Ebola Response
SIERRA LEONE

Operations Overview as of 01 January 2015

The Logistics Cluster is supporting the humanitarian community, operating in Sierra Leone, in their Ebola response efforts by offering logistics coordination, information, and common logistics services to improve the rapid scale up of the overall response to the Ebola crisis.

Coordination

The following coordination services are being provided to mitigate any duplication of efforts by humanitarian actors and maximize the use of available logistics assets and resources:

- Weekly coordination meetings held in Freetown; 17 meetings held to date;
- WFP Forward Logistics Base (FLB) Managers coordinating with UNMEER Field Crisis Managers (FCMs) in: Port Loko and Western Area; additional coordination staff expected this week to enhance field level coordination;
- Coordination with partners at weekly supply chain working groups (chaired by UNICEF);
- Coordination with WHO, UNICEF, DfID, and UNMEER on mapping of all in-country Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) and Community Care Centre (CCCs);
- A Civil Military Coordinator is based in Freetown to facilitate the interface between the humanitarian and military counterparts (at the moment Sierra Leone and UK Army).
- Information is disseminated on a regular basis both through a dedicated mailing list and online via http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14.

Information Management

- 67 information products published and distributed to partners including: meeting minutes, operational overviews, situation updates, UNHAS/UNMEER flight schedules, forms, guidance, and operational data, such as road closures and access constraints;
- Dissemination of logistics information related to customs and tax exemption, as well as guidance to partners;
- 45 GIS mapping products published, including district level maps and maps of health facilities, and over 100 hard copies of maps distributed to partners;
- Dissemination of information products to partners via a purpose built mailing list and website (http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14).
Logistics Services

The services made available by the Logistics Cluster are not intended to replace the logistics capacities of humanitarian organisations, but rather to supplement them through the provision of common services. To access Common Services, organisations must submit a Service Request Form (in Excel format) to: SierraLeone.Cargo@logcluster.org. Details regarding access to common services and instructions on submitting requests are available online: [http://www.logcluster.org/document/how-access-logistics-common-services](http://www.logcluster.org/document/how-access-logistics-common-services).


Storage

- Main Logistics Hub in Port Loko (2,880m²), four Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) in Makeni (1,440m²), Freetown (871 m²), Kenema (1,000 m²), and Kailahun (720 m²), and a Staging Area at Lungi Airport (480m²) for partner supplies;
- Community Care Centre (CCC) kits (construction and three month supply) are being packaged by WFP in Port Loko Hub on behalf of DfID. Kitting and dispatching to organisations is ongoing;
- At Makeni FLB, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the provision of space for UNICEF to allow them to pack equipment for the supply of kits to CCCs; dispatching of kits is ongoing;
- WFP has provided satellite warehousing (loan of MSUs or containers) to ten partners at ETU/CCC level across Sierra Leone.

Road Transport

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 5,210m³ of cargo on behalf of 13 organisations;
- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is providing primary and secondary transport utilizing existing commercial transporters;
- Fifteen 8-10mt trucks arrived on 20 December and are awaiting customs clearance;
- An additional 13 8-10mt trucks are in the pipeline to be added to the dedicated interagency fleet;
- The dedicated fleet of specialized trucks will be stationed at FLBs and provide last mile transport for partners from FLB to deep field locations such as CCC and ETUs.
Air Transport (Passenger & Cargo)

- UNHAS passenger transport is available for regional flights between Monrovia, Freetown, Conakry, Accra, and Dakar;
- Cargo transport services are available via submission of SRF;
- An updated version of the flight schedule, effective as of 24 December 2014, has been shared with users;
- UNMEER/UNHAS, helicopter flights are available and ongoing to: Lungi, Cockerill, Makeni, Kumala, Kabala, Koidu, Bo, Moyamba, Kenema, and Kailahun;
- Updated schedule includes additional regular helicopter location to Koidu on all days (Mon.-Sat.);
- Passenger bookings should be emailed to unhas.wac@wfp.org at least 48 hours prior to travel;
- Due to regulations for passengers traveling through Senegal, a document has been circulated “Users information for Medical Tracking in Dakar” to provide guidance on the new requirements;
- Flight schedule and Booking Form are available at: www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14
- Logistics Cluster Air Coordination Cell (ACC), based in Copenhagen, is providing three more free-to-user flights from Cologne to Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) affected countries; Concept of Operations is available: http://www.logcluster.org/document/acc-staging-area-europe-concept-operations;
- For more information on Air Coordination Cell activities, email: Ebola.ACC@logcluster.org.

Sea Freight

- The Dutch Vessel, the Karel Doorman, which was loaded with inter-agency cargo on behalf of 16 organisations (for Sierra Leone) in the Netherlands has offloaded in Freetown Port on 24-25 Dec.;
- The Logistics Cluster worked with partners to ensure all organisations whom had cargo on board were provided with updates regarding offloading and customs information on clearing the donated cargo;
- WFP is providing onward transport and storage for the cargo as requested;
- Through a global partnership with Logistics Emergency Teams (LET), Maersk Sierra Leone has provided in-kind donation of 11 empty 20’ shipping containers on behalf of five partners to date. An additional ten containers is also being donated which will be delivered by WFP to partner locations.
- The Logistics Cluster is also facilitating access to Maersk sea freight shipping, provided free of charge to partners through the LET agreement, on behalf of seven partners in Sierra Leone. Equipment shipped includes: PPE, sanitation equipment, chlorine, vehicles, and additional operational support items.

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Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC)

- Shared internet services provided in six locations in Port Loko;
- Connection also extended to two Ebola treatment facilities in Port Loko;
- Shared internet services provided in Moyamba (at IHP interagency camp);
- UNMEER/NERC validated and endorsed the ET Cluster Needs and Gaps Assessment which sets out milestones to provide services to additional Ebola facilities;
- Additional request made to support 12x DHMT and 6x Satellite Command Centres;
- Works or Assessments ongoing in: Freetown, Port Loko, Moyamba, Bo, Kono, and Kambia;
- An ET Cluster Service Request Form is now available on www.ETCluster.org.

UNHRD Rapid Response Team & Engineering/Technical Support

- To address a new outbreak in Kono, WFP supported IFRC in the set-up of a CCC, an ETU, staff offices and warehousing space;
- Staff deployed to Kambia to support WHO with rehabilitation of a hospital which will be used for EVD treatment;
- A request for additional support to WHO was received which will include provision of accommodation, ICT, and office support services for ten WHO staff across ten locations in Sierra Leone (100 staff total); WFP has begun conducting initial assessment with Logistics Specialists in Kabala, Kono, Freetown, and Makeni;
- UNMEER requested support to the Western Area Surge with augmentation of health facilities and additional logistics and engineering support projects. This includes 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.
- Two ablution units, two 6m x 9m tents, two containers, and additional technical assets have been loaned to UNMEER for use at Hastings Airfield fleet decontamination centre; WFP has provided engineering support for installation of the loaned equipment as well as fencing; fleet decontamination centre opened 18 December;
- One 45kva generator has also been loaned to UNMEER and installed at Cockerill RSLAF air field in Freetown to support the humanitarian helicopter operations; engineering support at Cockerill RSLAF air field has been ongoing with phase one complete, which included rehabilitation of office space and improved visibility of the helicopter landing site; additional engineering support is ongoing.

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