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Regional Situation Report

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COMMON SERVICES IN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

Highlights

- Over 200mt of cargo transported to-date, including ambulances, motorbikes and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) kits, via the two German C-160 aircraft from Accra to the Ebola- affected countries.
- WFP has already dispatched 83% of essential items to health facilities in Liberia as part of its January Dispatch Plan; the remaining 17% will to be completed by 16 January.
- WFP Aviation has so far conducted two Medical Evacuation (Medevac) trainings in Guinea: the first was organised in partnership with ALIMA in Macenta, and the second, was organised in partnership with MSF-Belgium in Guéckédou.
- The Emergency Telecoms Cluster is providing Internet connectivity in 25 locations across the three Ebola-affected countries ensuring reliable Internet access for 559 humanitarian staff.

Numbers

Overall requirements: **US$ 178.5 million**

Overall shortfall: **US$ 49 million**

5,200 passengers & **50.1mt** cargo transported by UNHAS

1,630mt dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 11 January 2015 (since 4 September 2014):

*the transportation of over **30,000m^3*** of cargo on behalf of **46** organisations*

*the storage of over **40,000m^3*** of cargo on behalf of over **33** 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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"The Logistics Cluster is working with partners in Freetown to identify current and potential gaps and bottlenecks such as storage capacity in the capital and throughout Sierra Leone. In the last coordination meeting, we communicated to partners that WFP has the capacity to set up an additional Forward Logistics Base, depending on the needs of the humanitarian community."

Gilles Cimetière, Logistics Cluster Coordinator, Sierra Leone

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, via the Air Coordination Cell (ACC) organized four additional funded flights on top of two conducted flights in November and December, on behalf of the humanitarian community, from the Cologne staging area. The first arrived in Monrovia on 04 January; the second, on 09 January, in Monrovia and Conakry, transporting 110mt of medical supplies, protective gear and operational support equipment on behalf of 10 organisations (CRS, Samaritans Purse, ICRC, MAP International, WHO, UNICEF, UNMEER, WFP, CDC, and Direct Relief International). The next flights are scheduled to depart Cologne on 21 January to Freetown and Monrovia and on 25 January to Conakry and Freetown.
- One delivery to the Staging Area was facilitated by the Logistics Cluster private partner – Agility – who's support ensured that a shipment of medical supplies donated by the Italian MOFA to Doctors with Africa CUAMM in Sierra Leone reached the Cologne/Bonn Staging Area in time for the flight on the 3rd January.
- Last week three flights departed Accra to the affected countries: the first, which departed on 06 January, transported 10 generators to Freetown and then 10 dishwashers and 12 oxygen generators from Freetown to Monrovia on behalf of THW. The second flight, on 09 January, transported PPE kits on behalf of THW and WHO to Monrovia and Freetown; and the third flight, which departed on 10 January, transported ICT equipment to Conakry, Freetown and Monrovia on behalf of WFP's Emergency Telecoms (ET) Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster, via the two C-160 aircraft which were provided by the Government of Germany, have been coordinating airlifts of essential items and logistics equipment from Accra to, and between, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Over 200mt of cargo has been transported to-date, including ambulances, motorbikes and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) kits.

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GUINEA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 6,753m^3 of cargo on behalf of 19 organisations and has facilitated the storage of 16,823m^3 on behalf of 16 organisations.
- During the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of 730m^3 on behalf of 11 organisations.
- On 08 January, the Logistics Cluster held its first coordination meeting in Nzérékoré, Forest Guinea. 17 partners participated in the meeting.
- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is currently setting up a satellite hub in Kankan for interagency storage, particularly to support MSF France with the construction of an Ebola Treatment Unit in Kankan. Two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) will be erected and the concrete slabs are 60 percent finalised. A satellite hub has also been set up in Guéckédou where inter-agency storage is temporarily available.
- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is also currently erecting an MSU for the Guinean Government (Ministry of Health) in Kankan. The concrete slab is 60 percent finalised.
- Fuel shortages are being faced in Forest Guinea due to administrative issues during the end of the year celebrations. The Logistics Cluster is currently reinforcing contingency stock solutions for the essential Ebola response teams, burial teams and for holding centres.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 17,385m^3 of cargo on behalf of 26 organisations and has facilitated the storage of 19,120m^3 on behalf of 19 organisations.
- During the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 151m^3 of behalf of UNICEF.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 6,075m^3 of cargo on behalf of 15 organisations and has facilitated the storage of 4,074m^3 on behalf of 10 organisations.
- Two Logistics Cluster Officers conducted an assessment of the Port Loko hub regarding cargo tracking and warehouse management; improvements to management including improved communications with Head Office in Freetown as well as introduction of stack cards.
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for accessing transport and storage services facilitated by the Logistics Cluster are available on the Logistics Cluster website.
- 14 20ft containers were received in the main hub in Port Loko; these containers arrived recently on the Dutch Vessel Karel Doorman. These empty containers will remain in Port Loko FLB and will be used for storage purpose.

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

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- A fifth Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) was erected last week at both Kissidougou and Nzérékoré Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs). This additional MSU brings the total available inter-agency storage capacity to almost 1500m^2 in Kissidougou and to over 2000m^2 in Nzérékoré.
- The UN medical service has requested WFP to construct a facility to isolate UN staff in case of fever / EVD symptoms. This holding centre will accommodate up to 4 people and will be located close to the healthcare worker treatment centre that the French Government is setting up in Conakry. In case a suspected EVD patient tests positive, the patient will be transferred from the holding centre to the healthcare worker treatment centre, designed to treat Guinean and international medical personnel if they become infected by the virus. The UN medical team will operate the holding centre.
- WFP Aviation is setting up a domestic medical evacuation service via a Bell 205 helicopter equipped with an isolation apparatus, in Guinea. The service will be available for Guinean and international health care personnel, as well as NGO and UN staff with suspected or confirmed Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), as soon as the construction of the healthcare worker treatment centre, currently being set up by the French Government in Conakry, is finalised, which is tentatively scheduled for completion by mid-January.

Focus on: *Medevac Simulation Exercise in Guinea*

WFP has so far conducted two Medical Evacuation (Medevac) trainings in Guinea: the first was organised in partnership with ALIMA in Macenta, and the second, which took place on 08 January, was organised in partnership with MSF-Belgium in Guekedou.

These trainings aim to familiarise WFP's operational partners, the crew of the dedicated Bell 205 Helicopter and WFP staff, with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) required to perform this type of technically-specific Medevac. WFP endeavors to organise more trainings of this kind with relevant partners as a key preparedness measure, to ensure that these complex procedures are correctly and efficiently executed in the event of a real Medevac.

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LIBERIA

- A total of 12 DAF trucks have been dispatched from Monrovia to serve the following locations; One delivered a 2000 gallon fuel tank to Harper FLB. Two trucks will serve each of FLBs Harper, Voinjama, Gbarnga, Zwedru, Buchanan; and one will serve Greenville, a key hotspot. Of the remaining 18 DAF trucks, five are currently deployed at the SKD Main hub.
- Fuel tanks for FLBs Voinjama, Zwedru and Buchanan's fuel tanks are currently being calibrated and will be delivered this coming week.
- The total available storage space at Monrovia SKD Hub is 2440m^2: 90 percent of the total space is occupied.

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- WFP has augmented its storage capacity at the airport hub from four to six MSUs, in response to an increasingly high volume of supplies coming into Liberia via air transport.
- A total of four Rapid Isolation Treatment for Ebola (RITE) kits have been dispatched from the Main Hub in Monrovia and relevant FLBs to respond to outbreaks in Greenville, Nimba county, and Grand Cape Mount county. Two RITE teams have been transported to these outbreaks on UNMEER aircraft and one RITE team on UNHAS.
- Procedures are now in place, with a certified Dangerous Goods Officer positioned in Monrovia for the air transport of blood samples from outbreaks to labs utilizing WFP coordination, and UNMEER and UNMIL assets.
- WFP, in coordination with CDC and UNMEER, are planning to conduct a mock exercise flight for the air transport of blood samples and RITE teams between 12-13 January 2015.
- RITE kits have been assembled by WFP and will soon be prepositioned as follows: 2 in Gbarnga FLB, 3 in Zwedru FLB (can supply Sinoe, Harper and Gbarnga), 1 in Buchanan FLB, 3 in Voinjama FLB (possible cross border interventions), 2 Harper FLB, 5 in Monrovia for air transport requirements, and to cover Montserrado, Grand Cape Mount, Margibi, Bomi, and Gbarpolu.

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- WFP's projected Monthly Dispatch Plan to ensure regular supply to health facilities in Liberia (hospitals, centres) is 1,300 m^3 (40 TEU) which aims to cover 83 facilities.
- So far 83 percent of essential items have been dispatched to facilities in top priority counties; the remaining 17 percent will to be completed by 16 January. All re-supply to these 83 facilities will now be pre-positioned by WFP in the FLBs. WFP will support the Ministry of Health of Liberia to increase its storage capacity, by erecting an MSU in every county where there is no Forward Logistics Base (FLB) present (nine counties). The WFP Engineering Support team will travel to each site this week to prepare the land for MSU setup.

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SIERRA LEONE

- The engineering works in support of UNMEER and partners to support at the vehicle decontamination centre at Hastings have been completed.
- WFP has been providing engineering support at the UNHAS/ UNMEER Air Operations Cell at Cockerill RSLAF airfield in Freetown, Sierra Leone. WFP has so far rehabilitated the helipad to increase its visibility, as well as 11 offices and a passenger-waiting terminal, all of which are now fully operational.
- The fifteen 8-10mt trucks that arrived in Freetown Port on 20 December are still undergoing clearance. Once cleared, the dedicated fleet will be stationed at various FLBs to provide last mile transport to partners engaged in the Ebola response. Discussions are ongoing with partners regarding need per location for "last mile" transport.
- Currently there are five Forward Logistics Bases in Port Loko (main hub), Makeni, Kenema, Freetown, and Kailahun. Discussions are ongoing with partners, including main Ebola pipeline partners WHO, UNICEF and DFID, regarding the need for reprioritization of the current FLB setup in the country and for an additional augmentation of storage capacity in Freetown.

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- A WFP-charted EVD medevac Bell 412 helicopter is scheduled to arrive in Freetown on 19 January and to be operational by 22 January, subject to weather conditions.
- WFP is improving the operational capacity of the Port Loko main hub; these works will include the setting up of ablution block masonry, fencing, and the extension of the FLB land to accommodate additional warehousing space for the humanitarian community.

Gaps and Challenges:

Since the start of Common Services operations in Sierra Leone, a significant challenge to the implementation of the project activities has been the availability of heavy equipment (crane/forklift) to lift 20ft and 40ft containers from entry ports as well as offloading in deep field locations. Following local discussions, Logistics Cluster has submitted a letter to DfID regarding possible donation of heavy lifting equipment.

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Focus on: *Rehabilitation of Health Centres in Sierra Leone*

WFP's UNHRD Rapid Response Team (RRT) has been providing rehabilitation support to partners, strengthening the capacity of health facilities in the country.

A member of the UNHRD Rapid Response Team (RRT) was has been working in the remote location of Kambia for the past few weeks, supporting WHO with the rehabilitation of a hospital which will be used as a holding center with 40 beds which can be extended into an Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) of 100 beds, by erecting an additional Mobile Storage Unit (MSU). Partners in Health (PiH) will manage the centre. If required and requested, WFP will provide the additional necessary equipment and staff to support the construction of additional wings at the hospital. On 09 January, the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone took part in the inauguration of the centre.

The UNHRD RRT support to IFRC in Kono is scheduled for completion on 10 January 2015. The works included the set-up of a Community Care Centre (CCC), an ETU, staff offices and warehousing space to address a recent increase in Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) cases in Kono.

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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.
- Since March, UNHRD depots in Dubai, Ghana, Spain and Italy have dispatched 1,630mt 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.
- Weekly dispatches are ongoing.

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Check also for updated flight schedules and procedures! Available on www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14

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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.

- The ET Cluster is providing Internet connectivity in 25 locations across the three Ebola affected countries (EACs), ensuring reliable Internet access for 559 humanitarian staff.

Sierra Leone

- Last week in Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster installed Internet at four inter-agency offices in Kambia providing 30 staff with reliable Internet access, which was previously non-existent.

Guinea

- In Guinea, 85 percent of Internet and radio communications services needs have been fulfilled. The ET Cluster on the ground in Guinea team estimates that by 31 January it will finish all major deployments 2015.
- During the reporting period, the ET Cluster dismantled a satellite in Kissidougou that is being installed at an Ebola Treatment Unit in Beyla to provide health workers with reliable Internet.
- A radio base station was installed on behalf of UNHAS in Conakry, Guinea, to provide communications between air and ground staff.

Liberia

- In Liberia, Radio communications were installed at the Forward Logistics Base (FLB) in Buchanan, to ensure that staff with handheld radios able to easily communicate with one another over long distances.
- The NGO nationwide radio channel has been finalized in Buchanan and Monrovia.

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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 1,042 take-offs, transporting 5,200 passengers and 50.1mt of cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 436 passengers and 1.9mt of cargo.
- The UNHAS West African fleet currently consists of three fixed-wing aircraft, two helicopters (1 out of these 2 is specially equipped for medevac of health and humanitarian personnel with EVD) and 1 ad-hoc aircraft.
- Regarding the deployment of specially equipped helicopters for medevac of health and humanitarian personnel with EVD, one helicopter (Bell 205) based in Conakry, Guinea was accepted into service on 24 December 2014. A second helicopter (Bell 412) for medevac of EVD symptomatic aid workers will be based in Freetown, Sierra Leone and is expected to arrive in the country on 19 January and should be mission -ready on 21 January.
- 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 24 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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