Operations Overview as of 1 December 2014

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, 12 meetings held to date;
- UNMEER Field Crisis Managers (FCMs) deployed this week to: Bo, Bombali, Moyamba, Port Loko, and Western Area, Tonkolili, and Koinadugu – WFP Forward Logistics Base (FLB) Managers coordinating with FCMs;
- Coordination with organisations at weekly supply chain working groups;
- 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 (Sierra Leone and British Military Forces);
- Information is disseminated on regular basis both through the mailing list and via www.logcluster.org/countries/SLE

Information Management

- 47 Information products published and distributed to humanitarian organisations including: meeting minutes, operational overview, situation update, UNHAS/UNMEER flight schedules, forms, guidance, and operational data, such as road closures;
- Dissemination of logistics information related to customs and tax exemption, as well as guidance to humanitarian organisations;
- 12 GIS mapping products published, additional district level maps available, over 50 hard copies of maps distributed;
- Dissemination of information products to humanitarian organisations via a purpose built mailing list and website (http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14)

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Storage

- Main Logistics Hub operational in Port Loko, with 2,880m² warehouse space; a helipad is also available near the Hub compound;
- Four Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) are operational in Makeni (1,440m²), Freetown (871 m²), Kenema (1,000 m²), and Kailahun (480 m²);
- Staging Area operational at Lungi Airport (480m²) for transhipment and freight forwarding;
- The total amount of cargo stored as of 30 Nov. in Sierra Leone by the Logistics Cluster is 2805m³, on behalf of four organisations;
- 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 to UNICEF to allow them to pack equipment for the supply of kits to CCCs.

Air Transport (Passenger & Cargo)

- UNHAS passenger transport is available from Monrovia to Freetown, Conakry, Accra and Dakar;
- Cargo transport services available via submission of SRF (see above);
- In cooperation with UNMEER and UNHAS, internal flights utilizing helicopter assets are available and ongoing. Regularly scheduled flight destinations include: Lungi Airport, Kockeril LZ, Port Loko, Makeni, Kabala, Kumala, Moyamba, Bo, Kenema and Kailahun;
- Passenger bookings should be emailed to unhas.wac@wfp.org at least 48 hours prior to travel.
- Flight schedule and Booking Form are available at: www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14

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Road Transport

- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is providing primary and secondary transport utilizing existing commercial transporters;
- Ten 8-10mt trucks arrived on 17 Nov. aboard the Dutch vessel Karel Doorman and are awaiting customs clearance; trucks will provide last mile transport;
- Seven pickup trucks arrived via air 20 Nov. and will be stationed at FLBs for last mile transport;
- One WFP workshop is operational in Freetown (Kissey) and available for use by humanitarian organisations;
- The total amount of cargo transported as of 30 Nov. is: 4052m³ on behalf of Childfund, IHP, THW, UNICEF, UNMEER and WHO. The largest user to-date has been UNICEF with over 500m³ transported.

Sea Freight

- Dutch Navy vessel Karel Doorman arrived in Freetown on 18 November;
- Cargo for DfID, WFP, Welthungerhilfe, Save the Children, and WHO;
- WFP facilitated the clearance and offloading of the cargo at Freetown Port;
- The Logistics Cluster is liaising with humanitarian organisations regarding onward transport needs or warehousing;
- Included in the shipment were: two mobile laboratories for DfID and Save the Children, one mobile hospital for WHO, one ambulance for Welthungerhilfe, 75 vehicles (ambulances, burial vehicles, fuel bowsers, pickup trucks) for DfID, and 10 trucks (8-10mt) for WFP.

Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC)

- One IT specialist is in Port Loko to install internet equipment at an International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) camp to provide 80 humanitarians with internet access by the first week of December;
- National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) has requested ET Cluster to provide internet connectivity and voice communications services to support three Ebola Rapid Response teams;
- DfID is discussing with the ET Cluster about providing voice communications and internet services in 200 DfID-funded CCCs;
- ET Cluster is installing one VSAT in the Port Loko FLB;
- One Information Management Officer, ET Cluster Coordinator, and two ICT technical staff arrived in Sierra Leone to support the roll out of ICT support activities.
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.

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