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### Highlights

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- WFP has commenced construction works for a new Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Nongo, Guinea.
- UNHRD in Accra assembled 25 PPE kits on behalf of WHO, providing items such as gloves, masks, goggles and gowns to 12,500 health workers.
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### Numbers

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**Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 8 March 2015 (since 4 September 2014):**

- the transportation of over **50,000m³**
- of cargo on behalf of **65** organisations
- the storage of over **67,000m³** of cargo
- on behalf of over **50** organisations

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**GUINEA**

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 12,487m³ of cargo on behalf of 26 organizations, and the storage of 27,055m³ of cargo on behalf of 23 organizations.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to support UNICEF in the distribution of a total of 30,000 WASH kits. Distributions have been completed in Lola Prefecture, and continue in Macenta and Yomou Prefectures. To reinforce the storage capacity of UNICEF in Kankan, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the provision and setup of two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs).
- As requested by the Government of Guinea, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating the provision of storage space at the main logistics base in Conakry to the Ministry of Cooperation for the storage of 30 4x4 vehicles, 100 motorbikes and medical equipment donated from the Government of China for Ebola response operations.

**LIBERIA**

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 25,195m³ of cargo on behalf of 44 organizations, and the storage of 29,977m³ of cargo on behalf of 29 organizations.

**Focus on: Delivering ‘School in a Box’ in Guinea**

As part of the activities for the reopening of schools across the affected countries, the Logistics Cluster is assisting UNICEF in the distribution of over 2000 ‘School in a Box’ units. The distribution will cover the five Prefectures of Forest Guinea: Nzerekore, Macenta, Lola, Beyla and Yomou.

**Focus on: Delivering Nutrition Supplies in Liberia**

Last week in Liberia, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the delivery of 3.2mt of nutrition supplies, on behalf of UNICEF to health facilities across the country. Over 2mt were transported via road transport to Gparpolu, Grand Gedah, Nimba and River Cess counties, and 392kg were transported by air to Grand Kru, River Gee and Sinoe counties.

**Focus on: Capacity Building in Guinea**

The Logistics Cluster, in collaboration with Bioforce and the Government of Guinea, is organising a week-long logistics training from 23 March, which will be attended by 60 government Logisticians. Bioforce will facilitate the first four days, after which the Systems for Improved Access to Pharmaceuticals and Services (SIAPS) and the Government of Guinea will each facilitate one day of training. The training will be held on the premises of the Central Guinean Pharmacy and will be concluded by a visit to the WFP main logistics hub in Conakry.

**SIERRA LEONE**

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 12,600m³ of cargo on behalf of 27 organizations, and the storage of 10,785m³ of cargo on behalf of 19 organizations.
- The Logistics Cluster is supporting partners by working closely with the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) and UNICEF in their planning for the opening of schools, to help identify and anticipate the transport requirements for transport and storage of food and non-food items.
- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is now able to offer temperature-controlled storage to partners in Sierra Leone, thanks to the donation of a 40ft-refrigerated container from DFID. The container has been set up at the WFP main logistics hub in Port Loko.

Various updated maps and information products are available on [www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14)
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**GUINEA**

- WFP has commenced construction works for a new Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Nongo, to be managed by MSF-Belgium once completed.
- As part of the preparations for the rainy season, WFP continues to reposition partners’ stocks from Conakry to Kankan, Macenta, Kissidougou and Nzérékoré to ensure coverage in deep field locations.
- To respond to requests for additional storage capacity at the main logistics hub in Conakry, the WFP has augmented storage capacity with four additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) adding a further 1,800m\(^2\) of available storage.

**LIBERIA**

- WFP is providing additional warehousing capacity at Monrovia Port; last week WHO used this facility to de-stuff 30 containers of medical supplies.
- WFP has met with representatives of the Government of Liberia to discuss potential capacity building opportunities in light of law soon expected to be passed granting official status to a National Disaster Management Agency. This Agency will facilitate the strengthening disaster preparedness measures, as well as enhance early warning systems to ensure a rapid response in future emergencies.

**SIERRA LEONE**

- 13 Mercedes trucks, which arrived in Freetown in late February as part of an in-kind contribution from the Government of Germany, are expected to be granted customs clearance early next week. Once registered and insured, the trucks will strengthen the existing WFP fleet supporting the delivery of food and non-food items.
- WFP has been providing engineering support to partners at the WHO/ District Ebola Response Centre (DERC) field office, the Connaught hospital and the Military Hospital extension in Wilberforce.

**Focus on: Prepositioning PPE in Liberia**

WFP continues to make preparations for the rainy season by prepositioning of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) supplies is also taking place throughout the country. This will take place in two phases; Dispatches for the first phase are almost complete, and 621m\(^3\) of PPE are being delivered to two Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) - Voinjama and Gbanga - and to four county Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) - Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, Gparpolu and Margibi.

**Focus on: Rainy Season Preparations in Sierra Leone**

WFP is mitigating the impact of the rainy season in Sierra Leone, by strengthening existing infrastructure at the main logistics hub and the Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs). The main logistics hub in Port Loko will soon have an additional 14 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), bringing the total storage capacity to over 7,400m\(^2\). WFP is also extending the storage space available at the FLB in Makeni by 480m\(^2\) with the set up of two additional MSUs. Further work, including improved drainage and the setup of two concrete foundations for MSUs is scheduled for the coming days.

**Announcement of the Joint Collaboration between WFP and WHO**

WFP and WHO are joining forces across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to promote both the increased agility, and also the capability, of the health response.

As part of the district-by-district approach, WHO is deploying technical field teams throughout the three affected countries to augment its capacity for case finding, case management, safe burials, and community engagement. Through the implementation of this Joint Collaboration, WFP will support WHO by drawing on its logistics capabilities to facilitate the operationalisation of the WHO technical teams across the three Ebola-affected countries, at district and county level.

This invaluable partnership will not only ensure that the medical expertise of WHO is able to reach further faster, but also that a level of operational readiness is maintained, in order to mitigate the increased impact of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) on affected populations throughout the region.

As affirmed by Cesar Arroyo, WFP’s Regional Coordinator for Common Logistics Services: ‘WFP will endeavor to provide its utmost support to WHO’s technical field teams to achieve the goal of getting to zero.’
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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.

- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched 1,880mt 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.

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 1,750 takeoffs, transporting 9,068 passengers and 81.7mt of cargo.
- Last week, UNHAS transported 395 passengers and 1.2mt 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.
- Last week UNHAS conducted two medical evacuations of non-EVD symptomatic humanitarian staff: one from Conakry to Dakar, and the other from Nzérékoré to Conakry.

Focus on: Packing & Dispatching of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from Accra

Last week, the team at UNHRD in Accra, assembled 25 PPE kits on behalf of WHO, providing items such as gloves, masks, goggles and gowns to 12,500 health workers. Fifteen of these kits are being shipped to 13 countries across West Africa as part of a preparedness initiative and 10 kits will remain in stock at the hub in Accra, ready for immediate dispatch.

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 84 locations across the three affected countries, ensuring reliable Internet access for over 2,000 humanitarian personnel.
- In Guinea a total of 164 users are currently connected to the ET Cluster data network. Last week final plans were secured for the connection to the ET Cluster data network of the UNOPS office in Nzérékoré.
- In Liberia, the ET Cluster deployed a mobile VSAT to an ETU in Bopolu, loaned by partner NetHope.
- Last week in Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster continued its routine support and rollout of data networks; Internet access is currently installed in 63 locations across the country.

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