

## COMMON SERVICES IN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

### Highlights

- The Logistics Cluster, through the Air Coordination Cell (ACC) in Copenhagen, is coordinating four additional flights, on behalf of the humanitarian community, from the Cologne staging area; so far two free-of-charge flights have been provided to date.
- A total of 76 motorcycles, donated by the Government of Germany to UN-MEER, have arrived in Freetown, Sierra Leone, to support the Western Area Surge social mobilization, additional surveillance and collection of lab samples.
- Four Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been successfully set up at Forward Logistics Base (FLB) Buchanan in Liberia. USAID/OFDA have donated a forklift to facilitate the movement of cargo with the FLB.

### Numbers

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

Overall shortfall: **US\$ 68 million**

**4,264** passengers & **42.6mt** cargo transported by UNHAS

**1,480mt** dispatched by UNHRD

*Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 21 December (since 4 September 2014):*

*the transportation of over **26,519m<sup>3</sup>\****  
*of cargo on behalf of **43** organisations*  
*the storage of over **30,822m<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 teamwork needed to respond quickly and effectively in Ebola affected countries helped to further strengthen partnerships between various actors both in the field and at global levels”***  
*Chiara Argenti, Head of Information Management, Global Logistics Cluster, Rome, Italy*

**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.**

*During the reporting period (15-21 December), the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of 772m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian cargo across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia on behalf of nine organisations.*

*During the reporting period (15-21 December), the Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 1,891m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian cargo across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, on behalf of 11 organisations.*

## **STAGING AREA**

- The Logistics Cluster, through the Air Coordination Cell (ACC) in Copenhagen, is coordinating four additional flights, on behalf of the humanitarian community, from the Cologne staging area; so far two free-of-charge flights have been provided to date. Partners have been requested to communicate their needs to the ACC in order to ensure optimal use of available space on these four flights. The first flight is currently planned to depart Cologne for Freetown and Monrovia between 30 December and 03 January.
- The Air Coordination Cell (ACC) has informed partners that Airlink is offering to fund interagency connecting flights, from Copenhagen to the staging area in Cologne, on behalf of the humanitarian community.
- The Dutch Vessel, Karel Doorman, as part of its second rotation, has departed Gibraltar and is en route to Sierra Leone where it is scheduled to arrive on 23 December. The total amount of inter-agency cargo aboard the ship is 2,110mt. It 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.



## **GUINEA**

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 5,184m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of 16 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 11,382m<sup>3</sup> on behalf of 11 organisations.
- On 20 December, the Logistics Cluster, through UNHRD, facilitated the movement via air transport of a high-priority consignment of 2,600 PPE kits from Accra to Conakry, donated by the Japanese Government, on behalf of UNICEF.

## **LIBERIA**

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 16,125m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of 26 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 15,405m<sup>3</sup> on behalf of 19 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster, through UNHRD, coordinated the movement of 1,400 PPE kits (donated by the Government of Japan), and 14 motorbikes (part of the batch of 400 donated by the Government of Germany) from Accra to Monrovia on 18 December, via a C-160 aircraft.

## **SIERRA LEONE**

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 5,210m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of 13 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 4,034m<sup>3</sup> on behalf of 10 organisations.
- WHO requested support for transportation and storage of 36 containers of medical items in Freetown. The Logistics Cluster is liaising with WHO to determine location for delivery in order to ensure it is readily prepared with trucks and cranes to support the request.
- During the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster, in coordination with THW, facilitated the movement of 40 motorbikes donated by the Government of Germany, from Accra to Freetown.
- On 20 December, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the air transportation of a high-priority consignment of 2000 tarpaulins on behalf of UNICEF from Accra to Freetown.

**Various updated maps and information products are available on [www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14)**

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## GUINEA

- On December 18, the main logistics base in Conakry, which was storing medicines and laboratory materials, caught fire. The cause has not yet been identified and a formal investigation is underway. The warehouse was storing cargo on behalf of Médecins sans Frontières (MSF France & MSF Belgium), the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the French Red Cross, the World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Mission for the Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER), the Pharmacie centrale de Guinée (Government) and the International Federation of the Red Cross / Guinean Red Cross.
- The logistics base includes a covered warehouse and a large outdoors covered area with nine (MSUs): the fire did not affect the outdoor storage space, however all the equipment in the main building, an approximate 15 percent of the overall available space, was fully destroyed. Despite the damage, WFP has assured partners that the main hub remains operational. The main logistics base is still receiving and dispatching cargo. Full storage capacity will be restored using additional MSUs; the cold chain capacity which provided two refrigerated containers for the site, has already been restored with the help of the French Military. Private sector partner Maersk with the loan of additional refrigerated containers will provide a more sustainable solution.
- WFP is liaising with partners in Conakry and an inventory of lost items has been made to determine the financial value of the damage. WFP has offered to provide a free-of-charge flight, through the Air Coordination Cell (ACC), to replenish the inter-agency stock destroyed in the recent fire at the main logistics hub in Conakry.
- Caterpillar 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 30,000-litre fuel tank has been dispatched to Beyla to provide fuel to an ETU nearby. TOTAL has deployed five technicians to finalise the installation.



- 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.
- Coyah ETU was officially handed over to the local authorities on 16 December. Planned date to be opened is pending. Works continue at Kerouane and Beyla.
- One UNMEER Mi8 helicopter has arrived in Kissidougou; it will transport passengers and light cargo to the villages of Macenta, Guéckédou, Beyla, and Kérouané.



## LIBERIA

- The 29 long-haul trucks from Guinea are at the SKD main hub in Monrovia. These trucks will replace the two dedicated 5mt and 10mt trucks currently serving each Forward Logistics Base (FLB).
- Four Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been successfully set up at Forward Logistics Base (FLB) Buchanan. USAID/OFDA have donated a forklift to facilitate the movement of cargo with the FLB.
- Five 2000-gallon (8000-litre) tanks are being prepared in Monrovia. Each FLB will receive one full tank and 20 empty drums of a capacity of 225 litres.
- 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.
- WFP is in discussion with UNICEF for the potential offer of a dedicated area at the site of the hub, for UNICEF to manage and store medicines in transit, arriving at the airport.
- 10 out of the 40 DAF trucks, which have been loaded with cargo, were scheduled to move out to their assigned FLBs on 20 December. Unfortunately, due to election activities over the weekend, none of the trucks have yet been able to move out of Monrovia.

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## SIERRA LEONE

- WFP has been requested by UNMEER to support the upcoming Western Area surge in Sierra Leone with the augmentation of health facilities and additional logistics and engineering support projects.
- Two MSUs have been transported to Hastings and will be set up as Convalesce Centers next to a fully operational ETC. WFP is procuring additional insulation and ventilation equipment through UNHRD, which will be shipped as a priority order; the equipment will be used to decrease temperature for patient recovery.
- Two ablation units, two 6m x 9m tents, and two containers have been loaned to UNMEER for use at Hastings Airfield fleet decontamination centre. WFP is providing engineering support for installation of the loaned equipment as well as fencing and is expected to finalize the works over the coming week. The fleet decontamination site opened on 18 December and will remain operational while final works are being completed.
- A total of 76 motorcycles, donated by the Government of Germany to UNMEER, have arrived in Freetown and transported from Lungi Airport to UNMEER/Special Court. The motorcycles will be used to support the Western Area Surge additional surveillance, social mobilization, and collection of lab samples. Two additional shipments of hospital beds (240 beds in total) and three ambulances have also arrived in Freetown on behalf of UNMEER to support the Western Area Surge.
- WFP is ordering an additional eight ablation units from UNHRD to support the Western Area Surge and ongoing EVD response requests.
- WFP is providing engineering support in Waterloo for the clearing of 200m x 300m land and digging a landfill, which will be used for the disposal of contaminated household items and burials.

- WFP has ordered a shipment of 5,000 swabs through UNHRD on behalf of WHO to increase procurement speed and delivery time. The swabs will be used to collect laboratory samples.
- One 45kva generator is being loaned to UNMEER and will be installed at Cockerill RSLAF airfield in Freetown to support helicopter operations. WFP has been providing engineering support at the airfield; phase one of the works has been completed, which includes the rehabilitation of office space and improved visibility of the helicopter-landing site. Additional engineering support is ongoing to improve a passenger-waiting terminal as well as rehabilitate office space.
- One WFP Logistics Officer has been deployed to Kambia to support WHO with rehabilitation of a hospital which will be used for EVD treatment. An assessment was conducted on 19 December and works will begin next week. It is estimated that the works will be completed in one week.
- A request for additional support to WHO was received from the Regional Bureau this week, which will include provision of accommodation and office support, services for 10 WHO staff across 10 locations in Sierra Leone. WFP will be conducting an assessment next week in Kabala, Port Loko, Freetown, and Makeni to determine what is needed to support the request. Additional staff may be required to provide the support.



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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 835 take-offs, transporting 4,264 passengers and 42.6mt of cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 404 passengers and 3.5mt of cargo.
- Since 25 October, UNMEER has performed 450 take-offs, transporting 1,809 passengers and 9.4mt of light cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNMEER transported 398 passengers and 1.2mt of cargo.
- A second 19-seat aircraft has been added to the fleet to serve the growing demand for movement of personnel and supplies for Ebola response.
- On 15 and 16 December, the UK Secretary of State for International Development and team, was transported on special flights between Accra and Freetown.
- On 16 December, a special flight was organised for CDC between Cockerill and Lungi.
- On 17 December, a special flight was organized for a Croix Rouge team travelling from Kerouane to Kissidougou and from Kissidougou to Conakry.
- On 19 December, a special cargo flight was organized for OCHA from Monrovia to Fishtown, Liberia.
- The following special flights were conducted by UNMEER in coordination with UNHAS:
- On 18 December, UNMEER conducted a special flight from Freetown to Port Loko, Kabala and Koidu and back to Freetown.
- On 19 December, representatives of the Guinean Government's Coordination Cell were transported from Conakry to Kerouane via Kissidougou with UNHAS and UNMEER aircraft.
- UNHAS and UNMEER postponed their flights in Liberia on 20 December as security precautionary measure as a consequence of the Senatorial elections. Two flights scheduled for the 20 December were moved to 21 December.
- 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 15 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.



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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.**

- During the reporting period, UNHRD dispatched 57mt of commodities to Guinea and Sierra Leone on behalf of UNDP and WFP. Items included IT equipment, hospital beds, autoclaves, and personal protective gear. In addition, 35 MT of nutritious foods (Plumpy Sup) set sail from Las Palmas for WFP, destined for all three of the affected countries.
- UNHRD response teams continue to provide technical assistance and training across the region.
- Since March, UNHRD depots in Dubai, Ghana, Spain and Italy have dispatched 1,480mt of relief items and support equipment to the region on behalf of WFP, WHO, UNHCR, UNDP, JICA, Irish Aid and the Swiss Red Cross. 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. Weekly dispatches are ongoing.



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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.

- ET Cluster is providing Internet connectivity in 15 locations across the region, as well as security communications in 11 locations and has installed radio equipment in 60 vehicles.
- Preparations are being finalised for a project in partnership with WHO to support the set up of telecommunications in 60 locations, and the deployment of 4,800 medical staff across the three affected countries.
- New maps detailing locations throughout the region where the ET Cluster is providing services are now available at: [www.etcluster.org](http://www.etcluster.org)
- During the reporting period, the ET Cluster completed the installation of 40 inter-agency trucks with high frequency radios to ensure secure and reliable communication between humanitarian workers in remote locations.
- In coordination with UNMEER and UNMIL, the ET Cluster installed Internet at Forward Logistics Base (FLB) in Gbarnga and two additional warehouses nearby.
- Five new Wi-Fi hotspots have been established at the Forward Logistics Base (FLB), WFP Sub-Office, two Guesthouses, and the International Refugee Council (IRC) compound in Port Loko giving Internet access to humanitarian workers from multiple organisations.
- All three FLBs in Guinea have Internet installed. Radio equipment and Internet was installed in the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Macenta for health workers there treating Ebola patients.
- During the reporting period, Internet connectivity was installed at the Plan International base in Macenta.



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