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**Highlights**

- In Sierra Leone, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 19 containers, on behalf of WHO.
- UNHRD dispatched 4mt of autoclaves to Sierra Leone on behalf of UNDP.
- WFP has provided 10 trucks to UNICEF for the transportation of WASH supplies for the safe re-opening of schools in Liberia on 02 March 2015.
- WFP has augmented its transport capacity in Guinea to support the distribution of universal protection gear to health facilities.

**Numbers**

- Overall requirements: **US$ 178.5 million**
- Overall shortfall: **US$ 43 million**
- 7,125 passengers & **59mt** cargo transported by UNHAS
- **1,654mt** dispatched by UNHRD

*The Logistics Cluster aims to report the most accurate data possible, based on the information available at the time of reporting.*
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, the facilitation of 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 has been coordinating free-to-user inter-agency flights from the Europe Staging Area at Cologne Bonn Airport. A double-drop flight was conducted on 10 February for Freetown and Monrovia. A further flight is Conakry and Freetown on 18 February. The Logistics Cluster will continue to coordinate interagency flights to the region, but on a cost-recovery basis; partners are being encouraged to harmonise their upstream supply chains due to the surplus of cargo entering the three countries.

GUINEA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 9,372m³ of cargo on behalf of 24 organisations and the storage of 20,484m³ on behalf of 21 organisations.
- During the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster, through WFP, has coordinated the provision of 6,000 litres of fuel to FLBs and WFP Sub-offices, as contingency stocks to respond to potential shortages in the country. Negotiations with Total are also ongoing to retain 5,000 litres of fuel in fuel stations in Kankan, Kissidougou and Gwekedou.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of over 20,900m³ of cargo on behalf of 37 organisations and the storage of 27,765m³ on behalf of 24 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster has been coordinating with partners on a six-month dispatch plan to pre-position supplies at MSUs/FLBs ahead of the rainy season.
- Due to the high amount of incoming cargo, WFP has begun constructing three additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) amounting to an additional storage capacity of 602m³, bringing the total of space at the airport hub to 2492m³.
- On 07 February, WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, coordinated the airlift of 2.3mt of WASH supplies for the reopening of schools to five locations in hard-to-reach areas. In total, over 7,000 kits (some 2,700 m³) will be delivered to over 4,000 schools serving one million students.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 9,790m³ of cargo on behalf of 21 organisations and the storage of 8,760m³ on behalf of 17 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster has communicated to partners that the Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) at Lungi airport is available for short-term storage and for cleared cargo awaiting transport.
- The Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transport of 19 containers from Freetown port with personal protective equipment for WHO and erected two dedicated MSUs at the CMS Kingston site. The remaining 17 containers will be transported, upon request of WHO, once they have cleared customs.

Focus on: Upstream Supply Chain

The Logistics Cluster has been coordinating free-to-user inter-agency flights from the Europe Staging Area at Cologne/Bonn Airport, in order to facilitate the delivery of critical relief items to the affected countries. On 04 February, a flight to Conakry and Freetown delivered cargo on behalf of 12 organisations, including nine ambulances for UNOPS, laboratory and hospital equipment for WHO and Covarralls for UNICEF. A double-drop flight is scheduled for 10 February for Freetown and Monrovia. A further flight is Conakry and Freetown on 18 February. The Logistics Cluster will continue to coordinate interagency flights to the region, but on a cost-recovery basis.

Due to the overall decrease in the number of Ebola cases, challenges continue to be faced regarding the oversupply of certain items to and within the affected countries. Relevant authorities in all three countries are aware of this issue; WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, is encouraging partners to harmonise their upstream supply chains.

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

- To support the distribution of universal protection gear to health facilities, WFP has augmented its fleet, with rented pick-ups contracted with drivers and fuel for Kankan, Boke, Labe, Mamoud and Conakry in order to cover all Regional Health Departments. There are currently two pick-ups stationed in each location.

### LIBERIA

- WFP has provided 10 trucks to UNICEF for the transportation of WASH supplies for the safe re-opening of schools in Liberia on 02 March 2015.
- WFP is supporting Rapid Isolation Treatment of Ebola (RITE) process with kitting and is making available trucks to complete the prepositioning RITE kits as follows: 1 Gbarnga; 3 Zwedru; 1 Buchanan; 3 Voinjama; 2 Harper; 5 will remain in Monrovia.
- WFP has been conducting rapid assessment missions in 10 counties in Liberia in order to determine the level of need for a scale up of operations in these areas.
- On 05 February, WFP conducted a logistics training for 20 staff from IMS (Liberia Information Management System).

### SIERRA LEONE

- The Central Medical Stores (CMS) warehouses in Freetown are at capacity. Transporters with medical supplies from WHO could not be unloaded during the reporting week and have been redirected to the Ferry Junction Forward Logistics Base (FLB) in Freetown instead.
- In response to the shortage of storage space at the Central Medical Store (CMS), WFP has agreed to erect one extended Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) at this location. Works will commence on 09 February and expected to be completed by 13 February.
- Storage at the FLB in Freetown is also becoming limited, with additional storage space already allocated to incoming cargo.
- 16 out of a dedicated fleet of 33 trucks are operational and have been stationed at Moyamba, Makeni, Port Loko, Freetown and Kenema. The remaining trucks are pending minor repairs and insurance and registration after customs clearance. Additional drivers to operate the trucks are under recruitment.

**Focus on: Prepositioning in Liberia**

Due to current new EVD outbreaks in Guinea, WFP has been prioritizing the prepositioning of cargo in FLBs Voinjama and Gbarnga ahead of the rainy season. For the nine counties in Liberia where no FLB has been established, WFP is erecting Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) – the total storage capacity at each of these sites will be 2,560m². As of 08 February six MSUs have been set up at Grand Cape Mount, Gbarpolu, Bomi, Margibi, Nimba and Rivercess while those for River Gee, Grand Kru and Sineo will be erected on 16 February.

**Focus on: Last Mile Transport in Guinea**

WFP continues to support ‘last-mile’ transport throughout the affected countries. Most recently in Guinea, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster coordinated the movement of urgent medical supplies from the Regional Health Department in Kankan, to an Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Siguiri, on behalf of the National Ebola Coordination Cell. The Logistics Cluster had also previously setup the Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) at the Regional Health Department, which was storing these medical supplies before dispatch to their final destination.
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 1,388 takeoffs, transporting 7,125 passengers and 59.3mt of cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 533 passengers and 2.6mt of cargo.
- The UNHAS WAC fleet currently consists of three fixed-wing aircraft, three helicopters (two out of these three are specially equipped for medevac of health and humanitarian personnel with EVD) and one ad-hoc aircraft.
- UNHAS continues to 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.

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:

- UNHRD Accra dispatched 4mt of autoclaves (sterilizers) to Sierra Leone on behalf of UNDP.
- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched 1,654mt 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.

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 61 locations across the three affected countries, ensuring reliable Internet access for 1,502 humanitarian staff.
- In Liberia, the ET Cluster is providing and/or supporting connectivity and VHF coverage at 22 sites in 8 operational areas in Liberia, serving approximately 250 UN and NGO users.
- In Liberia, connectivity at the Ganta ETU has been provided using Nethope VSAT and Bandwidth.
- The ET Cluster, completed site telecommunications capacity assessments in remote locations in Liberia, in order to determine the level of need for a scale up of operations in these areas. Based on the assessment, the necessary telecommunications equipment has been identified and is being procured, including procurement of 6 Thuraya IP+ Satellite Modems to provide connectivity at the sites.
- In Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster has provided MSF with 60 mobile phones to be distributed to patients being treated at MSF-managed ETUs, and 17 Thuraya voice telephones to the National Ebola Response Center (NERC) to establish secure communications for the Ebola response operations. Provided connectivity at the Helipad in Freetown, to support the MedLog team established by WFP logistics.
- During the reporting period, the ET Cluster provided connectivity to the Government Hospital in Koidu, as well installed interagency wireless hotspots at UN compounds in Koidu.
- In Port Loko, the ET Cluster provided connectivity to the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) managed by GOAL. Partners, such as the District Health Management Team (DHMT) Childfund and WHO, have also been supported with connectivity in Port Loko.
- The ET Cluster installed Internet connectivity in the District Medical Store and OICC in Bo.
- In Guinea, the ET Cluster improved NGO and UN secure communication (Chanel 3) in Kissidougou, Macenta and Gueckedou. The ETUs in Beyla and Kérouané were also provided with connectivity.

Focus on: Terminal H

WFP, in partnership with the Senegalese authorities, has been constructing a Humanitarian Air corridor from Senegal to the Ebola-affected countries. Located on “Ouakam Air Force Base” at Dakar Leopold Sedar Senghor International airport, this Terminal is the base of UNHAS/UNMEER air operations in Senegal. The UNHAS West Africa support team is now based there, coordinating passenger and light cargo movements on behalf of the humanitarian community. The official inauguration of Terminal H is scheduled for 12 February.

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