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**Highlights**

- The official handover of the WFP-constructed extension of the military hospital in Freetown took place on 25 March.
- On 27 March, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster successfully concluded its coordination of a logistics training for over 60 national logisticians.
- WFP and UNHAS have been conducting reconnaissance flights in Guinea to identify suitable landing areas for additional helipads in the hotspot areas.
- The ET Cluster is providing internet connectivity in over 115 locations to more than 2,000 responders.

**Numbers**

- Overall requirements: **US$ 272.1 million**
- Overall shortfall: **US$ 123.7 million**
- **10,766** passengers & **91.5mt** cargo transported by UNHAS
- Almost **1,900mt** dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 29 March 2015 (since 4 September 2014):

- the transportation of over **61,700m³** of cargo on behalf of 69 organisations
- the storage of over **80,200m³** of cargo on behalf of over 54 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 14,820m³ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations, and the storage of 29,970m³ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations.
- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster is facilitating the relocation of an incinerator on behalf of the French Red Cross from Kérouéné to Forécariah, where a Transit Centre is being transformed into an Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU).

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 32,350m³ of cargo on behalf of 44 organisations, and the storage of 38,730m³ of cargo on behalf of 31 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to support the nationwide distribution of 1,870mt of mosquito nets on behalf of the Liberian Ministry of Health and Plan International; so far, more than 1.4 million mosquito nets have reached 14 out of the 15 counties in Liberia. Out of those 14 counties, deliveries to 9 have been completed and deliveries are ongoing to the remaining 5 counties.
- Last week, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the offloading of 29 containers at SKD main logistics hub (Monrovia) as part of a donation from the Government of China to the Liberian Ministry of Health. The containers contained various equipment, including pickup trucks, ambulances, forklifts, motorcycles, incinerators and over 500 health kits. The official donation ceremony will take place at the start of April.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September 2014, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 11,638m³ of cargo on behalf of 24 organisations, and the storage of 10,003m³ of cargo on behalf of 18 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of the seven remaining WHO containers with items including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); two containers were delivered to the Ministry of Health’s Central Medical Stores (CMS) and five to the Main Logistics Hub in Port Loko. Movements during the reporting period complete the initial request from WHO to relocate 36 containers.
- An in-kind donation of 41mt of Chlorine from USAID/OFDA is pending customs clearance. The chlorine will be allocated to partners through the Logistics Cluster, and will be stored and dispatched by WFP. WFP is currently working to accelerate the customs clearance and allocation of stocks to the humanitarian community.

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

“The first session of the logistics training, coordinated by the Logistics Cluster, has helped us change and improve the way we manage our warehouse at Donka Hospital in Conakry, where I work as Head Pharmacist.”

Fatoumata Dieng, Head Pharmacist, Donka Hospital, Guinea.
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**GUINEA**
- WFP has already set up two new Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) at Conakry main logistics base over the concrete slab that was prepared by WFP in previous weeks. These additional MSUs have been erected in response to partners’ increasing need for storage capacity in the capital.
- WFP continues working on the construction of the Nongo Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Conakry. Once finished, the ETU will be managed by MSF-Belgium.

**SIERRA LEONE**
- In support of the WFP-WHO Joint Collaboration, WFP deployed two support staff to Kambia and Koidu, where WFP is currently providing internet connectivity, accommodation and transport services. Two more from the WFP team are due to arrive during the upcoming week, to provide additional support to WHO in both Port Loko and Makeni.
- During the nation-wide stay-at-home exercise, which took place from 27 to 29 March as part of the Government “Getting to zero Ebola” campaign, the WFP truck fleet supported food deliveries to vulnerable populations; the aim was to provide support to those whose ability to meet their basic needs would be limited during the stay-at-home initiative.
- On 21 March, WFP started ground clearing and excavations for the extension of the Port Loko main logistics hub. The number of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) will increase from 9 to 24 and additional drainage in preparation for the rainy season will also be set up.

**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. Works are proceeding on schedule.
- The three light vehicles transferred from Monrovia to support operations in Guinea, where the virus transmission continues, have crossed the border and have safely arrived in Conakry.

**Focus on: Increasing Capacity in Forécariah, Guinea**

In light of the recent spike in Ebola cases in Forécariah and the consequent increase in the operational presence of humanitarian partners, last week WFP installed two prefabs with generators and office equipment on behalf of UNMEER and WHO. These prefabs are strategically located on the premises of the Prefectural Health Directorate of Forécariah ensuring a base from with partners can launch their operations. At the WFP sub-office in the area, WFP also installed two prefabs that will serve as office space for ten people, as well as a generator and a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) with an internal lighting system.

**Focus on: WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration in Liberia**

The overall assessments for the Joint Collaboration initiative of WFP and WHO have now been completed, and the final details on the exact support that WFP will provide to WHO are being formalized. The first locations where WFP will start to support WHO with its district-by-district approach are: Lofa, Bong, Gbarpolu, Nimba and Grand Cape Mount. WFP ICT teams will also soon be deployed to assess further needs and requirements.

**Focus on: Extension of the military hospital in Freetown, Sierra Leone**

The WFP-constructed extension of the military hospital, at the Wilberforce barracks in Freetown, was officially handed over to the Government of Sierra Leone on 25 March. This extension, fully equipped with ablution units, water tanks, electricity, insulation and fans to help with temperature control, will provide a place for the treatment of Ebola survivors suffering from impairments caused by the disease.
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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 2,026 takeoffs, transporting 10,766 passengers and 91.5mt of cargo.
- Last week, UNHAS transported 627 passengers and 2mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 520 passengers and 4mt of cargo.
- The UNHAS West Africa fleet currently consists of four fixed-wing aircraft and three helicopters; two 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 and ensure greater operational efficiency; a joint flight schedule is maintained with necessary flexibility.
- On 26 March, WFP/UNHAS finalized the transport of the French Embassy/French Red Cross laboratory from Kéraouné to Forécariah using UNMEER’s MI8 helicopter.

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 over 115 locations across the three affected countries, ensuring reliable Internet access for over 2,000 responders.
- In Guinea, a total of 178 users from multiple organisations are connected to the ET Cluster data network in Nzérékoré and Macenta.
- In Liberia, the ET Cluster has been setting up a radio base station (HF and VHF) and internet connectivity at the UNHAS Flight Centre, which will also serve as the new WFP radio room in Monrovia.
- The ET Cluster, with the support of the German Air Force, is finalising the dispatch of locally manufactured Radio Communications towers from Accra, Ghana, to the affected countries: Liberia (1), Sierra Leone (6) and Guinea (8); in Guinea, four towers were received last week.
- Last week in Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster continued its routine support and rollout of data networks, which are currently serving responders in 65 locations.

**UNHRD** is a network of depots around the world that procures, stores, manages and transports emergency supplies for the humanitarian community.

- In collaboration with WHO, last week UNHRD started the procurement and dispatch of equipment necessary to establish camps for WHO teams involved in Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) tracing in Sierra Leone. Rapid Response Teams have already started to build the first camps.
- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched almost 1,900mt 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.

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