting equipment, hospital beds, and tarpaulins that will be used for two sites in Mara and Malal Roehen.
- Due to the increasing demands of crane services, WFP is working to increase capacity and contracting with commercial crane suppliers.
- One MSU is being loaned to Medicines du Monde (MDM) in Moyamba; the MSU has been delivered to the customer site and WFP will provide warehouse technicians to support the erection of the MSU. The MSU will be used to augment space for a MDM managed ETC in Moyamba.
- WFP moved 19 light vehicles on behalf of UNMEER from Lungi Airport to the UNMEER compound in Freetown.
- WFP deployed three 40mt trucks, loaded with THW camp equipment, from Port Loko Hub to Makeni FLB.
- Three 45kva generators, which will be used to provide electricity at the WFP FLBs, were transported from WFP Kissy warehouse to Freetown FLB (one) and Kenema FLB (two).
- WFP deployed a warehouse technician on 27 November to assist with the setup of one MSU, which was loaned to Goal for their compound in Makeni
- WFP assisted with the setup of one MSU was delivered from Port Loko Hub to Tokei Beach (Freetown); the MSU has been loaned to Save the Children to augment their storage.
- Seven trucks carrying DfID equipment arrived for storage at Port Loko hub (DfID transport) and were loaded into the hub warehouses. Additional equipment is expected in the coming week from DfID.

# WFP COMMON SERVICES



**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.**

- Since 16 August 2014, UNHAS has performed 648 take-offs, transporting 3,162 passengers and 20.9mt of light cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 394 passengers and 0.6mt of cargo.
- Since 25 October, UNMEER has performed 169 take-offs, transporting 597 passengers and 5.9mt of light cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNMEER transported 98 passengers and 3.6mt of cargo.
- UNHAS and UNMEER have transported a total of 70 organisations. The top five users have been CDC, MSF, UNICEF, WFP and WHO.
- Since 28 November, the Bombardier CRJ-200 jet has been on ground due to technical reasons. The jet is expected operational in the coming days: Recovery flights have been performed in the interim and managed to accommodate 70 percent of passengers.
- UNHAS and UNMEER informed users that on 24, 25 and 31 December 2014, as well as on 01 January 2015, no regular air services will be conducted. The fleet will remain on stand-by for emergencies and/or urgent requests.

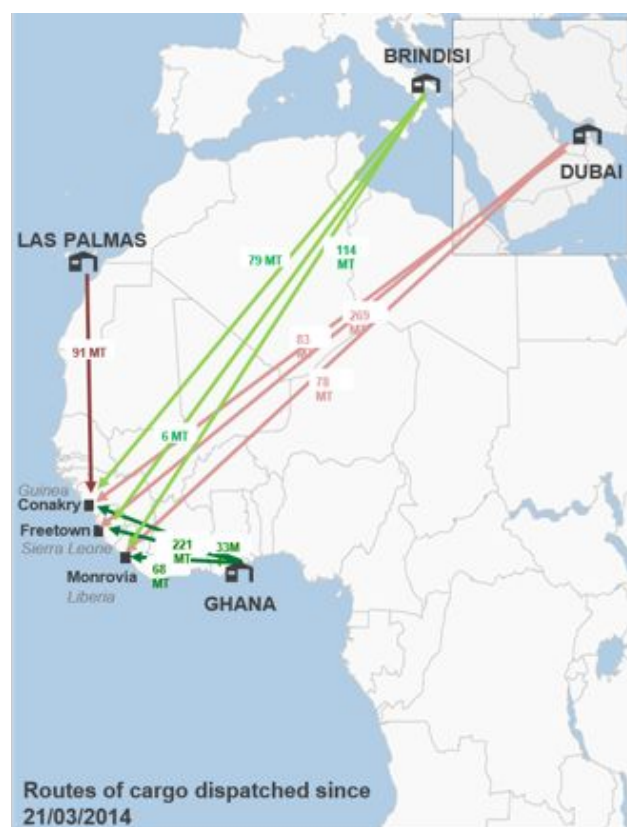
- On 29 November, as part of its regular service, UNHAS facilitated the movement of the Head of the Pasteur Institute of France and representatives from various organizations from Conakry to Kissidougou to attend the opening ceremonies of the ALIMA hospital. On the same day, the delegation was transported by helicopter to Macenta to visit medical facilities before flying back to Kissidougou and then to Conakry. During the reporting period, a large number of medical personnel from both ALIMA and Croix Rouge flew with UNHAS to Kissidougou to prepare for the opening of the hospital.
- On 29 November, UNHAS facilitated, as part of its regular service, a mission of the UN Special Envoy on Ebola, Dr. David Nabarro, from Conakry to Nzérékoré. On 30 November, UNHAS facilitated a mission of Dr. David Nabarro from Conakry to Cockeril Landing Zone, Sierra Leone.
- UNHAS continues to closely 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. An updated version of the flight schedule, effective as of 01 December 2014, has been shared with users. Sierra Leone's northern route, where flights are being conducted with the UNMEER helicopter, was tailored to meet users' demands and is now being served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- UNHAS has shared a West African Countries Overview, detailing its operations in West Africa and the aircraft deployed to bolster the response operations of the humanitarian community.



**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.**

- To date, UNHRD has dispatched 231 mt of relief items for the following partners: WHO, JICA, Irish Aid, Swiss Red Cross, UNDP, UNHCR and WFP. Items include medicine and medical equipment, health kits, protective gear, blankets, sleeping mats and jerry cans, as well as support equipment like mobile storage tents, generators and water tanks.
- UNHRD is procuring construction materials and equipment to support the set up of Ebola Treatment Units and Community Care Centres in all three affected countries, and is facilitating direct deliveries from suppliers on behalf of its partners.
- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched to the region 1,315mt worth of relief items and support equipment valued at USD 11.4 million, on behalf of WHO, Irish Aid, JICA, Swiss Red Cross, UNDP, UNHCR, and WFP. Weekly dispatches are ongoing.





# WFP COMMON SERVICES



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.

## GUINEA

- The ET Cluster is coordinating with French Cable Company 'Canal+' to provide cable services in three ETUs to improve living conditions of Ebola patients.
- The construction of a radio room at Conakry Airport is now complete, providing communication between UNHAS ground staff and their crew.
- The ET Cluster installed VSAT in Nzérékoré Forward Logistics Base (FLB); the LAN network is being finalized.
- Nine Rapid Response Teams are being equipped with portable satellite phone and Internet equipment in the three affected countries.
- Internet equipment is currently being installed for the International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) camp in Port Loko to provide 80 humanitarian staff with Internet access within the coming week.

## LIBERIA

- The installation of radio equipment for 80 inter-agency trucks will commence on 01 December.
- Satellite phone and Internet equipment was tested and prepared for handover to five Rapid Response Teams and a WHO Ebola Monitoring team.

## SIERRA LEONE

- Internet equipment provided by standby-partners Emergency.lu and Ericsson Response will be sent to the International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) camp in Port Loko to provide 80 organisations with Internet access by the end of this week.
- The ET Cluster is planning to install Internet and voice communications software in a second International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) camp, in Moyamba within two weeks.
- Small and portable satellite phone and Internet equipment was provided to three staff at the Forward Logistics Base (FLB) in Kailahun.
- ET Cluster is planning to deliver portable satellite phone and Internet equipment to three Rapid Response Teams.
- ET Cluster supporting Information Management team at UNMEER to verify exact coordinates of Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) throughout Sierra Leone.
- ET Cluster is providing technical support to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to programme 400 mobile phones to be used for data collection by health workers in Bo.



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