

### COMMON SERVICES IN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

#### Highlights

- The Logistics Cluster in Liberia has been facilitating the provision of cold chain storage capacity on behalf of MSF for measles vaccines;
- UNHRD's Rapid Response Team (RRT) set up 1,000m<sup>3</sup> of additional storage space at the Central Medical Stores (CMS) in Freetown;
- The UNHAS/UNMEER fleet performed two medical evacuations of non-Ebola symptomatic humanitarian personnel in Liberia and Sierra Leone;
- In Guinea, the ET Cluster has conducted radio trainings for 161 humanitarian personnel.

#### Numbers

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

Overall shortfall: **US\$ 40.7 million**

**8,178** passengers & **78.9mt** cargo transported by UNHAS

**Over 1,650mt** dispatched by UNHRD

*Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 22 February 2015 (since 4 September 2014):*

*the transportation of over **45,000m<sup>3</sup>\*** of cargo on behalf of **59** organisations  
the storage of over **62,000m<sup>3</sup>\*** of cargo on behalf of over **48** organisations*

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

***“The WFP Common Services Ebola Response would not have been possible without the donations received - including the invaluable standby partners and logistics equipment – on behalf of the humanitarian community.”***

*Oyinkan Odeinde Hallgreen, Deputy Regional Coordinator, WFP Common Services, 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, 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

- Since November, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster has coordinated 10 free-to-user flights from the Europe Staging Area at Cologne-Bonn Airport, on behalf of the humanitarian community; these 10 flights have delivered a total of 932mt of critical relief items to the three Ebola-affected countries. The final free-to-user flight departed on 18 February, transporting over 90mt, on behalf of 12 organisations, to Freetown and Conakry. The cargo included PPE, medical supplies (including sanitation), and operational support equipment. All future flights, coordinated by the Logistics Cluster from the Europe Staging Area, will be made available on a cost-recovery basis.
- The Logistics Cluster has been coordinating with private sector partner MAERSK, through the LET Partnership; MAERSK has generously donated both refrigerated and non-refrigerated containers to the humanitarian community to store essential items key to the Ebola Response. A total of 469 containers have been approved, which continue to be delivered to the affected countries: last week, four refrigerated containers were received in Conakry, Guinea which will be used to store medical supplies at the main logistics hub. Additionally, 35 non-refrigerated containers arrived in Monrovia, Liberia; partners with container requirements have been encouraged to contact the Logistics Cluster.

## GUINEA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 11,491m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations and the storage of 23,365m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of 21 organisations.

### ***Focus on: WASH Kit Distribution in Guinea***

Between 23 and 28 February, WFP, through the coordination of the Logistics Cluster, will be supporting the distribution of 30,000 WASH kits for UNICEF to 89 villages across Macenta, Nzérékoré and Lola prefectures.

## LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 22,508m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of 42 organisations and the storage of 29,293m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of 27 organisations.

- A focal point from the Incident Management System (IMS) of Liberia has been appointed to deal with all customs clearance requests for humanitarian and medical goods arriving in the country. The Logistics Cluster has shared the latest customs procedures with partners.
- The Logistics Cluster has been facilitating the provision of cold chain storage capacity on behalf of MSF to store measles vaccines at the WFP main hub in Monrovia.
- WHO and the Ministry of Health are creating a three-month prepositioning plan. This will not only ensure that storage facilities throughout the country are adequately equipped in preparation for the rainy season, but will ease pressure on warehouses in Monrovia, the majority of which are at full capacity. In light of this, the Logistics Cluster has been advising partners to move their cargo from Monrovia to the FLBs.

### ***Focus on: Facilitating container transportation on behalf of WHO***

The Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of seven containers with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on behalf of WHO; four containers were delivered to the Ministry of Health's Central Medical Stores (CMS) and three for storage at the main logistics hub in Port Loko. The containers are part of a donation of 36 containers to WHO, 29 of which have already been allocated. The remaining seven containers will be transported during the coming week.

## SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 11,042m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of 23 organisations and the storage of 9,748m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of 18 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster is currently exploring available warehouse capacity in Freetown for the partners; information on potential warehousing space will be shared with organisations when available.
- In preparation for the opening of schools by the end of March, the Logistics Cluster is coordinating the supply pipeline for this operation with WHO, UNICEF and USAID in order to prepare for potential additional transport and storage requirements.



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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**.

## Logistics: *we deliver*

### GUINEA

- One WFP pick up truck, usually stationed at the Nzérékoré Forward Logistics Base (FLB) has been temporarily re-assigned to Forecariah to support operations, augmenting transport capacity in the surrounding area.
- The WFP-contracted pickup trucks, donated to the Regional Health Departments to allow them to dispatch medical equipment to remotely located health facilities, have been fully operational since 13 February. WFP contracted these pick ups with drivers and fuel for Kankan, Boke, Labe, Mamoud and Conakry, and currently two pickups are stationed in each location.



### LIBERIA

- The setup of the final Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) at Harper FLB has been completed, bringing the total storage capacity of Harper to over 1600m<sup>3</sup>.
- Due to surplus cargo entering Liberia, the apron and airport hub have become heavily congested. In response to this, WFP has added three more Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) - bringing the total number of MSUs at the airport to 12 - and is also extending existing facilities. WFP, through the coordination of the Logistics Cluster is investigating options for more permanent solutions for the storage of this surplus cargo at both national and sub-national levels.
- The installation of GPS in the 40 DAF trucks, which are stationed at the FLBs, is ongoing. So far eight DAF trucks have been installed with GPS equipment.

#### **Focus on: Back-to-School in Liberia**

In Liberia, WFP supported the transportation of 341 WASH kits as part of the 'back to school' project via air and road, on behalf of UNICEF and the Government of Liberia. Over 120m<sup>3</sup> of these kits were dispatched by air, and 375m<sup>3</sup> by road.



### SIERRA LEONE

- 13 Mercedes trucks, as part of an in-kind contribution from the Government of Germany, arrived in Freetown on 21 February. These trucks are currently undergoing customs clearance; once cleared these vehicles will be allocated between the WFP Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) in order to augment 'last mile' transport capacity.
- The allocation plan of WFP's current fleet of 33 trucks, plus their mechanics and drivers, will be finalised during the coming week, based on feedback from partners.
- Due to the reduction in need for storage capacity in Freetown, WFP plans to close its warehouse in Freetown and extend the storage capacity of the main logistics hub in Port Loko from 2,880m<sup>2</sup> to over 5,000m<sup>2</sup>. This extension will be implemented through the set up of an additional 14 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) of 32x10m. Assessments are ongoing.



# WFP COMMON SERVICES



The Emergency Telecommunications (ET) Cluster provides timely Information, Communications and Technology services to support the 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 2,011 humanitarian staff.
- In Guinea, the ET Cluster continues to provide connectivity to users in Nzérékoré. Currently 72 users are registered on the ET Cluster Network. The ET Cluster has also installed additional equipment to improve Internet connectivity in the Nzérékoré Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU).
- In Guinea, a total of 161 humanitarian personnel have received ET Cluster conducted radio training.
- The ET Cluster provided connectivity at Bonthe District Ebola Response Centre and the District Health Management Team Office using the Ericsson Response WIDER wireless solution.
- Last week the ET Cluster improved connectivity at the Hastings ETU, the Maforiki ETU, as well as the Government hospital and GOAL ETU at Port Loko.



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

UNHRD response teams continue to provide technical assistance and training across the region:

- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched over 1,650mt of relief items and support equipment to the region on behalf of WFP, WHO, UNHCR, UNDP, JICA, Irish Aid, UNICEF and the Swiss Red Cross.

## Focus on: Augmenting Storage Capacity in Sierra Leone

In response to an urgent request from the Ministry of Health in Sierra Leone, WFP, through the expertise of UNHRD's Rapid Response Team (RRT), has provided 1,000m<sup>3</sup> of additional storage space at the Central Medical Stores (CMS) in Freetown. This storage facility will be used to stockpile essential medical items before their dispatch to health facilities. A member of UNHRD's RRT led the engineering works, which were completed in just 10 days. On 17 February, the storage facility was officially handed over to the Ministry of Health by WFP's Emergency Coordinator for Sierra Leone.

## Focus on: Partnership with NetHope

The ET Cluster has been collaborating with partner NetHope, capitalising on their technical expertise and their generous donation of equipment, on behalf of the humanitarian community. In Liberia, NetHope has donated its remaining equipment to the ET Cluster's response operation, including two mobile VSATs, five BGANs and 40 4G dongles. In Sierra Leone, in partnership with NetHope, the ET Cluster has provided connectivity in two Wellbody Clinics in Kono, as well as District Ebola Centres in Kailahun and Kenema.



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 1,578 takeoffs, transporting 8,178 passengers and 78.9mt of cargo.
- Last week, UNHAS transported 554 passengers and 12.8mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 607 passengers and 2.9mt of cargo.
- 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.
- Two medical evacuations of non-Ebola symptomatic humanitarian workers were carried out during the reporting period; one from Monrovia, Liberia, to Ghana, and one from Moyamba to Kerry Town in Sierra Leone.
- Last week the UNHAS/UNMEER fleet facilitated 15 special missions for various stakeholders including the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and representatives of the Guinean, Nigerian and Senegalese Governments.

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