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**Common Services in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone**

**Highlights**

- In Guinea, the Logistics Cluster and WFP continue to support the governmental sensitization campaigns where transmission of the virus continues.
- WFP will set up five additional storage units in counties where the Liberian Ministry of Health needs additional storage capacity.
- In Sierra Leone, WFP and the Logistics Cluster are collaborating with the Government to support the new emergency campaign in Kambia and Port Loko.
- UNHAS has established a helicopter connection to Kambia to provide further support to the emergency campaign in northern Sierra Leone.

**Numbers**

- **18,372** passengers and **139 mt** of light cargo transported by UNHAS
- **2,194 mt** dispatched by UNHRD
- ET Cluster is currently providing internet connectivity to over **2,700** humanitarian responders
- Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 2 June (since September 2014):
  - the transportation of over **89,300 m³** of cargo on behalf of **103** organisations
  - the storage of over **119,760 m³** of cargo on behalf of **77** 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 4 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 21,452 m³ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations, and the storage of 38,880 m³ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations.

**LIBERIA**

- Since 4 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 51,075 m³ of cargo on behalf of 44 organisations, and the storage of 65,197 m³ of cargo on behalf of 31 organisations.

- Starting from 31 August 2015, the Logistics Cluster will no longer provide services for the facilitation of cargo storage and transportation: partners were therefore requested to accelerate their stock clearance from the storage facilities currently under WFP management and make their own transportation arrangements.

**SIERRA LEONE**

- Since 4 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 16,774 m³ of cargo on behalf of 31 organisations and the storage of 15,684 m³ of cargo on behalf of 21 organisations.

- On 11 June, the Logistics Cluster coordinated a workshop with 15 WFP truck drivers on the access constraints and travel times for the main route itineraries in country.

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster has facilitated the movement of two 40ft containers from Freetown to Port Loko on behalf of the NGO Emergency.

- As part of the strategy to centralize the storage space at the Port Loko Main Logistics Hub, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the movement of all supplies stored in Makeni Forward Logistics Base (FLB) to the Port Loko hub, where the rainy season preparations are the most advanced. Within the same framework, the FLB in Kenema has been put on standby on 22 June; the movement of cargo to Port Loko will start shortly, facilitated through the Logistics Cluster.

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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**
- The Nongo Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) built by WFP was handed over to MSF and will open on 5 July.
- Following the damages at the ETU in Coyah due to heavy rains, WFP has finalized the reparation works at the site. In addition, the constructions of the helipad near the ETU have also started: excavation and levelling of the site have already been completed.

**LIBERIA**
- Following the request of the Liberian government, WFP will set up five Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) in those counties where the Ministry of Health needs additional storage capacity. The MSUs will be owned and managed by the Ministry of Health. One MSU will be built in Lofa County, whereas for the other four locations WFP awaits confirmation from the Government and WHO.
- WFP continues to reinforce storage infrastructure at logistics premises across the country for the rainy season. Works are completed at three Forward Logistics Bases (Harper, Voinjama and Gbarnga), at 8 MSUs managed by the Ministry of Health and at the SKD hub. The works at remaining facilities are to be completed in July, as due to weather complications, they require additional works.

**SIERRA LEONE**
- The Government of Sierra Leone requested WFP to build 15 semi-permanent steel structures across the country to store commodities for the National School Feeding Programme; the sites are yet to be confirmed.

**Focus on: WFP and the Logistics Cluster support the Government surge in Kambia and Port Loko, Sierra Leone**

In light of the continued transmission of the virus in Kambia and Port Loko, in the north of Sierra Leone, the government has launched the Northern Push campaign to reinforce existing emergency measures. In support of this initiative, the Logistics Cluster strengthened coordination and operations in Kambia, to respond to the need of humanitarian organizations, and to oversee storage and transportation capacity. In addition, 14 WFP light vehicles with drivers and fuel were deployed to support the District Ebola Response Centres during the surge.

Within this operation, WFP also provided support to UNICEF in setting up tents in Kambia as emergency coordination offices; the transportation of the tents to the site was facilitated by the Logistics Cluster.

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

As part of the transition process through which knowledge, responsibilities and assets will be transferred from the WFP Common Services to Liberian institutions, efforts are ongoing to decongest the current supply chain. Within this framework, the following measures were undertaken in the past two weeks:

- The Logistics Cluster shared a list of items that have been in storage for several months with WHO and the Ministry of Health, and some of them started to be dispatched to the field;
- WFP transferred three containers of medical supplies that had been located at SKD Forward Logistics Base to the National Drug Service storage facilities.
- WFP has recalled a forklift stationed in Greenville, which was assisting UNMIL and NGO operations, as it was no longer needed.
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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 2014, UNHRD has dispatched a total of 2,194 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.

Focus on: The ET Cluster support to 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 ET Cluster is awaiting the authorization to finalize the establishment of Internet connectivity in the remaining locations of Matoto, Ratoma and Lambanyi. In Liberia, the WFP-led ET Cluster has completed the set-up of internet connectivity at the first of five WHO offices. In Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster is providing on-site trainings on Turaya SAT phones to WHO staff in Port Loko, Makeni, Kambia and Koido field offices.

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 83 humanitarian facilities, and currently to over 2,700 humanitarian responders, 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 providing radio services in 18 towns across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to ensure access to secure telecommunications for humanitarian responders.
- In Liberia, ETC is supporting Save the Children by replacing faulty radio system equipment in 5 vehicles and by providing VHF and HF trainings.
- The ET Cluster is working towards reviewing its operations, especially in locations declared Ebola-free where internet connectivity equipment will be retrieved; where cases continue to be registered, services will continue to be provided. In line with this strategy, the ETC is working on a comprehensive transition plan to ensure a smooth handover of the services to commercial solutions, avoiding any interruptions in the service.
- In Sierra Leone, the ETC jointly with the National Ebola Response Centre is working on the phase-out strategy. Internet connectivity will be maintained beyond the end of June not only in Port Loko and Kambia, but also in districts bordering Port Loko, Kambia and Guinea.

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

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