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GUINEA

- Since 4 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 22,556 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations, and the storage of 41,026 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations.
- Bioforce’s six “Good Logistics Practices” training sessions provided to Logistics Cluster’s partners were completed last week. To date, the training sessions were held for 100 staff from various humanitarian organisations and the Guinea Government.

LIBERIA

- Since 4 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 53,486 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 46 organisations, and the storage of 69,866 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 32 organisations.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 4 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 17,371 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 32 organisations and the storage of 17,184 m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 21 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster is supporting THW (Federal Agency for Technical Relief) as it phases out from Sierra Leone by facilitating the transport of THW assets and in-kind donations across the country as needed.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate preposition of humanitarian relief items in storage facilities across the country in light of the rainy season: so far, over 1,250 mt of cargo has been prepositioned at the 5 Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) and 9 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs).
- As a preparedness measure in response to the current small-scale outbreak, at SKD Main Logistics Hub WFP has pre-positioned and made available to the Logistics Cluster DAF trucks to support rapid mobilization of humanitarian non-food items to the affected area.
- As part of the strategy to centralize the storage space at Port Loko Main Logistics Hub, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating the movement of all inter-agency supplies stored in Kenema Forward Logistics Base (FLB) to the Port Loko Hub.

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

“The assistance provided by the Logistics Cluster to facilitate the set-up of base camps in Forecariah and Boke was critical to a rapid, flexible and coordinated response in the fight to get to zero Ebola cases.”

Patrick Baudry, Logistics Cluster Coordinator, Guinea
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- Following the damage at the ETU in Coyah due to heavy rains, works are on-going to reinforce and provide an adequate drainage system (two concrete drainage channels completed, two burn pits demolished, excavated and compacted).

SIERRA LEONE

- The Government has launched Operation Northern Push in Kambia and Port Loko, respond to the continued transmission of the virus in these two districts. WFP, to support the Government to reinforce its existing emergency measures, deployed 14 light vehicles with drivers and fuel to the District Ebola Response Centres. WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, provided support to UNICEF in setting up and transporting tents to Kambia.

LIBERIA

- Within the framework of the WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration, site preparations are expected to be finalised in the coming week. In total, 38 prefab units, 11 ablution units and 12 generators will be transported to the five sites across the country.

- Within the framework of the WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration, Operation Northern Push has led to an increase of activities in the two districts. The number of staff has increased in both locations, resulting in additional request for office space, accommodation and fuel supply. In Port Loko, two new prefabricated structures for WHO field offices were installed, while in Kambia three new pre-fabs are to be installed in the existing compound.
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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.

- UNHRD dispatched 17 mt, valued at USD 88,000, of pre-fabricated office units and furniture to Guinea on behalf of WFP.
- Since March, UNHRD has dispatched a total of 2,212 mt of relief items and support equipment valued at USD 27.6 million to the region on behalf of WFP and partners.

Focus on: Supporting Operation Northern Push in Sierra Leone

To support the ongoing operation Northern Push in Kambia and Port Loko, the ET Cluster will continue to provide Internet access service in these two districts, as well as in the neighboring districts of Bombali, Tonkolili and Moyamba, until 31 July. A point-to-point link to the District Ebola response Centre (DERC) was installed in Kambia, while in Port Loko a repeater channel was installed and the Radio Room was upgraded in Kambia. After 31 July, Internet provision will shift to local commercial options.

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 80 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 providing radio services in 17 towns across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to ensure access to secure telecommunications for humanitarian responders.
- The ET Cluster is 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 will continue to be provided. In line with this strategy, the ETC has started working on a comprehensive transition plan to ensure a smooth transition of the services to commercial solutions, avoiding any interruptions in the service.
- The ET Cluster continues to provide ICT services and equipment in support of the WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration across the three countries.

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

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 3,756 takeoffs, transporting 19,660 passengers and 146.6 mt of cargo.
- In the past two weeks, UNHAS transported 1,285 passengers and 8 mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 186 passengers and 1 mt of cargo.
- The UNHAS West Africa fleet currently consists of four fixed-wing aircraft and five helicopters; two helicopters are equipped to perform medical evacuations for health and humanitarian personnel, one in Guinea and one in Sierra Leone respectively.
- In addition, the works for the construction of the helipad in Coyah are ongoing.

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