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**Highlights**

- The Logistics Cluster in Guinea facilitated the transportation of two laboratories via an UNHAS/UNMEER-fleet Mi8 helicopter.

- WFP is supporting WHO and the Liberian Ministry of Health in its distribution of approximately 800m$^3$ of PPE to over 700 Ministry of Health facilities in all 15 counties.

- The Logistics Cluster in Sierra Leone is coordinating a donation to WFP of 41mt of chlorine from USAID, on behalf of the humanitarian community.

- The Emergency Telecoms Cluster is providing Internet connectivity in 74 locations across the three affected countries, ensuring reliable Internet access for 1,877 humanitarian staff.

**Numbers**

Overall requirements: **US$ 178.5 million**

Overall shortfall: **US$ 40.7 million**

7,623 passengers & 65.3mt cargo transported by UNHAS

1,658mt dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 15 February 2015 (since 4 September 2014):

the transportation of over **41,000m$^3$**

of cargo on behalf of **56** organisations

the storage of over **57,000m$^3$** of cargo

on behalf of over **43** organisations

*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

- A Logistics Cluster-coordinated flight from the Europe Staging Area delivered over 88mt of cargo to Liberia and Sierra Leone on 10 February. This cargo was transported on behalf of ICRC, St Joseph’s Hospital in Monrovia, WHO, UNMEER, Samaritans Purse, Americares, MedShare; and included face shields, PPE, examination gloves, suits, IT equipment and hospital supplies.
- The final free-to-user flight is scheduled for 18 February to Freetown and Conakry, and is planned to transport Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), medical items and support equipment for 15 organisations. All future flights coordinated by the Logistics Cluster will be made available on a cost-recovery basis.

GUINEA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of over 9,000m³ of cargo on behalf of 24 organisations, and the storage of over 21,000m³ on behalf of 21 organisations.
- On 12 February, the Logistics Cluster facilitated another shipment of four Maersk-donated refrigerated containers, which was received in Conakry; these will be set up at the main logistics hub to store medical supplies crucial to the Ebola response, bringing the total number of Maersk cold chain containers to six.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of over 21,000m³ of cargo on behalf of 38 organisations and the storage of 27,000m³ on behalf of 24 organisations.
- In light of the potential rise in Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) cases in Montserrado County, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating the delivery of 150m² of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to 50 clinics, on behalf of WHO and the Ministry of Health.
- Last week, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of almost 15mt of WASH items via air transport to all 15 counties in Liberia, on behalf of UNICEF and the Ministry of Health. The dispatch of over 47mt of WASH items by road is ongoing.
- The Logistics Cluster is coordinating the allocation of 35 containers, which have been donated to the humanitarian community by private sector partner Maersk. Partners with container requirements have been encouraged to contact the Logistics Cluster in Monrovia.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of over 10,000m³ of cargo on behalf of 23 organisations, and the storage of 9,000m³ on behalf of 18 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster is coordinating a donation to WFP of 41mt of chlorine from USAID, on behalf of the humanitarian community. The shipment is currently undergoing clearance at Freetown Port; organisations requiring chlorine have been advised to contact Logistics Cluster focal points in Freetown.

Focus on: Transporting Laboratories in Guinea

Last week, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of two laboratories via an UNHAS/UNMEER-fleet Mi8 helicopter: one from Conakry to the recently finalised Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Kerouané, and the other from Guéckédou to Coyah ETU on behalf of the French Red Cross.

Focus on: Strengthened Partnerships in Sierra Leone

In coordination with the Logistics Cluster, the Private Sector Ebola Response Trade Exhibition was launched in Freetown on 11 February, with participation from 21 humanitarian organisations and over 40 private sector companies. The purpose of the Trade Exhibition was to provide a forum for strengthening relationships between the logistics and procurement focal points in the private and humanitarian sectors, with a view to facilitating local procurement in support of the Ebola Response. Those in attendance included: Oxfam, Partners in Health, DFID, IMC, WFP, MSF Belgium, UNDP, the British High Commission, UNMEER, NERC, Plan, IFC, AFDB, UNICEF, Coop, Logistics Cluster, Medair, WHH, EHealth Africa, Care International, MSF Spain, Concern and EU.

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

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“Analyzing the storage capacity and constraints in Freetown, the Logistics Cluster agreed with partners on the strategy of extending the main logistics hub at Port Loko. Once operational, the hub will provide much needed additional space to relieve warehouses in Freetown.”

Thierry Vandenborre, Logistics Cluster Coordinator, Sierra Leone
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GUINEA

- On 12 February, WFP coordinated a medical evacuation via the UNHAS/UNMEER fleet Bell 205 helicopter. This is the second medical evacuation that has been conducted in Guinea in 2015.
- To respond to the increasing demand for storage space, two additional MSUs have been erected at the Conakry main hub.
- To ensure the dedicated Bell 205 helicopter stationed in Conakry remains ready to perform a medical evacuation whenever necessary, WFP in support of UNHAS has been coordinating the importation and replacement of spare parts.

Liberia

- For the nine counties in Liberia in which no Forward Logistics Base (FLB) has been established, WFP is erecting one Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) on behalf of the Ministry of Health. As of 16 February MSUs have been erected in the follow counties: Grand Cape Mount, Gbarpolu, Bomi, Margibi, Nimba, Rivercess, River Gee and Grand Kru. The MSU in Sinoe will be erected this coming week.
- WFP is creating a 60-day plan to implement works in order to strengthen the capacity of MSUs at Roberts Airport staging-area, the SKD main hub in Monrovia and all FLBs in preparation for the rainy season.

Focus on: Storage Solutions in Liberia

Due to surplus cargo entering Liberia, the apron and airport hub have become heavily congested. In response to this, WFP is adding additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and extending existing facilities by 40 to 80 square metres. Three additional MSUs have been completed at the airport bringing the total MSU number to 12. WFP, through the coordination of the Logistics Cluster, is investigating options for more permanent solutions for the storage of this surplus cargo at both national and sub-national levels.

Focus on: Planning for the Rainy Season in Sierra Leone

In preparation for the rainy season, WFP is making contingency plans throughout the three affected countries by strengthening existing infrastructure and establishing additional facilities where required. WFP is repositioning essential cargo in Liberia in deep field locations in Liberia, and fuel in Guinea. In preparation for the rainy season, WFP is setting up prefabricated office structures as the four Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) to ensure operations continue uninterrupted despite potential access constraints. WFP is planning to increase the capacity of the main logistics hub Port Loko to more than double its current capacity - from nine to 23 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs). This additional space will ease congestion of warehouses in Freetown capitalising on the strategic position of the main hub as a platform to serve deep field locations.

SIERRA LEONE

- In response to the shortage of storage space at Central Medical Store (CMS) WFP has erected one extended MSU with 400m² for CMS. Work commenced on 09 February and plans are scheduled to be finalised by 17 February 2015.
- Through UNMEER in Sierra Leone, WFP has received an official request from the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) to support the maintenance of the ambulance fleet in the Western Area through a dedicated workshop. WFP has proposed to include both dedicated Ebola response ambulances as well as regular ambulances, in order to facilitate the eventual handover of these assets and the workshop to the Government of Sierra Leone. Discussions with the NERC and partners on the required scope of the workshop are ongoing.
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WFP COMMON SERVICES

UNHAS provides safe and reliable passenger and cargo air services to the humanitarian community, especially to remote locations where there are no commercial alternatives. To optimise the use of resources and ensure greater operational efficiency, as part of the Ebola Response, UNHAS and UNMEER operate under one joint schedule (UNHAS/UNMEER fleet).

- Since 16 August 2014, UNHAS has performed 1,484 takeoffs, transporting 7,623 passengers and 65.3mt of cargo.
- Last week, UNHAS transported 497 passengers and 5.9mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 533 passengers and 20.2mt of cargo.
- The UNHAS West Africa fleet currently consists of four fixed-wing aircraft and three helicopters; two of these three are equipped to perform medical evacuations for health and humanitarian personnel.
- 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.
- Since the beginning of February, UNHAS and UNMEER have been supporting the delivery of ‘Back to School Kits’ on behalf of UNICEF in Liberia.
- Last week UNHAS facilitated six special missions across the region in support of WFP, FEWS NET, FAO, WHO, the SRSG and the Government of Sierra Leone.

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 74 locations across the three affected countries, ensuring reliable Internet access for 1,877 humanitarian staff.
- In Liberia, as part of Internet connectivity support services for UNHAS, the ET Cluster restored connectivity at Spriggs Airport and extended connectivity at Roberts Airport to the check-in desk area.
- The ET Cluster has issued an additional 20 handheld radios issued to each of the five Forward Logistics Bases (FLB) in Liberia.
- The ET Cluster completed site telecommunications capacity assessments in Boke, Labe, Kankan, Kissidougou and Nzérékoré, to determine the level of need for a scale up of operations in these areas.
- Last week the ET Cluster provided connectivity to the UN compound and Government Hospital in Koidu using Ericsson Response WIDER solution; and provided Internet connectivity by installing a VSAT in the Diamond Lodge and the Partners in Health (PIH) Office in Koidu.

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:

- Last week UNHRD dispatched 8mt of support equipment, including generators and vehicles, to Guinea and Sierra Leone, respectively.
- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched 1,658mt of relief items and support equipment to the region on behalf of WFP, WHO, UNHCR, UNDP, JICA, Irish Aid, UNICEF and the Swiss

Focus on: ET Cluster Response in Nzérékoré

In response to the needs of humanitarian partners in Nzérékoré, Guinea, the ET Cluster has expanded network coverage to all UN Offices using the Ericsson Response WIDER connectivity solution. Last week the ET Cluster conducted a radio training for humanitarian personnel in Macenta and in Nzérékoré.

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