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

### Coordination

The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the coordination between actors in Sierra Leone in order to mitigate any duplication of efforts and maximise the use of available logistics assets and resources:

- Weekly coordination meetings held in Freetown, with the government, the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER), health and humanitarian actors;
- Coordination in Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs);
- Coordination with other health actors and UNMEER on supply chain management;
- Coordination with WHO, UNICEF, DFID, and UNMEER on the mapping of all in-country Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) and Community Care Centres (CCCs);
- A Civil Military Coordinator is based in Freetown to facilitate liaison between humanitarian and military counterparts (Sierra Leone and British armed forces).

### Information Management

The Logistics Cluster consolidates and provides the following information management services to the humanitarian community to facilitate the planning and execution of the Ebola Response:

- Information on the overall logistics situation and on identified logistics gaps and bottlenecks;
- Dissemination of logistics information related to customs and tax exemption, as well as guidance to partners;
- Provision of GIS/mapping tools on logistics infrastructure, access constraints, operational overview, UNHAS routes, and others as needed;
- Provision of updated information on operational data, such as road closures and entry points, through the publication of situation updates, meeting minutes, snapshots, flash news, and briefings;
- Dissemination of information management products to partners via a dedicated mailing list and operations page (http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14);
- Tracking of humanitarian cargo via the Logistics Cluster Relief Item Tracking Application (RITA) system.

### Logistics Services

To access Common Services, organisations are required to submit a Service Request Form (in Excel format) to: SierraLeone.Cargo@logcluster.org. Details regarding how to access logistics common services and instructions on submitting requests for Logistics Cluster provided services, are available online: [http://www.logcluster.org/document/how-access-logistics-common-services](http://www.logcluster.org/document/how-access-logistics-common-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.
Storage

- Main Logistics Hub established in Port Loko, with 1,680m² warehouse space; a helipad is also available near the Hub compound; additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are being erected to increase storage capacity.
- Four Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) are operational in Makeni, Freetown, Kenema, and Kailahun.
- A Staging Area is operational at Lungi Airport in Freetown and is providing transhipment services as well as freight forwarding.

Road Transport

- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is providing primary and secondary transport.
- Additional trucks (pickup and <10mt) are being procured to provide a dedicated fleet and tertiary transport (satellite hubs to CCCs).
- One WFP workshop is operational in Freetown (Kissey) and is available for use by the humanitarian community.
- A Fleet Workshop Specialist is being deployed to assess in-country trucking capacity and potential further needs.

Air Transport (Passenger and Cargo)

- UNHAS passenger transport is available from Monrovia to Freetown, Conakry, Accra and Dakar.
- Cargo transport services available via SRF submission.
- In cooperation with UNMEER and UNHAS, internal flights utilizing helicopter assets are available from Freetown to: Bo, Moyamba, Kenema, Kailahun, Port Loko, Makeni, Kaballa.
- Logistics Cluster is liaising with UNMEER and UK Military to support movement of lab samples from testing site to laboratory (currently in Freetown).
- Booking forms and updated schedules are posted on http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14.
- Passenger bookings should be emailed to unhas.wac@wfp.org at least 48 hours prior to travel.

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Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC)

- ETC is planning on implementing services to support Ebola response operations in Sierra Leone.
- An ICT Coordinator and a Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team (FITTEST) technician are in Freetown.
- A partial shipment of common ICT equipment has arrived in Freetown; additional equipment has been procured and is currently on its way to Freetown.
- Identification of additional ICT staffing support is ongoing for the setup of ICT services at Hubs, FLBs, and Staging Areas.

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