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**Highlights**

- In Guinea, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster is providing logistics services in support of the Government’s sensitization campaign in Forécariah and Dubreka.
- At the request of the Government, in Liberia WFP is developing a strategy for the effective transfer of knowledge and assets under the Common Services to government institutions.
- In Sierra Leone, a container-stacker, donated by the Department for International Development (DfID) was transported to the Forward Logistics Base in Port Loko, augmenting the capacity and flexibility for the movement and storage of cargo.
- WFP and the Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC) continue to support the implementation of the WFP – WHO Joint collaboration in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

**Numbers**

Overall requirements: **US$ 272.1 million**

Overall shortfall: **US$ 89 million**

- **15,800** passengers & **124 mt** of light cargo transported by UNHAS
- **2,150 mt** dispatched by UNHRD

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

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 24 May 2015 (since 4 September 2014):

- the transportation of over **80,890 m³** of cargo on behalf of **106** organisations
- the storage of over **108,000 m³** 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.*
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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.

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- Since 4 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 20,300 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations, and the storage of 37,150 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating through WFP the transportation of 1.5 million protective gloves from Liberia to Guinea. The gloves will be donated to WHO.

**Focus on: Sensitization campaigns in Guinea**

In support to the government-led Ebola sensitisation campaign currently ongoing in Forécariah, the Logistics Cluster through WFP set up a base camp at the premises of the WFP office in the area, to host humanitarian actors involved in the 21-day campaign. The camp consists of four Rio Tinto tents, able to host 37 beds and additional generators to ensure electricity and climatisation. Through WFP, the Logistics Cluster has provided cars, pick-ups and light trucks to reinforce the transportation capacity during the campaign. In anticipation of the next governmental Ebola sensitization campaign, which will take place in Dubreka in June, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster is planning to scale up the provision of accommodation at the base camp, while also exploring options for possible catering services.

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- Since 4 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 44,300 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 46 organisations, and the storage of 56,800 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 32 organisations.
- As Liberia has been declared Ebola-free by WHO, efforts are ongoing to reallocate items no longer needed by the Ministry of Health sector to other sectors; for instance, boots will be transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture. The lead partner in this effort is WHO in collaboration with the Liberian Ministry of Health and the Incident Management System (IMS).
- In addition, there is an initiative to reallocate part of the upcoming consignment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits to either UNHRD Accra or UNHRD Las Palmas to be stored regionally and be dispatched when needed in the region, or kept as global emergency supplies of PPEs.

**Focus on: The transition strategy in Liberia**

Following the request of the Liberian government, WFP is developing a transition strategy that focuses on the effective transfer of knowledge and assets deployed during the Ebola response under the Common Services into government institutions. The strategy will focus on building the capacity for an effective management of the country’s public sector supply chain, which by extension will reinforce the government’s disaster management capability. As part of this process, management of the Main Logistics Base in Monrovia and of Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) will be gradually handed over to the government. The role of the Logistics Cluster will thus shift from “service provider of last resort” to coordinating body before the final phase-out. The transition strategy is being planned jointly with WHO, as well as USAID, OFDA and DART.

Various updated maps and information products are available on www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14
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- In light of the shift of the spread of the virus towards Kamsar, WFP is re-evaluating the current helicopter routes in order to optimize the use of the available aircraft in country and possibly establish a connection in Kamsar, where a suitable airstrip is already in place.

LIBERIA

- Works in preparation for the upcoming rainy season have been completed at Harper and Gbarnga Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs), while they are being finalized at Voinjama and at the SKD Main Logistics Hub. WFP will reinforce the drainage systems with concrete around all storage units across the country to strengthen them against erosion. Works at all storage facilities are expected to be completed by the end of May.
- WFP organizes dedicated workshop services at four locations across the country for minor repairs to vehicles, which, due to the onset of the rainy season, may suffer from additional wear-and-tear.

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- The preparation works for the rainy season at the Kissy warehouse, near the capital Freetown, continue by laying concrete to prevent erosion.

Focus on:
WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone

In Guinea, all the prefabricated structures for office space have arrived in country, and six of them are already operational: two in Kindia, one in Dubreka, one in Kaloum and two in Matam.

In Liberia, in the framework of the WFP-WHO Joint Collaboration, the prefabricated structures procured by UNHRD in Accra are expected to arrive at the beginning of June, while generators are expected to arrive at the end of June.

In Sierra Leone, WFP not only has given to WHO field offices fuel vouchers for Sierra Leone’s National Petroleum gas provider, but also vouchers for the private sector to cover for possible gaps, should National Petroleum services not be available. In addition, the two organizations are working together to enhance the use of diesel-fueled vehicles to help lowering operational costs. WFP and WHO are also discussing procurement procedures for specific rainy-season items, such as boots, raincoats, and recovery material.
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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 a total of 2,150 mt of relief items and support equipment valued at almost USD 27 million 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 dispatched 57 mt of protective goggles, respirator boxes and protective clothing donated by JICA to WHO Sierra Leone; the supplies are valued at almost USD1.5 million.

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 2,977 takeoffs, transporting 15,800 passengers and 124 mt of cargo.
- In the past two weeks, UNHAS transported 1,334 passengers and 6 mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 533 passengers and 1 mt of cargo.
- UNHAS is providing continuity of flight services following the hand-over of UNMEER’s air services to UNHAS that started in April.
- 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.

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, more than 3,300 humanitarian responders have used the internet networks set up by the ET Cluster.
- The ET Cluster is working towards reviewing its operations, especially in locations declared Ebola free where internet connectivity equipment will be retrieved; in areas where cases continue to be registered, services continue to be provided.
- In Sierra Leone, the equipment of the ET Cluster has been de-commissioned in the Ebola-free districts in Bo, Bonte, Kenema and Koido as part of the phasing out strategy.

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 WFP-led ET Cluster is working closely with the NGO eHealth to provide Internet connectivity at the six WHO locations in Conakry; installation works were completed at three Health Community Councils in Conakry.

In Liberia, the ET Cluster is planning the set-up of internet connectivity at the first WHO site in Gbarnga.

In Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster installed connectivity services at the Nigerian lab located on the border with Guinea, while it has also been requested to provide connectivity to WHO Guesthouse in Kambia. In addition, the ET Cluster has completed the activation of 25 SIM cards for satellite phones for WHO, which will be handed over in the coming week.

Check updated flight schedules and procedures on www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14

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