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**Highlights**

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- The ET Cluster is providing Internet access for 1,112 humanitarian staff in 59 locations across the three affected countries.
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to coordinate interagency flights to the region, but on a cost-recovery basis; partners are being encouraged to harmonise their upstream supply chains due to the surplus of cargo entering the three countries.

**Numbers**

Overall requirements: **US$ 178.5 million**

Overall shortfall: **US$ 43.5 million**

- 6,590 passengers & 56mt cargo transported by UNHAS
- 1,650mt dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 1 February 2015 (since 4 September 2014):

- the transportation of over **39,000m³** of cargo on behalf of **52** organisations
- the storage of over **52,000m³** of cargo on behalf of over **46** organisations

*The Logistics Cluster aims to report the most accurate data possible, based on the information available at the time of reporting.*
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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 continues to coordinate the last three free-to-user inter-agency flights, from the Europe Staging Area at Cologne Bonn Airport, in order to facilitate the delivery of essential cargo to the affected countries. The 8th flight departs the 4th of February to Freetown and Conakry, the 9th flight is scheduled for the 10th of February to Freetown and Monrovia and the 10th flight is scheduled for the 18th of February to Freetown and Conakry.
- 48 Shipments have been approved under the Maersk donation – amounting to a total of 258 x 20’ foot containers and 133 x 40’ foot containers. The shipments originate from all over the world (20 different locations in the US, Europe, Asia, Africa and the middle east) and go to all three countries.

GUINEA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 9,458m³ of cargo on behalf of 21 organisations and the storage of 19,202m³ on behalf of 18 organisations.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 20,663m³ of cargo on behalf of 34 organisations and the storage of 25,796m³ on behalf of 21 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster is engaging with partners to understand, where possible, upcoming storage and transport requirements. An assessment of Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) will be undertaken in the coming weeks in order to ensure facilities remain operational for WFP and partners ahead of the rainy season. In Port Loko, over 3,000m² of space is available, although currently 90 percent of storage capacity has been reached. Some additional works are underway to develop the outer storage area in the FLB. In Makeni, improvements are ongoing at the FLB storage capacity with currently only 50 percent being used. In Freetown, 70 percent of capacity is currently occupied.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 8,808m³ of cargo on behalf of 19 organisations and the storage of 7,413m³ on behalf of 15 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster is working to transport 36 WHO containers with personal protective equipment (PPE) from the port to Kingtom for CMS. During the reporting period, 19 containers were moved, with some delays in offloading at CMS.
- The Logistics Cluster has coordinated the allocation and dispatch of all 21 donated containers from Maersk to partners operating in Sierra Leone.
- The Logistics Cluster in Sierra Leone communicated to partners at the most recent Logistics Coordination Meeting, that a Trade Exhibition would be held on 11 February in Freetown. Logistics and Procurement focal points have been encouraged to attend and to capitalise on this opportunity to engage the private sector in the humanitarian response.

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

“WFP is working to ensure that appropriate, timely and scalable solutions are provided to humanitarian partners in Sierra Leone. Our teams continue to work through the WFP-led clusters and in-country capacities to extend all available support to the health and non-health response.”

Stephen Cahill, Chief of WFP Common Services, Sierra Leone
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**GUINEA**

- WFP is providing office space and support to the UNMEER ICT Teams deploying to Nzérékoré and Kissidougou.
- All warehouses at the main hub in Conakry are currently full. Works have started in order to increase the storage capacity, in particular the cold chain storage capacity.

**SIERRA LEONE**

- The WFP-chartered Bell 412 helicopter for medical evacuations of humanitarian staff arrived on 21 January in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Medical evacuation exercises are scheduled for next week. This is the second dedicated Medevac helicopter that WFP has deployed to the region; the other is stationed in Conakry, serving Guinea.
- In Port Loko, a training for warehouse management and logistics supply chain issues was conducted from 28-29 January for 18 WFP staff from Port Loko and Makeni. The training included warehouse management procedures for both food and non-food items.
- WFP, in coordination with the Government of Liberia, UNMEER and UNICEF, is providing logistics support to transport WASH supplies for the safe re-opening of schools in Liberia. Dispatches will be completed in all 15 counties by 15 February ahead of the school start date on 02 March. Dispatches will be conducted by road, air and sea transport. In total over 7,000 kits will be delivered to over 4,000 schools serving one million students.

**LIBERIA**

- WFP is coordinating with WHO, UNICEF and other key partners to harmonise the supply chain of essential items for the three affected countries, in line with the shift in focus of the Ebola response to a district-by-district approach and early recovery activities. The SKD main hub has only 10 percent of its storage capacity currently available; partners are being encouraged to dispatch their cargo to final destinations as quickly as possible.
- WFP has augmented its storage capacity at the Main Logistics Hub at Roberts International Airport, Monrovia, from four to six Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), in response to an increasingly high volume of supplies coming into Liberia via air transport WFP is completing additional construction works at the airport hub, such as building an ablution unit.
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**Focus on: The Next Phase of the Response**

WFP, during the next phase of the response, in addition to the provision of common logistics services, will align its strategy with those of key health partners, supporting their ability to intensify the implementation of contact tracing and surveillance, as part of the district-by-district approach.
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 1,215 takeoffs, transporting 6,121 passengers and 54mt of cargo.
- Since 16 August 2014, UNHAS has performed 1,306 takeoffs, transporting 6,590 passengers and 56.7mt of cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 475 passengers and 2.9mt of cargo.
- The UNHAS WAC fleet currently consists of three fixed-wing aircraft, three helicopters (two out of these three are also specially equipped for the medical evacuation of health workers and humanitarian personnel with EVD) and one ad-hoc aircraft.
- Between 26 January and 01 February, UNHAS/UNMEER supported 12 special missions with different air assets for passenger and cargo movement in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Ghana.
- On 27 and 29 January, UNHAS User Group Committee (UGC) meetings took place in Dakar and Freetown respectively. The Regional UNHAS Coordinator is also working with UNMEER to finalize SOPs on the use of the medevac helicopter.
- 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.
- A Flight Status Overview of UNMEER, UNMIL, UNHAS and Commercial flights in West Africa is continuously updated.

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:

- Last week, more than 15mt of support equipment was sent to Sierra Leone on behalf of WFP. Items included prefabricated office structures, mobile storage units and ablution units and will be used for the set-up of a logistics base.
- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched 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.

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.

- The ET Cluster is providing Internet connectivity in 45 locations across the three affected countries, ensuring reliable Internet access for 876 inter-agency and humanitarian staff.
- The ET Cluster is providing Internet access for 1,112 humanitarian staff in 59 locations across the three affected countries.
- The construction of Communications Towers (17x24m in height) across the three affected countries is ongoing; the ET Cluster plans to construct Towers in seven locations in Guinea; in three locations in Liberia; and six locations in Sierra Leone.
- In Liberia, the ET Cluster has received requests for assistance with providing connectivity to the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Ganta. ETC has forwarded the request to partners. NetHope, with technical assistance from UNMIL, will install a satellite terminal there to provide Internet connectivity.
- In Guinea, the ET Cluster has expanded the coverage of Internet connectivity to the Kerouane ETU. With the addition of Kerouane, the ET Cluster is currently providing connectivity to five ETUs (Macenta, Nzerekore, Beyla, Coyah and Kerouane) in Guinea.
- In Sierra Leone, in close partnership with NetHope, the ET Cluster provided Internet connectivity to the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine for the Ebola vaccine clinical trial reporting in Bathurst.
- During the reporting period, the ET Cluster provided connectivity to the District Health Management Team and District Ebola Response Centre offices in Bo, Sierra Leone.
- Internet connectivity has now been installed at the UN Compound in Kono, Sierra Leone.
- In partnership with Ericsson Response, the ET Cluster has provided Internet Access Points to the Comfort Guest House, MJ Motel and IHP camp in Port Loko.

Check updated flight schedules and procedures on www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14