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**Highlights**

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- The WFP-led Common Services are making 10 vehicles available for implementation of the WFP-WHO Joint Collaboration in Sierra Leone.
- Two additional helicopters have been added to UNHAS WAC fleet, based in Guinea and Sierra Leone.
- The ET Cluster is working closely with WHO in all three countries to determine the needs for the WFP-WHO Joint Collaboration and provide the necessary equipment.

**Numbers**

- Overall requirements: **US$ 272.1 million**
- Overall shortfall: **US$ 124.3 million**
- **11,789** passengers & **97 mt** of light cargo transported by UNHAS
- **Over 1,900mt** dispatched by UNHRD
- ETC provided internet connectivity to **115** locations & over **2,100** humanitarian responders
- **Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 22 March 2015 (since 4 September 2014):**
  - the transportation of **over 67,577m³** of cargo on behalf of **69** organisations
  - the storage of **over 87,229m³** of cargo on behalf of **54** organisations

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“\nSo far the collaboration between WFP and WHO teams has been very positive and constructive. We’re looking forward to continuing to develop this partnership in the weeks and months ahead, with the aim of reaching and maintaining zero Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) cases in Liberia. The benefits will also be very tangible in terms of strengthening the basis for future partnership in large-scale health emergencies.”

Jonathan O’Connor, Logistics Coordinator, WHO Liberia

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 18,158m³ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations, and the storage of 31,371m³ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations.
- Due to the high demand for the regular WFP/UNHAS flights, a special flight connecting Kankan, Nzérékoré, Kissidougou and Conakry was organized on 11 April for national government staff attending the ‘Logistics Good Practices’ training in Conakry.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 34,249m³ of cargo on behalf of 44 organisations, and the storage of 43,329m³ of cargo on behalf of 31 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to organize weekly coordination meetings to discuss in-country logistics needs and difficulties. Due to the upcoming rainy season, the meetings are oriented towards sharing information on dispatch and preposition plans, as well as on access roads constraints. Based on the partners’ feedback, the Logistics Cluster will assess the current needs, in order to prioritize upcoming dispatches and to streamline the flow of information among partner agencies.
- Currently, a substantial amount of cargo is arriving in country via sea transport. To ensure operational readiness, the Logistics Cluster has been coordinating additional warehousing capacity through WFP’s operationalization of two port warehouses in Monrovia (1,280m² total). Electricity works are ongoing at the Freeport Main Logistics Hub to ensure safety of stored supplies over-night.

Focusing on: Reinforcing in-country capacity in Liberia

The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continues discussions with the Government of Liberia and international partners on the transfer of logistics capacity to governmental institutions. Consultations are focusing on enabling an effective management of the country’s public sector supply chain, as well as the Liberian Government developing an effective disaster management capability.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 14,990m³ of cargo on behalf of 30 organisations and the storage of 12,529m³ of cargo on behalf of 20 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster and WFP have streamlined the procedures for partners requesting loans and services via WFP Common Services, to ensure that the organization requesting the loan is also the recipient.
- The contract for the Forward Logistics Base (FLB) in Freetown ended on 31 March in light of the broader strategy, agreed upon with partners, of centralizing the storage space in Port Loko main logistics hub.
- The availability of storage space at the Forward Logistics Bases in Makeni and Kenema has marginally improved thanks to partners increasing dispatches of cargo.

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

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- Following a technical assessment of the Prefectural Health Department premises in the Prefectures of Boffa, Kindia, Forécariah, Dubreka and Conakry, the requirements and the scope of works for the Joint Collaboration between WFP and WHO were agreed upon. Procurement activities have started and WFP has already purchased some 300 phones, phone credit and fuel cards for the reinforcement of the population surveillance capacity.
- In light of preparations for the rainy season, the tender for the construction of the draining system at the main logistics base in Conakry airport was finalized last week. A technical analysis was already performed and works are expected to start soon.
- In the context of the new emergency measures declared by President Condé, the first phase of the Campaign of Sensitization and Collection of Suspected Cases of EVD started as a pilot in Forécariah on 11 April and is still ongoing as of 15 April. WFP provided two pick-up trucks and fuel to facilitate the movement of the staff conducting the screening, as well as the transport of necessary supplies, such as detergents and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). WFP also provided two 30-bed Trigano tents to accommodate some of the WHO staff involved in the exercise.

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- To secure the existing facilities and protect cargo during the rainy season, drainage channels and ground elevation works are ongoing at all WFP storage facilities. Works have been completed in 5 out of 9 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) erected for the Ministry of Health. The improvements of all structures are scheduled to be finalized by the end of April.
- Last week, the WFP fleet transported 92 mt of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies, food commodities and training materials on behalf of 9 organizations.
- Meanwhile, WFP continues to support the humanitarian community and the Ministry of Health the logistics and supply chain aspects of the response. Additionally, WFP is working with partners to develop a mechanism to integrate the current supply chain catering for the transport of EVD-relevant items, into the regular health supply chain system.

SIERRA LEONE

- As part of the strategy to centralize the storage space at Port Loko Main Logistics Hub, the extension works to augment storage from 3,000m2 to 7,680m2 by 20 April are proceeding as scheduled.
- On 11-12 April, WFP hosted a workshop in Sierra Leone for WFP and WHO focal points, regional coordinators and site managers from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to develop and consolidate the WFP-WHO Joint Collaboration. The workshop allowed WFP and WHO logistics teams to evaluate the first months of the cooperation and extracting best practices for a consolidated approach across the region.

Focus on: Focus on: Provision of vehicles to WHO in Sierra Leone

The WFP-led Common Services are making 10 vehicles available for the WFP-WHO Joint Collaboration, replacing the existing car rental arrangement. The vehicles are planned to be dispatched to the four locations where the partnership is in place. In addition, WFP and UNMEER reached an agreement, according to which former UNMEER vehicles will be provided to the Joint Collaboration through WFP.

Focus on: WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration takes off in Liberia

The implementation of WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration is accelerating in Liberia, following the validation of the agreement. Four field assessments were concluded in Grand Cape Mount, Gbarpolu, Lofa and Bong; the final County location to be assessed is Nimba. The procurement process has commenced for prefab offices, generators, ablution units and other essential support equipment.
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**UNHAS**

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 2,186 takeoffs, transporting 11,789 passengers and 96.6 mt of cargo.
- Last week, UNHAS transported 476 passengers and 2.4 mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 554 passengers and 2.3 mt of cargo.
- 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.
- The UNHAS West Africa fleet currently consists of four fixed-wing aircraft and five helicopters; all of the helicopters are equipped to perform medical evacuations for health and humanitarian personnel.
- In Liberia, UNHAS is planning a survey before the upcoming UNMEER downsizing in order to maximize the use of available air assets to support the humanitarian community.

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

**UNHRD**

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 over 1,900 mt 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.

Last week, UNHRD dispatched 71 mt, valued at USD 1.6 million, of Personal Protective Equipment to Liberia on behalf of WHO.

Focus on: **Expansion of UNHAS Fleet**

Two additional helicopters were added to UNHAS WAC’s fleet, based in Guinea and in Sierra Leone, for the transportation of personnel and cargo; they are also both specially equipped for Medevac. Since October, when the first helicopter equipped for Medevac started operating, UNHAS has performed 30 Medevacs of humanitarian and UN personnel in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Only last week in Guinea, UNHAS performed a Medevac transporting a UN staff from Coyah to Conakry.

Focus on: **The role of the ET Cluster in the WHO – WFP Joint Collaboration**

In Guinea, the ET Cluster is working closely with WHO to finalize their requirements for equipment and services. Procurement of all equipment has started and 20 satellite phones have already been received from Accra. In Liberia, the ET Cluster will set up radio repeaters at three WHO locations, it will equip 15 vehicles with VHF and satellite phones, and it will programme 40 handheld radios. In addition, Internet connectivity will be provided at all WHO offices and guesthouses. In Sierra Leone, two additional local ICT staff were recruited to support the partnership.

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