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**Highlights**

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster is supporting the Guinean government in its sensitization campaign on Ebola detection for the population of Coyah.
- The Logistics Cluster has facilitated the prepositioning of more than 500m³ of Personal Protective Equipment across four counties in Liberia on behalf of the Government.
- The extension works at the Main Logistics Hub in Port Loko, Sierra Leone, have more than doubled the storage space.
- The WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration is steadily moving forward in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.
- UNMEER is handing its equipment and services to the ET Cluster at 17 locations across the three countries.

**Numbers**

- Overall requirements: **US$ 272.1 million**
- Overall shortfall: **US$ 102.5 million**
- **13,180** passengers & **101.5 mt** of light cargo transported by UNHAS
- **1,960mt** 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 **75,760m³** of cargo on behalf of **106** organisations
  - the storage of over **95,970m³** of cargo on behalf of over **78** organisations

*The Logistics Cluster aims to report the most accurate data possible, based on the information available at the time of reporting.*
“WFP logistics support enables WHO epidemiologists to put their expertise into practice, with the goal of getting Ebola cases down to zero in West Africa”.

Pablo Yuste, WHO-WFP Joint Collaboration Regional Focal Point

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**WFP**

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 18,780m³ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations, and the storage of 33,270m³ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations.
- The four-week training on “Logistics Good Practices”, organized by the Logistics Cluster in collaboration with Bioforce and the government of Guinea, has come to an end. A similar training will be organized for national staff of the Logistics Cluster, in light of the high levels of interest shown by partners.
- Following a Rio Tinto donation of camp equipment, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster organized a visit on 24 April to the Main Logistics Hub in Conakry for partners in need of the equipment.

**LIBERIA**

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 41,040m³ of cargo on behalf of 46 organisations, and the storage of 49,570m³ of cargo on behalf of 32 organisations.
- In the effort to maximize the movement of supplies before the rainy season may affect access, the WFP-led Common Services facilitated the prepositioning of 544m³ of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on behalf of the Ministry of Health. The PPE supplies were allocated in Grand Kru, Nimba, Sinoe, and River Gee, in addition to the 416m³ of PPE that had already recently been transported to Bomi, Gbarpolu, Grand Bassa, Margibi and River Cess counties.
- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the unloading and storage of five containers, holding Swiss-donated generators, at the SKD Main Logistics Hub. On 20 April, partner agencies were invited for an orientation on the generators at the warehouse, together with the representatives of the Swiss government.

**SIERRA LEONE**

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 15,940m³ of cargo on behalf of 32 organisations and the storage of 13,130m³ of cargo on behalf of 21 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the in-and-out movement of items stored at all storage facilities throughout the country by enhancing communication with partners.

**Focus on: Handover of equipment donated to Liberia from the Chinese government**

The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, facilitated the offloading and storage of 29 containers with equipment donated from the government of China to Liberia for the fight against Ebola. The assets consisted of pick-up trucks, ambulances, forklifts, motorbikes, incinerators and humanitarian supplies. The handover ceremony was held on 13 April at the presence of the Liberian President at the SKD Main Logistics Hub.

**Focus on: Preparations for the rainy season in Sierra Leone**

In preparation for the rainy season, from 1 May WFP through the Logistics Cluster will start prepositioning 46 fleet trucks in Freetown, Port Loko, Makeni, and Kenema. Allocations will be made on the foreseen needs of partners during the rainy season. As another preparedness measure, the Common Services engineering team has begun works to strengthen WFP’s Main Logistics Hub in Kissy.

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

- On 16 April, a fire broke out at WFP Main Logistics Hub next to Conakry airport. Firefighters promptly halted the fire, but the flames burnt the cover sheets of two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), damaging some of the stored goods. WFP has replaced the parts of the structure damaged by the fire. Additionally, the storage capacity at the Logistics Hub was augmented by constructing two additional MSUs.
- The construction of the Nongo Ebola Treatment Unit, built by WFP Common Services, is ongoing: tent structures have been erected over the four concrete slabs, while a drainage system was put in place.

Focus on: Transferring Capacity to the Liberian government

WFP is planning a capacity development plan to effectively transfer logistics knowledge and skills to the government of Liberia, including the specific functions to manage WFP’s Main Logistics Hubs and Forward Logistics Bases. WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, is also receiving requests from partner agencies for capacity building and trainings on fleet management, warehouse management and the supply chain. In addition, WFP and the Logistics Cluster are working with the Ministry of Health on a plan to integrate the current supply chain for the transport of EVD-relevant items into the regular health supply chain system.

LIBERIA

- WFP is collaborating closely with UNICEF in order to support the augmentation of their storage capacity for medical supplies. One Mobile Storage Unit is being allocated at the SKD Main Logistics Hub for medicines that do not require temperature-controlled environment, as well as other medical supplies.
- In the framework of the WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration, site assessments were concluded in the border areas of Grand Cape Mount, Gbarpolu, Lofa, Bong and Nimba. Following this study, WFP is finalizing the procurement of equipment to create office space and accommodation, and to provide internet connectivity. WHO is working with the Ministry of Health to obtain the land permits for the office and accommodation prefab, which are being procured by UNHRD in Accra.

Focus on: Supporting WHO operations in hotspots in Guinea

Following a site assessment by WFP and WHO regional coordinators, WHO requested the deployment of prefabs to five strategic locations around Conakry and four prefectures. WFP deployed nine prefabs to be used for office space to Kindia, Matama, Boffa, Dubreka and Kaloum, while works are ongoing to provide generators and to improve internet connectivity. WFP support to WHO also includes communications and refueling of vehicles: 300 phones and 30 satellite telephones for emergency communications were provided to WHO staff, while the WHO fleet is being refueled in the strategic districts of Coyah and Forécariah.

SIERRA LEONE

- The main Forward Logistics Base in Port Loko was extended by augmenting the number of Mobile Storage Units from 9 to 23. In addition, the structures have been reinforced to ensure accessibility and drainage during the rainy season.

Focus on: Supporting WHO in Sierra Leone

Within the WFP-WHO Joint Collaboration, WFP installed a generator in Port Loko and Kambia to ensure electricity at WHO facilities; in Kambia internet connectivity was also established. In addition, ten vehicles from the Common Services operation have been transferred to the Joint Collaboration: one in Koidu, two in Port Loko, four in Makeni, two in Kambia and one in Freetown. Ten vehicles donated by UN-MEER are also being registered: WFP will transfer them for WHO to use in Kambia on early May.
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 1,960mt 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. In the past two weeks, UNHRD in Accra continued to support WHO by dispatching more than 6,000 sets of Personal Protective Equipment to 11 countries across the region as a key preparedness measure.

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 has been providing Internet connectivity in over 115 locations across the three affected countries, ensuring reliable Internet access for over 2,100 humanitarian responders.
- The ET Cluster is taking over some of the ICT equipment and services that UNMEER currently provides. The ET Cluster will absorb UNMEER’s equipment and services at 17 locations across the three countries, including the Main Logistics Bases (MLBs) and the Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs).
- In Guinea, connectivity equipment was transferred from the now closed Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Kéraouné to the FLB in Kissidougou, where UNMEER is phasing out. The handover from UNMEER is scheduled to be completed by 10 May.
- In Liberia, the ET Cluster completed the handover of UNMEER ICT equipment and services at the MLBs in SKD and RIA airport, and at the FLBs in Gbargna, Voinjama, Zwedru, Buchanan and Harper.

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 2,447 takeoffs, transporting 13,180 passengers and 101.5 mt of cargo.
- Last week, UNHAS transported 706 passengers and 3mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 330 passengers and 3mt of cargo.
- UNHAS continues to coordinate with UNMEER and UNMIL to optimize the use of resources and ensure greater operational efficiency; a new joint flight schedule started on 27 April and has been shared with users.
- Starting from 15 April, UNHAS took over UNMEER’s operations in the country, acquiring one MI 8 helicopter in the process. The UNHAS West Africa fleet currently consists of four fixed-wing aircraft and five helicopters; three helicopters are equipped to perform medical evacuations for health and humanitarian personnel.
- On 17 – 18 April, WFP and UNHAS staff met with authorities in Forécariah, Boffa, Coyah and Kindia to finalize the agreement on the possible suitable locations for new helipads in current Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) hotspots.

Focus on: ET Cluster supports the WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration

The WFP-led ET Cluster is providing ICT services to WHO for their new field offices in support of the Ebola response and recovery. In Guinea, the list of ICT equipment required by WHO was finalized for five locations in Conakry and seven sites in the rest of the country. WFP has already provided the following ICT equipment to WHO: 20 satellite phones, 11 laptops, and over 300 mobile phones. In Liberia, various assessments and list of necessary ICT to be ordered were completed for the five proposed locations of the Joint Collaboration. In Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster has set up equipment and internet connectivity in Port Loko, Kambia, Makeni and Koidu. WHO requested WFP/ET Cluster to also provide ICT support and connectivity in Moyamba; an assessment will be conducted next week.

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