

COMMON SERVICES IN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

Highlights

- WFP has rehabilitated Kankan airstrip, following a request by the Government of Guinea. The airstrip has now been cleared to receive UNHAS flights, facilitating the potential deployment of staff to the area.
- WFP, in response to a request from UNMEER, is supporting the upcoming Western Area surge in Sierra Leone with the augmentation of health facilities.
- In Guinea, the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster successfully installed Internet at the Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) in Nzérékoré and Kissidougou, as well as at the main Red Cross base in Macenta for 35 staff operating there.

Numbers

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

Overall shortfall: **US\$ 66.9 million**

3,867 passengers & **38.2mt** cargo transported by UNHAS

1,423mt dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 14 December (since 4 September 2014):

*the transportation of over **26,000m³*** of cargo on behalf of **43** organisations
the storage of over **29,000m³*** 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 Logistics Cluster is facilitating the movement of essential cargo from Accra to the affected countries , via a C-160 aircraft that has been generously donated by the Government of Germany.” Jeppe Andersen, Regional Logistics Cluster Coordinator, Accra.

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 (ACC) coordinated Logistics Cluster funded inter-agency flight from the staging area in Cologne arrived 11 December in Conakry and Freetown. The fully loaded B747 carried protective equipment, medical supplies, ICT equipment, and logistics support equipment on behalf of 11 humanitarian organisations - Cap Anamur, Direct Relief, IFRC, MSF-H, Oxfam, THW, UNFPA, UNMEER, WFP, Welthungerhilfe (WHH), and WHO. Cologne Staging Area is kindly supported by UPS and Cologne/Bonn Airport Management.
- 29 humanitarian organisations are receiving daily updates on flights, available commercial services, and cargo requiring airlift.
- An air transport needs assessment survey was conducted, almost 80 percent of the organisations subscribing to the ACC update completed the survey providing critical information.
- Based on the survey results, the Logistics Cluster is adapting the support provided to partners for a more effective inter-agency response using air transport.
- 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 departed from the port of Vlissingen in the Netherlands and will call at the main ports of all three affected countries, as well as La Rochelle (15 December) and Gibraltar (17 December) to pick up additional cargo. The vessel will berth at Freetown around 22 December; Conakry on 27 December; Monrovia on 02 January and Dakar on 12 January.
- The vessel is transporting essential assets key to the implementation of the response, such as trucks, land cruisers, ambulances and 20ft containers, on behalf of organisations including DFID, UNICEF, Lion Heart, Plan International, Partners in Health (PiH), the Dutch Red Cross, and WHH. At present the Vessel is transporting an estimated 25,000 freight tons; and picks up additional cargo in La Rochelle and Gibraltar.
- Furthermore, 17 shipments were approved under the Maersk donation – amounting to a total of 232 x 20’ft containers and 18 x 40’ft containers.
- 10 organisations have requested the service (PCI, Afua, MSF-H, IRC, IFRC, ACCEL, UNICEF, WHO, WFP, and UNMEER)
- In addition to the ocean freight support, the Maersk donation has been used for transport of MSF supplies between the Staging Area and Luxembourg Airport facilitating the use of the Airlink donated airlift to Monrovia.



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GUINEA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 5,123m³ of cargo on behalf of 16 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 9,710m³ on behalf of 10 organisations.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 15,826m³ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 14,963m³ on behalf of 19 organisations.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 5,085m³ of cargo on behalf of 12 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 3,935m³ on behalf of eight organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, continues to provide support for augmentation of storage capacity to the humanitarian community via satellite hubs, providing Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) provision to partners upon request. So far, satellite hubs have been set up in Moyamba, Magburaka, Freetown, Hastings, and Kerry Town. MSF Spain also recently requested two tents and three MSUs for Kissy.
- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, has provided additional satellite warehousing to partners in Hastings on behalf of UNMEER, and in Makeni on behalf of Holy Spirit Hospital.
- A Logistics Cluster Meeting was held on 09 December in Freetown, with 16 organisations in attendance.

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

GUINEA

- The main hub in Conakry has been further extended. This area is now comprised of 2560m² (MSU), a 2000m² warehouse and 17,000m² of land; and space is available to extend the hub further, should there be a need to.
- Caterpillar has donated 11 generators to WFP; plans for exact allocation of these generators are underway. Seven of these 11 have been delivered to the following locations: three to Kissidougou FLB; one to the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Gueckedou; and three to Nzérékoré FLB.
- A GPS tracking system has been installed in each of the 16 trucks of the dedicated WFP fleet, which continue to be made available to the humanitarian community for urgent cargo movements of essential items. The GPS will allow WFP to inform partners on the trucks' position in real-time.
- A 30,000-litre fuel tank has been dispatched to Beyla to provide fuel to an ETU. TOTAL has deployed five technicians to finalise the installation.



- An Mi8 helicopter has been deployed to Kissidougou to ensure efficient transport of personnel arriving by plane to Kissidougou, and to nearby Ebola treatment facilities in Macenta, Beyla, Kékédougou and Kerouane.
- Kankan airstrip has been rehabilitated by WFP and is now cleared to receive UNHAS flights.
- Works continue at the Ebola Treatment Units (ETU) in Beyla, Kerouane and Coyah.

LIBERIA

- Four Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been erected at Buchanan FLB. All five FLBs are now fully operational.
- The 29 long-haul trucks travelling from Guinea to Liberia have now arrived at the SKD hub in Monrovia. These trucks will be based in Monrovia and are foreseen to transport cargo across the country.

- Two additional trucks have been donated to WFP for one month from Liberian Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC) and are now at Gbarnga FLB.



- CDC, WHO, UNICEF, USAID, and WFP have been collaborating to establish standard "fly away" kits for the Rapid Isolation and Treatment of Ebola (RITE) support. This kit of supplies will be deployed from Monrovia to assist with any EVD outbreak, or alternatively prepositioned in the Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs). UNMEER has offered two (Mi8) helicopters from Sierra Leone, dedicated for the RITE strategy, which are now stationed in Monrovia. Key actors including USAID OFDA, CDC, UNICEF, WFP, UNMEER, and the Government of Liberia (GoL) have agreed that the RITE strategy is paramount to the greater humanitarian Ebola Response. The two UNMEER helicopters are currently undergoing maintenance, however, both will be ready/operational as of 18 December 2014.
- It has been established that, in order to allow the transport of blood samples to support the Ebola response in Liberia, there is need for a Certified Dangerous Goods Licensed Officer; discussions are ongoing regarding the deployment of such an Officer as soon as possible.



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Logistics: *we deliver*

- Each of the five FLBs will receive one 2000-gallon tank in the coming days. WFP has also contracted a commercial company to supply 20 fuel drums for each FLB.
- The regular movement of humanitarian passengers and cargo is currently being performed on an integrated schedule, with UNHAS, UNMIL, UNMEER and US DoD assets, through UNHAS humanitarian processes and procedures, with coordination assistance provided by the WFP Logistics Cluster. Prioritisation and tasking meetings are occurring daily between all aforementioned actors.
- UNHAS is bringing in an additional fixed wing aircraft to Liberia to support the regular humanitarian schedule on behalf of the humanitarian community. It will be arriving by the end of the month (December), and will be operating under regular schedule by January 2015.
- WFP is currently working with the National Ebola Taskforce and Government of Liberia Customs officials to extend the customs bonded area to include the WFP Airport Transit Hub. Once the customs bond is extended, including a customs official on site at the hub, relief cargo can be immediately offloaded and stored safely in the WFP airport transit hub until dispatched to key locations throughout the country.



SIERRA LEONE

- WFP is also providing equipment and engineering support, as requested by UNMEER, to THW who is constructing vehicle decontamination units at Hastings airfield in Freetown. WFP has been informed that once the construction is finalized by THW, the vehicle decontamination units will be handed over to Handicap International who will run the site.



- WFP personnel in Port Loko continue to assist DfID with packing their equipment into kits for the set up of CCCs. Trucks carrying DfID equipment continue arriving for storage at Port Loko hub (DfID transport). DfID is utilizing the WFP Port Loko hub as their main base for supply to partners for CCCs.
- A shipment of 18 motorbikes, donated by the Government of Germany on behalf of UNMEER, and hospital beds are awaiting dispatch from Accra to Freetown.
- WFP has been requested by UNMEER to support the upcoming Western Area surge in Sierra Leone with the augmentation of health facilities. WFP is dispatching two MSUs in response to an urgent request from UNMEER, in support of the Ministry of Health in Sierra Leone. These MSUs were transported on 10 December to Hastings and will be set up as Convalesce Centres next to a fully operational ETU.
- An additional shipment of ambulances and equipment for the establishment of ETUs is being airlifted on behalf of UNMEER from Accra to Freetown.



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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 764 take-offs, transporting 3,867 passengers and 38.2mt of cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 451 passengers and 13.2mt of cargo.
- Since 25 October, UNMEER has performed 360 take-offs, transporting 1,528 passengers and 8.2mt of light cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNMEER transported 398 passengers and 0.6mt of cargo.
- A total of 15mt of food are being delivered with a Bell 412 helicopter to Quinwein, a village that has been cut off from food access due to the EVD outbreak and to which access by road is impossible. 13 flights out of a total of 15 have already been conducted.
- On 08 December, one of the UNMEER Mi8 helicopters was re-positioned from Freetown to Monvoria Spriggs Payne. On 10 December, another UNMEER helicopter was re-positioned from Freetown to Kissidougou.
- On 14 December, UNHAS performed an assessment flight to Kankan. This destination will soon be added to the regular service.
- On 09 December, UNMEER conducted an ICT assessment flight between Conakry – Kissidougou – Nzerekore – Conakry.
- On 14 December, the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) Director, Tom Frieden, travelled with a delegation from the US Embassy and CDC from Conakry to Nzerekore; UNMEER conducted the flight to Macenta and UNHAS transported the team back to Conakry.
- A Croix Rouge team travelled with UNHAS from Nzerekore to Conakry and with UNMEER from Macenta to Kerouane.
- 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.



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.

- A charter left the UNHRD Brindisi depot last week carrying 87mt of equipment and supplies to support the setup of two Ebola Treatment Units (ETU) in Sierra Leone. Items included generators, water tanks, tents, pre-fabricated office and accommodation units and other items.
- UNHRD also dispatched 4mt of autoclaves (sterilizers) to Sierra Leone on behalf of UNDP.
- UNHRD response teams continue to provide technical assistance and training across the region, installing equipment to augment the capacity of the logistics hubs and supporting the installation of Ebola Treatment Units (ETU).
- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched 1,423mt of relief items and support equipment on behalf of 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.



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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**.

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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, during the reporting period, the ET Cluster successfully installed Internet at the FLBs Nzérékoré and Kissidougou, as well as at the main Red Cross base in Macenta for 35 staff operating there.
- Radio equipment and Internet was installed in the ETU in Macenta for health workers treating Ebola patients.

LIBERIA

- In Liberia, 12 inter-agency trucks were installed with high frequency radios to ensure secure and reliable communication between UN and NGO staff operating in remote locations throughout the country.

SIERRA LEONE

- In Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster installed a VSAT in the main hub in Port Loko FLB for use by FLB staff to improve tracking and monitoring of cargo receipts and dispatches. Three Wi-Fi hotspots were also established at the main hub WFP Sub-Office, and a Guest House in Port Loko giving Internet access to humanitarian workers from multiple NGOs, UN agencies and other Ebola responders operating in the area.
- The ET Cluster deployed three satellite phones for use at the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) to enable effective communication and coordination with Rapid Response and Stabilisation Teams operating in remote locations in Sierra Leone.



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