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**Highlights**

- The Ebola Treatment Center (ETC) in Monrovia was officially handed over to WHO on 31 October; the ETU will be clinically managed through the Ministry of Health and Cuban foreign medical teams.

- The Air Coordination Cell (ACC) established by the Logistics Cluster, in coordination with UNICEF, has been receiving more pipeline information from actors including OFDA, WHO, IRC, WFP and Welthungerhilfe.

- Work continues on the 11 Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) across the three affected countries, in order to strategically position supplies around the country for rapid dispatch to health facilities.

**Numbers**

- US $22,229,626 received for the Common Services Special Operation (26% of total needs).
- 1,741 passengers & 16 MT light cargo transported by UNHAS.
- 751 MT of cargo dispatched by UNHRD.

**Logistics Cluster Facilitated:**

- 38,000 m$^3$ of cargo transported
- 9,600 m$^3$ of items stored
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.

GUINEA

- During the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of 485m3 of humanitarian cargo on behalf of eight organisations. Over 885m3 have been transported since mid October.
- This week, 550m3 of supplies have been stored on behalf of six organisations in the main hub in Conakry. 1,020 m3 has been stored so far.
- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is augmenting transport capacity: 10 flatbed container trucks, including 2 cranes (20ft), will be utilised for the Conakry main hub. Four trucks (4x4, 5MT capacity) will be dispatched to the Forward Logistics Bases (FLB) in Kissidougou and Nzérékoré.
- The extension of the main hub in Conakry is underway and the ground levelling works are expected to be finalised shortly. The works have been delayed due to heavy rains over the week.
- Ground works in the Kissidougou FLB are ongoing and Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are already on site. The site is already operational and 500m3 of storage space has been available to the humanitarian community.
- In Nzérékoré, the site for the second FLB has been identified and 2 Mobile Storage Units should be set up by the end of the week.

LIBERIA

- The Logistics Cluster is providing transportation services on behalf of the humanitarian community; during the reporting period 2800 (585 MT) was transported on behalf of USAID/OFDA, Liberia’s Ministry of Health (MoH), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children Funds (UNICEF), MSF-France, ICRC, International Medical Corps, MAP International, Save the Children, and MSB. The total amount of cargo transported is now at 36,800 m3. The Logistics Cluster also facilitated storage space for a total of 4,382 m3 (686 MT).
- Between 30 and 31 October, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of approximately 170m3 of cargo (medical and WASH pallets) from the main hub in Monrovia, directly to the Ebola Treatment Unit in Gbarnga managed by IMC.

“"The Logistics Cluster is dedicated to supporting humanitarian community in their efforts to contain the Ebola virus". Franck Aynes, Liberia Logistics Cluster Coordinator

- Work continues on the FLBs at 5 strategic locations. Construction of one FLB has been completed at Gbarnag with six MSUs. Three out of six MSUs have been erected at Voinjama FLB. Ground preparations at the FLB site at Zwedru have been completed, however there has been some delay on progress due to road access constraints. Land sites have now been officially allocated at Harper and Buchanan and tenders for contractors have been launched.
- In response to congestion, overloading and cargo damage at Monrovia airport due to subsequent delays, the Logistics Cluster, through WFP, has now augmented storage capacity at the airport with four MSUs. These storage facilities aim to ease congestion at the airport and protect vital relief supplies from being damaged by heavy rains.
- The Logistics Cluster is working to facilitate the augmentation of transport capacity: 40 DAF trucks are currently en route from Holland to Monrovia. 15 light vehicles (pickup trucks) will be procured locally for use by WFP for programme and common services activities in Liberia. WFP has negotiated a lease for 30 long-haul trucks with United Mining Supply Company; these trucks will soon be dispatched from Guinea.

SIERRA LEONE

- The Logistics Cluster has transported 459 m3 (120 MT) of Community Care Centre (CCC) support equipment (medical and operational support supplies) from Lungi Airport to Port Loko Hub on behalf of UNICEF; the cargo is currently being stored in the Port Loko hub.
- The main logistics hub in Port Loko is operational, however augmentation works continue; fencing has been installed and additional security measures are also being put in place. Space is also available for a helicopter landing site.
- The FLB site at Makeni has two MSUs erected and is expected to be fully operational by 05 November; at the Kailahun FLB site, existing WFP warehouses are being repaired (two MSUs) and will be utilized for Non-Food Item (NFI) storage until the FLB is completed. In Freetown and Kenema, commercial space is already available for use by partners.
- Through WFP, the Logistics Cluster is augmenting transport capacity; 25 additional trucks (10mt) are being procured to provide additional support; An additional 35 pickup trucks are also being procured to support operations in country.
- Congestion at Lungi airport remains an issue due to partners not forwarding cleared cargo; a WFP Airport Logistics Officer is currently working with partners to clear the cargo off of the apron and to make full use of the staging-area which currently operational.
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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.

- As of 02 November, UNHAS has transported 1,741 passengers and 16.2MT of light cargo for 47 organizations. During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 372 passengers and 3.1MT of cargo.
- The main users include health workers and other humanitarian staff from NGOs (32.2%) and UN agencies (54.8%), donors (5.1%), the diplomatic community (6.1%), government partners (1.5%) and others such as media (0.3%);
- The top five users of UNHAS services are MSF, UNICEF, USAID, WFP and WHO.
- During the reporting period, a total of 10 helicopter landing zone assessments were conducted jointly by UNHAS and UNMEER in Sierra Leone.
- UNHAS is working with UNMEER, UNMIL and US Department of Defense (DoD), in Liberia to streamline air passenger movements under the UNHAS system; one UNMIL Mi8 helicopter is based in Monrovia and is available for use by the humanitarian community.

**UNHRD** prepositions stockpiles of emergency supplies for humanitarian agencies in strategic locations to facilitate the rapid transportation of relief items.

- Last week, UNHRD dispatched 48MT of equipment (valued at USD 365,000) to Sierra Leone to support the establishment of an FLB. Equipment included air conditioners for prefabs, generators with spare parts, ablution units, and prefabs.
- Since March 2014 to date, UNHRD has dispatched 521MT of relief items and support equipment valued at US$ 4.9 million for WFP.
- UNHRD Accra dispatched 23MT (valued at US$ 83,380) of relief items to Guinea on behalf of UNHCR.
- On behalf of the greater humanitarian community, UNHRD has dispatched 751 MT (valued at US$ 6.6 million) of relief items and support equipment to the region on behalf of WFP, Irish Aid, WHO, UNHCR, JICA, Swiss Red Cross, since the beginning of the operation.
- UNHRD is working in close coordination with UNMEER and is hosting their headquarters in the Accra depot. The Accra and Las Palmas depots are serving as regional staging areas for Ebola operations.
- Rapid Response Teams (RRT) provided technical assistance to establish the staging areas in all three countries and are currently doing training for local staff across the region on how to assemble pre-fabricated structures and mobile storage units. In addition, the team in Sierra Leone is training staff on managing the receipt/dispatch of NFIs.
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WFP Engineering Services

Guinea:
- WFP has been requested by the Government and partners to build four Ebola Treatment Centres (ETCs) of a maximum 100 bed capacity each (MSF design approved) in Coyah, Kéraouné, Nzérékoré and Beyla.
- In Coyah, the ground works are well under way and MSUs will be delivered this week.
- In Nzérékoré, the ground works have begun under the supervision of a WFP engineer and the NGO Alima. The construction should be finalised at the end of the month of November.

Liberia:
- Construction works at the international airport are now complete: four MSUs are available for incoming partner cargo in-transit. Two Air Operations Officers are on site at the airport for these to coordinate offloading, transport and storage of cargo.
- ETC construction at the Ministry of Defense site (200 beds): the construction of the ETC has been completed and has been handed over to WHO; half of the ETC (100 beds) will be clinically managed by the Cuban Government and Liberian Ministry of Health.
- ETC at SKD Stadium site (200 beds): Construction works are ongoing, and the ETC will be ready for handover by mid-November.

Sierra Leone:
- WHO has requested WFP to provide technical support to assist with the construction of a CCC in Kumala, Koinadugu district where the most recent outbreak of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) has occurred.

ET Cluster provides timely Information, Communications and Technology services to support humanitarian community in carrying out their work efficiently, effectively and safely.
- This week, 500 mobile phones arrived in Accra and will be delivered to the three affected countries in order to enable affected people within ETUs to communicate with their families.
- In Guinea, the ET Cluster will provide television sets to ETUs for patients in treatment. Four ETUs have been identified for this service and the TVs have been ordered.
- In Liberia, the ET Cluster with the support of UNMEER and UNMIL will deploy security telecommunications services for NGOs. This will be expanded further if necessary given the support from UNMIL.
- The ET Cluster is coordinating efforts with the Government of Liberia to ensure that the most cost-effective and sustainable solutions are used.

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