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**Highlights**

- The ET Cluster is providing wireless Internet connectivity in 63 locations across Sierra Leone;
- WFP delivered 138 m$^3$ of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) supplies in Liberia;
- WFP procured seven additional fuel tanks to hold contingency stocks of 6,000 litres of fuel in preparation for the rainy season in Guinea.
- UNHAS held a workshop in Dakar to review its operational strategy for Ebola Response operations.

**Numbers**

Overall requirements: **US$ 178.5 million**  
Overall shortfall: **US$ 29.3 million**

9,600 passengers & 84.2 mt cargo transported by UNHAS  
Almost 1,900 mt dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 1 March 2015 (since 4 September 2014):

- the transportation of over 52,000 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 65 organisations  
- the storage of over 69,000 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of over 50 organisations

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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.

GUINEA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 12,880m³ of cargo on behalf of 26 organisations, and the storage of 27,040m³ of cargo on behalf of 23 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster is developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the management of the transportation of cold-chain supplies, crucial to the Ebola Response. These SOPs will aim to facilitate the delivery process of these medical items to health facilities across the country.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 25,083m³ of cargo on behalf of 43 organisations, and the storage of 30,532m³ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 13,756m³ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations, and the storage of 11,687m³ of cargo on behalf of 19 organisations.

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"The WFP-WHO project is providing a unique opportunity for both agencies to capitalise on each other's expertise, strengthening the health response in getting to zero case of Ebola."

Pablo Yuste, Project Manager, WFP-WHO Joint Collaboration.

**Focus on: Coordinating in-kind Donations in Sierra Leone**

The Logistics Cluster has been coordinating the customs clearance of an in-kind donation of 41mt of chlorine from USAID/OFDA on behalf of the humanitarian community. The chlorine has now been cleared by customs and may be allocated to organisations as requested from 16 March onwards. Allocations of 8mt have already been made to Christian Aid and IMC.

Additionally, the Logistics Cluster has communicated to organisations that the DFID-donated 40ft refrigerated container at the Port Loko main logistics hub is now fully operational; the Logistics Cluster has encouraged organisations to identify their cargo and medical supplies requiring temperature-controlled storage.

Various updated maps and information products are available on [www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14)
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- Works continue for the setup of a cement slab at the main logistics base in Conakry in order to strengthen through infrastructural reinforcement of the existing storage capacity. Works to prepare the two Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) for the rainy season will commence in the coming weeks.
- WFP has procured seven additional fuel tanks to hold contingency stocks of 6,000 litres at the two FLBs; this stock will ensure a sufficient supply of fuel is maintained for operations throughout the rainy season.

Focus on: Construction of Ebola Treatment Unit in Guinea

WFP continues to support the construction of the Nongo Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU), which, once completed, will be managed by MSF-Belgium. The works are planned to be finalised by the end of April. Additionally, the Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is coordinating the relocation of a WFP-loaned incinerator to the new ETU in Nongo. This incinerator is currently based at the Centre for the Treatment of Healthcare Workers in Conakry, and will be relocated upon the completion of all necessary decontamination procedures.

LIBERIA

- On behalf of the Ministry of Health, the main hub is receiving 29 containers as part of a donation from the Government of China for the Ebola Response. WFP will make these available to organisations for the storage of essential items as soon as possible.
- Due to the reduction in EVD cases, WFP has moved from primarily supplying ETUs to supporting needs for Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) at general health facilities. In preparation for the rainy season, WFP is prepositioning PPE supplies across the country. This prepositioning is taking 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. Last week WFP delivered 138m$^3$ of the supplies across these locations.

SIERRA LEONE

- WFP is providing office support, administration, accommodation and logistics and internet connection services to WHO in Port Loko, Kambia, Koidu and Makeni, on behalf of 28 WHO staff.

Focus on: Reinforcing Storage Capacities in Sierra Leone

Last week WFP provided two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) to organisations; one to Handicap International and one to Save the Children; and also supported the construction of these MSUs on behalf of both organisations. WFP also set up two additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) - with a combined storage capacity of 480m$^3$ - at the Forward Logistics Base (FLB) in Makeni. Works are ongoing to add concrete foundations for all existing MSUs in order to improve storage conditions during the rainy season.
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 1,826 takeoffs, transporting 9,600 passengers and 84.2mt of cargo.
- Last week, UNHAS transported 534 passengers and 2.6mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 550 passengers and 3.4mt of cargo.
- UNHAS continues to coordinate with UNMEER and UNMIL to optimise the use of resources; a joint flight schedule is maintained with necessary flexibility.
- On 14 and 15 March, an UNHAS workshop was organised in Dakar to review its operational Ebola Response strategy, with a view to ensuring the continued optimization of resources and provision of services to participants.

Focus on: Ensuring Preparedness for Potential Medevac

To ensure adequate preparedness for the potential medical evacuation (medevac) of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) symptomatic patients, the UNHAS helicopter in Sierra Leone facilitated the transport of Ebola bio-bag medical isolation units from Lungi Airport to Cockerill in Freetown. This helicopter is one of two operating in the region, which have been specially equipped to perform medical evacuations for non- & confirmed EVD symptomatic health workers.

Check updated flight schedules and procedures on [www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14)