

COMMON SERVICES IN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

Highlights

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- In Liberia, WFP is targeting Hospitals and Health Centres in five priority counties as directed by the Liberian Ministry of Health. WFP has so far served 10/17 Hospitals and 12/28 Health Centre with over 120m³ of essential medical items.
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Numbers

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

US\$ 65.2 million received.

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

3,422 passengers & **24.9mt** cargo transported by UNHAS

1,329mt dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 7 December (since 4 September 2014):

*the transportation of over **24,000 m³*** of cargo on behalf of **34** organisations
the storage of over **25,000m³*** of cargo on behalf of over **28** organisations*

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

“The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the setup of satellite hubs in key locations to ensure maximum support to partners responding in Sierra Leone.”

Andrew Stanhope, WFP Director of Common Services, Sierra Leone

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 Air Coordination Cell is sharing air transport capacity and planned cargo with 109 people from 25 organisations at a daily basis.
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- Despite the need for airlifts to the region from Europe, potential limitations of Logistics Cluster funding may not allow continuity of fully funded flights. The option of flights provided on a cost-recovery basis is currently being considered, and in light of this, the Logistics Cluster has disseminated an online user survey to the humanitarian community to assess partners' needs.
- The ACC is coordinating with commercial partners Scan Global and Allied Air regarding available space on flights from Liege to Monrovia on 08 and 11 December respectively.
- UNICEF is organising a double-drop flight to Lungi Airport, Sierra Leone and Roberts Airport, Liberia has 30mt/150m³ spare capacity. The flight is planned for end of week 50 (week beginning 08 December).
- The Logistics Cluster has been liaising directly with ECHO on behalf the humanitarian community, regarding a second rotation of the Dutch vessel Karel Doorman. The vessel will depart from the port of Vlissingen in the Netherlands (est. 12 Dec) and call at Sierra Leone (22 Dec.), Guinea (27 Dec.), Liberia (2. Jan.) and Dakar (12 Jan.). The vessel may also make a stopover in Gibraltar to load additional cargo.
- Emerging of the long lasting cooperation in natural disasters, the LET member Maersk has donated freight shipping services of the value of USD 1 million in support to the humanitarian community responding to the Ebola epidemic. So far 15 shipments from nine organisations (IFRC, MSF-H, IRC, PCI, AFUA, WHO, UNICEF, UNMEER and WFP) have been accepted.

GUINEA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of over 4,500m³ of cargo on behalf of 15 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of over 7,500m³ on behalf of 11 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster has communicated to partners that a strike of the National Union of Workers of Guinea Maritime (Syndicat National des Travailleurs Maritimes de Guinée) has been ongoing since 04 December. It has been confirmed that the strike will continue until demands are resolved.
- Various updated maps and information products are available on www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14



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LIBERIA

- A total of over 21,000 m³ of cargo has been transported in Liberia for 25 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of about 15,000 m³ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 14,000 m³ on behalf of 19 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the movement of 2000 UNICEF PPE kits from Accra to Monrovia via a C-160 aircraft. The flight is scheduled to depart on 12 December.
- The Logistics Cluster has requested partners to provide visibility on all potential and current storage capacities across all 15 counties due to the urgent need to supply all ETUs, CCCs and health care facilities with equipment and life-saving materials.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the coordination of a donation made by the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) through UNMEER, of portable/transportable Kirsch generators and trailer mounted lighting sets. These will be made available to the humanitarian community free-of-charge and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Partners have been encouraged to contact the Logistics Cluster focal points in Monrovia to access this free service.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of over 4,000 m³ of cargo on behalf of 13 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 3,500 m³ on behalf of 8 organisations.
- WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, continues to facilitate the coordination of Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) provision to partners. So far, satellite hubs have been set up in Moyamba (1 MSU provided to Medecins du Monde); Magburaka (1 MSU provided to MSF); Freetown (2 MSUs provided to MSF); Hastings (2 MSUs provided to Aspen) and Kerry Town (1 MSU provided to Save the Children).
- The Logistics Cluster received a request from GOAL to supply temporary fuel to their compound in Port Loko. The Logistics Cluster is liaising with WFP to determine if a loan of fuel can be provided as an interim measure as GOAL finalises the contract with National Petroleum (supplier) in Port Loko.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating coordination between the humanitarian community and local private sector companies; a database of companies and individuals offering pro-bono and regular services has been compiled and shared with partners.
- One additional request was received by the Logistics Cluster for augmented storage at the Holy Spirit Hospital in Makeni. The Logistics Cluster has confirmed that one 40ft container will be provided from the containers donated by Maersk, which arrived on the Dutch Vessel Karel Doorman. Delivery is pending.



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- The Logistics Cluster has coordinated the use of British military assets (two landing craft, one Merlin Helicopter and vessel RFA Argus) to perform a dispatch of 400 bags' worth of WFP food parcels from Freetown to 15 remote locations around Sherbo and Turtle Islands, in Bonthe District. WFP, in partnership with World Vision, aims to target local populations affected by the inability to trade with Moyamba and Bon the districts due to the ban of regular trade routes in light of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).
- Approximately three pallets of assorted medical supplies have been dispatched from WFP (Kissy) warehouse in Freetown to Port Loko (customer address) and Makeni FLB on behalf of IFRC. The items in Makeni will be forwarded by light truck to IFRC locations in Koidu and Kabala. Transport for the remaining items took place on 03 December.
- The Logistics Cluster has requested feedback from partners on the logistical needs concerning their CCCs, EHCs and ETCs. An UNMEER verified list has been disseminated on CCCs, EHCs, and ETUs with five areas to be completed regarding requirements, which may be facilitated by the Logistics Cluster. These are: FLB(s) allocated for storage; estimated volume of equipment per facility per month; availability of storage on site; transport needs to/from facilities; and any additional needs as required i.e. kitting services, MSU loans.
- Updated maps, operations overview, minutes and many other useful documents are published at: www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14



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GUINEA

- Ebola Treatment Centres (ETCs) in Coyah and Belya are both 90% finalised. The opening ceremonies of both centres is planned to take place by the end of the this week.
- WFP has deployed a specialised technician to Conakry to coordinate the arrival of the UNMEER C-160 aircraft, which is soon to arrive with remaining urgent items to finalise ETCs in Beyla and Coyah.
- Work is ongoing at ETC Kerouane (50% finalised) and is scheduled for completion by mid-December.
- WFP has further augmented storage space at the Main Hub in Conakry due to the increased volume of cargo being received: the total surface available for storage is now 2560m², in addition to the warehouse of 1200m² capacity.
- CATERPILLAR has donated 11 generators to WFP; one purpose of these generators is to be used to power refrigerated containers in Nzérékoré and Kissidougou.
- To assist with cargo movements in and out of the main logistics hub in Conakry, WFP has contracted one extra forklift.
- The FLB in Nzerekore received essential items from the Regional Health Department, which was rapidly dispatched to Local Health Centres. A VSAT has now been installed at the FLB.
- 0.4mt of urgent medical cargo for MSF-France from Monrovia, was received at Conakry airport. WFP facilitated the dispatch of this cargo via road transport to Kankan.
- Authorization by Guinean Ministry of Defence was granted on 02 December for the transfer of a fleet of 30 long haul DAF trucks from Guinea to Liberia.
- WFP provided transport capacity to UNICEF for various WASH items to Kouremale on the Malian border.
- Support was provided on 02 December to the French Red Cross to organise transfer of medical cargo (cold chain) via UMS helicopter from Conakry to Macenta.



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LIBERIA

- In Liberia, all five Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) are now receiving cargo. Only one MSU (out of a planned six) is so far operational at FLB Harper; materials for other five MSUs are scheduled to arrive on the MV Catarina vessel, which will depart Monrovia on 08 December.
- At FLB Buchanan, the first MSU was erected on 03 December; two out of the four planned MSUs have now been established.
- The 40 DAF trucks are at the port, awaiting number plates and radio equipment to be installed. A private company will deliver drivers each time a truck is ready to hit the road. These trucks will operate out of the five FLBs; currently each FLB has two dedicated trucks (one 5mt and one 10mt), which have been rented until 12 December.



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- WFP is targeting Hospitals and Health Centres in five priority counties (Montserrado, River Cess, Margibi, Grand Cape Mount and Bong) as directed by the Liberian Ministry of Health. WFP has so far served 10/17 Hospitals and 12/28 Health Centre with 121m³ of essential medical items. The second wave of dispatches will expand to Clinics in the five priority counties, as well in an additional to 3-5 counties and their respective Hospitals, Health Centers, and Clinics.

SIERRA LEONE

- At FLB Kenema (1,000m² capacity) cargo for Central Medical Stores (GoSL) is currently being stored as their warehouse capacity had been exceeded.
- WFP received approximately 90 pallets of IMC PPE and hospital beds/equipment in Makeni FLB on 02 December. WFP transferred one camp kit from Port Loko to Makeni FLB on behalf of THW. Approximately 98m³ (65 pallets) of MSF cargo has been received in Makeni FLB.
- WFP and the UK are facilitating the transport and distribution of 218mt of food to 3,200 households, in response to an urgent request from the NERC in Sierra Leone.
- As part of a donation by the Government of Germany of 400 motorbikes to UNMEER, for use by the humanitarian community throughout the West African region for the Ebola response; The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the transport of an initial 20 motorbikes from Accra to Freetown, via a C-160 aircraft, commencing on 08 December.

WFP COMMON SERVICES

- Trucks carrying DfID equipment continue arriving for storage at Port Loko hub and are being loaded into the hub warehouses. This equipment is dedicated to the setup and running of CCCs which will be either kit packed for individual CCCs, or dispatched by item according to DfID's needs/requests.
- Nine empty containers, donated by Maersk, are at Freetown Port awaiting onward transport. Transport has been delayed due to availability of crane. WFP is increasing capacity of crane services and contracting is in progress.
- Three 45kva generators to be used to provide electricity at the WFP FLBs were moved from WFP Kissy warehouse to Freetown FLB (one) and Kenema FLB (two).
- WHO equipment, transported from Lungi Airport to Port Loko by WFP on 09 November, was loaded onto three flat-bed trucks on 04 December for delivery to the Central Medical Store (CMS) in Freetown.



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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 14mt of medical kits, including stretchers, were dispatched to Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone on behalf of UNDP. Communications equipment was dispatched to Liberia and Sierra Leone on behalf of WFP.
- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched to the region 1,329mt worth of relief items and support equipment valued at USD 11.8 million, on behalf of WHO, Irish Aid, JICA, Swiss Red Cross, UNDP, UNHCR, and WFP. Weekly dispatches are ongoing.
- UNHRD response teams continue to provide technical assistance and training across the region. The current team in Sierra Leone has been installing mobile storage units to augment the capacity of the logistics hubs across the region and a team in Dakar is helping to prepare for the redevelopment of Terminal H at the Dakar airport.



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 685 take-offs, transporting 3,422 passengers and 25 mt of light cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 266 passengers and 3.8 mt 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 518 passengers and 1.7mt of cargo.
- The CRJ-200, which has been out of service due technical reasons since 28 November, is expected to be back to service on 10 December.
- On 01 December, UNMEER SRSG Anthony Banbury travelled with UNHAS and UNMEER from Freetown to Monrovia.
- On 03 December, by request of the Organisation Ouest Africaine de la Santé (OOAS), 50 medical staff from the Kofi Annan Centre were transported from Accra to Conakry on a dedicated flight. A further 26 medical staff were transported from Accra to Freetown on 04 December, and 40 medical staff transported from Accra to Monrovia.
- A special flight was conducted for WFP between Cockrill-Freetown-Sherbo Island-Freetown (Lungi)-Cockrill.
- Two special flights were performed for UNMEER between Freetown-Moyamba-Makeni-Moyamba-Freetown and Monrovia – Bopolu – Voinjama – Monrovia.
- A special flight was conducted for WFP between Freetown-Sherbo Island and Freetown transporting key donors and media agencies.
- A special flight was performed on behalf of UNDP for route Monrovia-River Cess-GreenVille-Fishtown and back.
- 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. <http://www.logcluster.org/document/ebola-regional-flight-schedule>
- Updated Flight Schedules and a Flight Status Overview of UNMEER, UNMIL, UNHAS and Commercial flights in West Africa, as well as a Dangerous Goods Declaration are published at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>

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

- In Guinea, Radio communications were improved this week for both UN and NGO radio channels in Nzérékoré. Next step is to set up a radio base for the Ebola Treatment Centre (ETC) in Nzérékoré to ensure a long-term solution is established for radio communications.
- In Guinea, Internet connectivity equipment was set up for the WFP warehouse in Kissidougou.

LIBERIA

- In Liberia, the ET Cluster has deployed a dedicated radio station for the UN community in Monrovia ensuring secure radio communications.
- The radio channel dedicated for NGO use will be extended from Monrovia to seven locations across the country beginning on 10 December.
- A new request for Internet connectivity was submitted by IOM for an Ebola Treatment Centre (ETC) in northern Liberia.

SIERRA LEONE

- In Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster finished the installation of Internet connectivity in Port Loko hub. Internet is also now available at the International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) camp in Port Loko. 80 health professionals working at a nearby ETU and living in Porto Loko finally gained access to reliable Internet for the first time allowing them to respond more efficiently and to communicate with their families.
- The ET Cluster plans to extend Internet connectivity from Port Loko to a nearby Hotel accommodating humanitarian workers, allowing access to partners from multiple organisations.



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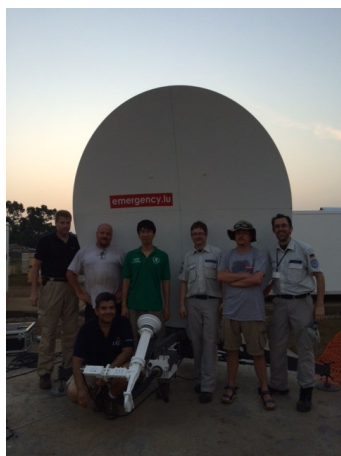
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