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### Highlights

- WFP is supporting UNMEER and the Government of Liberia on the Quick Impact Project (QIP) to renovate the Massaqoui Public School in Monrovia, Liberia;
- UNHRD dispatched 11mt support equipment to Sierra Leone and Guinea;
- 13 German-donated Mercedes trucks are now officially operational, bringing the total number of WFP trucks in Sierra Leone to 46;
- The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster is providing Internet connectivity in over 80 locations across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to 2,000 responders.

### Numbers

- Overall requirements: **US$ 272.1 million**
- Overall shortfall: **US$ 123.7 million**
- 10,141 passengers & 90mt cargo transported by UNHAS
- **Almost 1,900mt** dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 22 March 2015 (since 4 September 2014):

- the transportation of over **51,000m³** of cargo on behalf of 65 organisations
- the storage of over **69,000m³** of cargo on behalf of over 50 organisations

*The Logistics Cluster aims to report the most accurate data possible, based on the information available at the time of reporting.*
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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 12,880m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 27 organisations, and the storage of 27,040m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 23 organisations.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 25,083m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 44 organisations, and the storage of 30,532m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 31 organisations.
- In this stage of the response, an increased amount of cargo is arriving via sea transport. In order to ensure operational readiness for incoming cargo, the Logistics Cluster has been coordinating additional warehousing capacity, through WFP’s operationalizing of two port warehouses (approx. 500m$^2$ each) in Monrovia.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 13,756m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 29 organisations and the storage of 1,1687m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 20 organisations.

The in-kind donation of 41mt of chlorine from USAID/OFDA has been strategically positioned at the Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) in Makeni and Kenema, as well as at the Main Hub in Port Loko. Allocations of 19mt have been made to IMC, Christian Aid, IOM and IRC. Organisations requiring Chlorine have been encouraged to submit their request to the Logistics Cluster in Freetown.

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

“Cargo prepositioning and rainy season preparation are our priorities at the moment in Liberia; supplies for the next few months are being dispatched in waves, while our storage facilities are being equipped to ensure this cargo is protected from potential excess water.”

Carlos Melendez, WFP Chief of Common Services, Liberia.
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**GUINEA**

- Due to the increase of EVD cases in certain areas of Guinea, WFP and UNHAS are considering the opening of the new Conakry-Coyah-Forécariah route to be served by the second MI8 helicopter, which arrived in Guinea at the beginning of March.
- WFP continues to conduct construction works at the Main Logistics Base in Conakry. The cement slab has been completed and the drainage works are expected to start soon.
- On 21 March, WFP temporarily provided an Ebola bio-bag medical isolation unit to the Centre for the Treatment of Healthcare Workers, managed by the French Army in Conakry. This bio-bag was used for training purposes as part of a simulation exercise.
- As the areas most affected by Ebola shift from Forest Guinea to the region around the capital, Coyah and Forécariah, WFP is downsizing its fleet in Forest Guinea, and redeploying it in light of the reduction of Ebola cases in the area.

**LIBERIA**

- To secure the existing facilities and protect cargo during the rainy season, drainage channels and ground elevation of 10 cm for the main hub in Monrovia, the airport hub, and all five Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) should be completed by early April.
- WFP in Liberia is transferring three light vehicles from the Liberia fleet to support operations in Guinea where transmission of EVD continues at a steady rate.
- WFP has refocused its operations to ensure support to the transportation of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to health facilities. Ahead of the rainy season, prepositioning for the first phase has been completed: 221 health facilities have been served from the two FLBs and four county Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), by dispatching 621m$^3$ of items.

**Focus on: Construction of Holding Centres in Guinea**

In coordination with UNICEF and WHO, WFP is building ten holding centres close to existing health facilities in Conakry, in order to isolate patients with suspected EVD. WFP is working with UNICEF and WHO to compose Isolation Unit Kits, which include a 45m$^2$ tent, emergency sanitary solution and disinfection materials.

**Focus on: Back to School in Liberia**

WFP is supporting UNMEER and the Government of Liberia on the Quick Impact Project (QIP) to renovate the Masqoui Public School, the only public school in West Point area, Monrovia which has a total number of 1,100 students. The school closed with the Ebola outbreak last year and was used as a holding area for Ebola patients. The school has since been decontaminated and major rehabilitation is needed. WFP is providing technical engineering expertise and donating a new 20 KVA generator to facilitate the rapid completion of all necessary renovation works before the onset of the rainy season.

**SIERRA LEONE**

- The 13 German-donated Mercedes trucks are now officially operational, bringing the total number of WFP vehicles in country to 46. WFP is working with partners to determine at which Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) these trucks should be positioned to ensure adequate coverage for the rainy season.
- The Government of Sierra Leone has announced that as part of the ‘Getting to Zero’ efforts, the population will be asked to remain at home from 27 to 29 March. WFP is planning to support quarantined homes with a food distribution, facilitated by the WFP fleet.

**Focus on: WHO-WFP Joint Collaboration in Sierra Leone**

WFP continues to provide support to 28 WHO staff in four locations. As part of the ongoing joint partnership, WFP is sharing its offices in Makeni and is providing support to a team of nine international WHO health responders. In addition, WFP is providing Internet connectivity, accommodation, and administration support and is in the process of taking over fleet management for WHO in Kambia, Koidu, Makeni and Port Loko.
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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. 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 1,928 takeoffs, transporting 10,141 passengers and 90mt of cargo.
- Last week, UNHAS transported 543 passengers and 5.7mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 570 passengers and 1.8mt of cargo.
- The UNHAS West Africa fleet currently consists of four fixed-wing aircraft and three helicopters; two of these three out of these 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; a joint flight schedule is maintained with necessary flexibility.
- Last week in Guinea, in support to the French Embassy/French Red Cross, WFP facilitated the transportation of a medical laboratory from Kerouane to Forecariah via the UNHAS Bell 205 on 22 March.

Focus on: Technical Support to ETUs

The WFP-led Emergency Telecommunications (ET) Cluster continues to provide technical support to health facilities throughout the affected countries. In Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster has distributed 115 Samsung-donated smart phones to three Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) in Freetown, for use by doctors, nurses and patients. A further distribution of 89 phones is planned for the coming week. In Guinea, in response to the Internet connectivity problems at Coyah ETU, the ET Cluster installed an uninterrupted power supply to ensure that all equipment continues to operate smoothly even when changing generators.

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