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COMMON SERVICES IN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

**Highlights**

- Resources totaling USD 90 million are required through 31 December 2015, to ensure WFP’s ability to continue the provision of Common Services to the humanitarian community, including UNHAS air transportation services, crucial preparedness works at logistics bases for the rainy season and maintenance of ICT services across the three countries.

- The handover from UNMEER to the ET Cluster of ICT equipment and services across the three countries is complete.

- Liberia has been declared Ebola-free by WHO: the Logistics Cluster is identifying operational priorities and the most effective transition strategy.

- WFP is strengthening existing facilities and preparing cargo in the three Ebola Affected Countries for the rainy season, whilst also providing additional preparedness services.

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**Numbers**

Overall requirements: **US$ 272.1 million**

Overall shortfall: **US$ 89.8 million**

**14, 484** passengers & **110 mt** of light cargo transported by UNHAS

**2,030 mt** dispatched by UNHRD

ETC provided internet connectivity to **115** locations & over **3,300** humanitarian responders

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

- the transportation of over **77,740m³** of cargo on behalf of **106** organisations
- the storage of over **101,700m³** 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, 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 transport of 19,255 m³ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations, and storage of 35,205 m³ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations.

- The Logistics Cluster is supporting the government in the organization of the sensitization campaign that will start on 16 May in Forécariah. The WFP-led logistics coordination mechanism will set up the accommodation, consisting of: four Rio Tinto/Trigano tents, approximately 30 beds to host healthcare workers involved in the campaign, a generator, and an ablution unit. Through WFP, the Logistics Cluster has also facilitated the provision of pick-up trucks and drivers for the transportation of necessary equipment during the campaign.

**LIBERIA**

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transport of 42,305 m³ of cargo on behalf of 46 partners, and the storage of 53,228 m³ of cargo on behalf of 32 partners.

- The Logistics Cluster is focusing on facilitating the movement of goods towards end-users ahead of the rainy season. In light of this objective, almost 500 mt of cargo have been prepositioned at the five Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) and 9 county Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) so far. In addition, since February, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transport of Personal Protective Equipment kits to approximately 500 health facilities across the 15 counties in Liberia.

**SIERRA LEONE**

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 16,180 m³ of cargo on behalf of 32 organisations and the storage of 13,268 m³ of cargo on behalf of 21 organisations.

Focus on: Additional provision of services in preparation for the rainy season in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone

In Guinea, in view of the potential deterioration of road conditions during the rainy season, new UNHAS helicopter routes have been established connecting Conakry to some of the current Ebola case hotspots. Suitable existing landing zones have been identified in Forecariah, Boffa, Fria and Kindia, while a new helipad will be built by WFP in Coyah.

In Liberia it is expected that not all final destinations for cargo transport will be accessible by road during the rainy season, based on access updates provided by UNMIL, engineers and partners on road conditions. WFP is therefore preparing to receive more special flight requests to access locations that will be cut-off during the rainy season.

In Sierra Leone, as one of the preparation measures for the rainy season, the Logistics Cluster shared a rainy season toolkit list for mechanics and vehicle repair, with the objective of enhancing the preparedness in the upcoming months.

Focus on: Liberia is now Ebola-free

On 9 May, WHO declared Liberia to be Ebola-free after 42 consecutive days with zero new Ebola cases. With this milestone, WFP and partners are now assessing the roles that all Clusters will play in the coming months, as equipment continues to be stored at logistics bases, and the need remains for the transportation of cargo. Through OCHA led coordination, the remaining operational priorities will be reviewed on the base of continuing humanitarian needs, whilst also considering options for hand-over to successors. This perspective coincides with the ongoing discussions among WFP, humanitarian partners and the Liberian government on the supply chain transition strategy, which includes the identification of government institutions to take over management of the infrastructure set-up through WFP’s Common Services. The implementation of a capacity development training plan is also being prepared to efficiently hand over operations whilst strengthening government logistics and supply chain systems at the same time.

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

“WFP’s logistics support in Lofa County came at a much needed time, ensuring the timely delivery of life saving materials to the health facilities and communities whenever requested”.

Geraldine Chipendo, International Red Cross, Liberia
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GUINEA

- WFP’s construction of Nongo Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) is almost complete, including the set-up of plumbing, a fuel tank and one incinerator. Waste disposal pits are being finalized, as well as the concrete pathway at the back of the hospital.
- In the framework of the WHO-WFP joint collaboration, nine prefabs have been positioned in Kindia, Dubreka, Matam, Kaloum, Boffa and Siguiri. Of these, five are already operational, while the construction of the other four is being finalized. Eight generators are currently in place, while generators for Gueckedou and Siguiri have yet to be transported.

LIBERIA

- In support of the recovery plan of the Government of Liberia for the post-Ebola period, WFP has allocated five DAF trucks to assist the transportation over 100 mt rice and corn seed to Nimba County for the Ministry of Agriculture.
- WFP has augmented the storage space available at SKD Forward Logistics Base through the construction of a 240 m² Mobile Storage Unit (MSU). The storage facilities are also being strengthened in preparation for the rainy season.
- In the framework of the WFP-WHO Joint Collaboration, WFP is procuring 38 prefabs, ablution units, furniture, generators, water storage and connectivity for the five locations where the initiative will be implemented. Construction works are expected to start at the beginning of June.

SIERRA LEONE

- The WFP is providing routine assistance to WHO, including infrastructure and administrative support, and staff and fleet management for WHO transportation needs.

Focus on: Strengthening logistics premises for the rainy season in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone

As a key preparedness measure before the beginning of the rainy season, WFP is reinforcing all storage facilities across the three countries. In Guinea, drainage channels are being installed at Conakry Main Logistics Base, and similar works will be performed at Kissidougou and Nzérékoré Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs).

In Liberia, existing infrastructure is being strengthened at the Main Logistics Bases in Monrovia, at the five FLBs and at the nine MSUs erected for the Ministry of Health; works include constructing drainage channels and ground elevation works. Works at all the premises should be completed in the second half of May.

In Sierra Leone, WFP’s logistics base in Kissy is being reinforced through the construction of drainage channels, while electrical works at WFP’s Port Loko, Makeni and Kambia offices have been completed.
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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 2,691 takeoffs, transporting 14,484 passengers and 110 mt of cargo.
- In the past two weeks, UNHAS transported 1,281 passengers and 8 mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 625 passengers and 2 mt of cargo.
- UNHAS is providing continuity of flight services following the handover of UNMEER’s air services to UNHAS that started in April. UNHAS has also shared a new flight booking process with organizations, aiming to ensure user-friendly tools and processes.
- The UNHAS West Africa fleet currently consists of four fixed-wing aircraft and six helicopters; three helicopters are equipped to perform medical evacuations for health and humanitarian personnel.
- In Sierra Leone, the UNHAS boat service to and from Lungi airport is being reassessed to ensure its effective usage and cost efficiency. Changes to the current service will be shared with partners shortly.

**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 2,030 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.
- In the past two weeks, UNHRD has dispatched 67 mt of protective clothing and respirators to Sierra Leone on behalf of WHO.

**ETC**

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 Emergency Telecommunications (ET) Cluster is providing internet services to 91 humanitarian facilities across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Since the beginning of the operation, the ET Cluster has ensured reliable Internet access for over 3,300 humanitarian responders.
- The handover of ICT equipment and services from UNMEER to the ET Cluster has been completed in all three countries at several locations, including the Main Logistics Bases (MLBs) and the Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs).
- In Guinea, the ET Cluster took over the provision of connectivity at UNMEER FLB in N’zerekore and Kissidougou.
- In Liberia and Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster completed the handover of UNMEER ICT equipment and services at the all MLBs and FLBs in the country.
- In Sierra Leone, the handover from UNMEER equipment to the ET Cluster was completed at the FLBs in Port Loko, Lungi, Makeni, Kenema, and the Cockerill Helipad where UNHAS is based. Due to the decrease in the number of EVD cases, the ET Cluster is also reviewing locations where services are being provided, especially in areas now free of Ebola.

**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, WFP is working closely with the NGO eHealth to provide Internet connectivity at the six WHO locations in Conakry. WFP is also liaising closely with UNMEER on the establishment of Internet connectivity at two WHO locations outside of the capital, in Forecariah and Coyah.

In Liberia, WFP has identified ICT needs by WHO, and has commenced the installation of HF radios in WHO’s vehicles.

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