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**Highlights**

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- 27 Mobile Storage Units (MSU) are erected in Liberia where prepositioned relief items are stored.

**Numbers**

- Overall requirements: **US$ 178.5 million**
- Overall shortfall: **US$ 51 million**
- 4,600 passengers & 44mt cargo transported by UNHAS
- 1,590mt dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 28 December (since 4 September 2014):

- the transportation of over **27,500m³** of cargo on behalf of **43** organisations
- the storage of over **35,500m³** of cargo on behalf of over **30** organisations

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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, logistics service provision to ensure an effective and efficient logistics response takes place in each and every operation, through the lead agency, WFP.

During the reporting period (22-28 December), the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of 755m$^3$ of humanitarian cargo across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia on behalf of 16 organisations.

During the reporting period (22-28 December), the Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 3,049m$^3$ of humanitarian cargo across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, on behalf of 11 organisations.

STAGING AREA

- The Logistics Cluster is organizing four additional flights, on behalf of the humanitarian community, from the Cologne staging area.
- Flights are free of charge for the user and are in addition to the two flights, which have already been performed from Cologne to the three countries. Partners have been requested to communicate their air transport needs to the Air Coordination Cell (ACC) in order to ensure optimal use of available space on these four flights.
- The flights, departing from Cologne for Freetown and Monrovia, have been scheduled for the first and second week of January respectively.
- 15 agencies have sent requests for cargo for the flight on the 3rd January totaling approximately 83mt of cargo. Cargo was already received in the Staging Area in Cologne.
- One partner was supported with inland transport from Milan to Cologne by the Logistics Cluster Private Partner – Agility – to ensure cargo arrival in time for the flight departing on the 3rd January.
- The Dutch Vessel, Karel Doorman, as part of its second rotation, has departed Gibraltar and arrived on 23 December in Sierra Leone and on 27 December in Conakry. The total amount of inter-agency cargo aboard the ship is 2,110mt. It is transporting essential assets key to the implementation of the response, such as trucks, land cruisers, ambulances and 20ft containers, on behalf of organisations including DFID, UNICEF, Lion Heart, Plan International, Partners in Health, the Dutch Red Cross, and WHH.

- In addition, Maersk offers shipments of which 22 have been approved – amounting to a total of 238 x 20’ foot containers and 71 x 40’ foot containers. 12 organisations have requested the service (PCI, Afua, MSF-H, IRC, IFRC, ACCEL, SIM, Government of South Africa, UNICEF, WHO, WFP, and UNMEER).

GUINEA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 5,465m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 15 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 15,107m$^3$ on behalf of 15 organisations.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 16,784m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 27 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 16,740m$^3$ on behalf of 19 organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster, through UNHRD, facilitated coordination of the movement of PPE kits (donated by the Government of Japan), and motorbikes (part of the batch of 400 donated by the Government of Germany) from Accra to Monrovia, via a C-160 aircraft.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 5,334m$^3$ of cargo on behalf of 13 organisations.
- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 4,035m$^3$ on behalf of 11 organisations.
- During the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of 26m$^3$ of relied items on behalf of IFRC.

Sincere gratitude to the German Government who through THW have this week availed thirteen Mercedes trucks as additional contribution in support of our response to the EVD, giving a nice closure to 2014. We look forward to continued collaboration with all our partners in 2015 whilst appreciating all the efforts and support so far.”

Oyinkan Odeinde Hallgreen, Officer in charge, WFP Common Services, Accra

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

- The second rotation of the vessel MV Karel Doorman has reached Guinea Saturday morning at Roll-on/Roll-off terminal of Conakry port. The Logistics Cluster has been requested to support customs clearance process and delivery at the logistics base near the airport of WFP, IFRC and Caritas cargo. Unloading of vessel was completed Saturday night.
- Three mobile storage units have been delivered in Kankan and donated to MSF France. A team of four WFP specialists has been dispatched to Kankan by plane to erect the wikhalls before the end of the year.
- A chartered flight with 58mt of WFP cargo coming from Brindisi has been received at the Conakry airport on 24 December. Cargo will be used to finalize the Ebola Treatment Units in Guinea.

LIBERIA

- A fixed wing aircraft has been added to the UNHAS fleet (LET-410) with 19 pax capacity. The aircraft will be operational as of 02 January and will serve Voinjama, Foya, Harper, and Zwedru.
- A new integrated humanitarian schedule for the Ebola Response has been created incorporating UNHAS, UNMIL and UNMEER assets; in Liberia the location of Tapita has been added to the service two times per week (Mondays and Wednesdays) and Greenville has also been added to the service once a week (Fridays).
- This week, a RITE (Rapid Isolation and Treatment of Ebola) kit (assembled by WFP) was dispatched to an outbreak in Nimba County from the WFP Forward Logistics Base (FLB) in Gbarnga, and the RITE response team was transported to Nimba County by air.
- At present, a total of four RITE kits (assembled by WFP) have been dispatched by WFP Common Services to outbreaks in Liberia, either overland by the Logistics Cluster or by air (a total of three RITE flights have occurred so far). Aviation support to the RITE strategy is being provided by UNHAS and UNMEER, with one Mi8 helicopter fully dedicated to RITE responses in Liberia.
- Four Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been successfully set up at Forward Logistics Base (FLB) Buchanan. USAID/OFDA have donated a forklift to facilitate the movement of cargo with the FLB.

- Gbarnaga: 6/6 MSUs erected; cargo prepositioned; Zwedru: 6/6 MSUs erected, cargo prepositioned; Voinjama: 6/6 MSUs erected, cargo prepositioned; Harper: 5/6 MSUs erected, cargo prepositioned; Buchanan FLB: 4/4 MSUs erected; cargo prepositioned.
- This week, the material for the construction of the 6th Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) in Harper arrived and this final MSU is now under construction. Including national staff there are now 102 staff deployed over five Forward Logistics Bases in Liberia.
- A total of five fuel tanks, each of a 2,000 gallon capacity, have been filled and calibrated over the course of last week.
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SIERRA LEONE

- To address the outbreak last week in Kono, WFP supported the IFRC in the set-up of a Community Care Centre (CCC), an Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU), staff offices and warehousing space. WFP supported the electrical set up and developed the plumbing network for the health and staff facilities to ensure access to electricity and water so that the IFRC has the necessary tools to undertake their health operation.

- Fifteen 8-10mt trucks have arrived in Freetown over the past week and are undergoing clearance. The dedicated fleet will be stationed at FLBs to provide last mile transport to partners engaged in the Ebola response.

- One WFP Logistics Officer has been deployed to Kambia to support WHO with rehabilitation of a hospital which will be used for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) treatment. The work will include rehabilitating an existing health facility and building additional structures to support the EVD response.

- A request for additional support to WHO was received which will include provision of accommodation, ICT, and office support services for ten WHO staff across ten locations in Sierra Leone (100 staff total). WFP has begun conducting initial assessment with ICT and Logistics Specialists in Kabala, Kono, Freetown, and Makeni.

- WFP has been requested by UNMEER to support the Western Area surge with the augmentation of health facilities and additional logistics and engineering support projects. This includes engineering support in Waterloo for the clearing of 200m x 300m land and digging a landfill which will be used for the disposal of contaminated household items and burials.

- Two ablution units, two 6m x 9m tents, two containers, and additional technical assets have been loaned to UNMEER for use at Hastings Airfield fleet decontamination center. WFP is providing engineering support. The fleet decontamination site opened on 18 December and will remain operational while final works are being completed.

- Two additional shipments of hospital beds (240 beds in total) and three ambulances have also arrived in Freetown on behalf of UNMEER to support the Western Area Surge. WFP has provided the airlift and in-country transport/storage support for the additional beds.

- Three MSUs are being loaned to MSF-Spain at the Methodist Boys High School in Freetown (Kissy) which will be used as treatment centers at the MSF ETU. To date, WFP has provided augmented satellite storage to ten organisations across Sierra Leone at the ETU/CCC field level.

- Engineering support at the Cockerill RSLAF air field has been ongoing and WFP has completed phase one of the works which included rehabilitation of office space and improved visibility of the helicopter landing site. Additional engineering support is ongoing to improve a passenger waiting terminal as well as rehabilitate office space.

- A total of 94 motorcycles, donated by the German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) to WFP on behalf of UNMEER, have been transported from Accra to Freetown and have been transported by WFP from Lungi Airport to UNMEER/Special Court. The motorcycles will be used to support the Western Area Surge additional surveillance, social mobilization, and collection of lab samples.

- WFP has ordered a shipment of 5,000 swabs from UNHRD on behalf of WHO to increase procurement speed and delivery time. The swabs will be used to collect laboratory samples.

- Two MSUs have been transported to Hastings and will be used as Convalesce Centers next to a fully operational ETU. WFP is procuring additional insulation and ventilation equipment; the equipment will be used to decrease temperature for patient recovery.
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UNHAS provides safe and reliable passenger and cargo air services to the humanitarian community, especially to remote locations where there are no commercial alternatives.

- Since 16 August 2014, UNHAS has performed 894 take-offs, transporting 4,603 passengers and 44.1mt of cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 433 passengers and 2.6mt of cargo.
- Since 25 October, UNMEER has performed 498 take-offs, transporting 2,194 passengers and 15.5mt of light cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNMEER transported 209 passengers and 6.1mt of cargo.
- On 22 December, a special RITE (Rapid Isolation and Treatment of Ebola) flight occurred from Monrovia Spriggs Payne to Yekepa with representatives from CDC, the Government of Liberia, the Ministry of Health, UNMEER and WHO.
- On 23 December, a special cargo flight was organized for WFP from Monrovia Spriggs Payne to Palaquelleh and Geleyaniesu to transport food to those quarantined.
- Since 27 December, the UNMEER SRSG Anthony Banbury travelled across the affected countries by using UNMEER and UNHAS assets. His mission across the three EVD affected countries will last until 1 Jan.
- On 29 December, UNHAS conducted a medical evacuation of a CDC staff member suffering from Malaria on an UNHAS regular flight from Nzerekore to Conakry.
- Additional flights were provided to Accra and the EVD affected countries with the UNMEER CRI to compensate for the flight cancellations on 25 December due to Christmas holidays.
- A new helicopter joined the UNHAS fleet in Guinea to conduct special assessment missions and for the transportation of pathology samples. The helicopter is also equipped and available, if required, for the in-country movement of EVD symptomatic humanitarian and aid workers.
- UNHAS continues to closely coordinate with UNMEER and UNMIL to optimise the use of resources and ensure greater operational efficiency. A joint flight schedule is published regularly and maintained with necessary flexibility.
- A number of special flights were conducted by UNHAS and UNMEER for assessments, staff movements and urgent deliveries on behalf of various NGOs, Authorities and UN Agencies.

UNHRD is a network of depots around the world that procures, stores, manages and transports emergency supplies for the humanitarian community.

- During the reporting period, UNHRD dispatched 67mt (valued at USD 560,000) of support equipment to all three affected countries on behalf of UNICEF and WFP.
- UNHRD response teams continue to provide technical assistance and training across the region. Working together with the Logistics Cluster, THW and UNMEER, the team in Sierra Leone has been supporting the set-up of a vehicle decontamination center which is now up and running.
- Since March, UNHRD depots in Dubai, Ghana, Spain and Italy have dispatched 1,593mt (valued at USD 14.3 million) 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. Items include medicine and medical equipment, health kits, protective gear, blankets, sleeping mats and jerry cans, as well as support equipment such as mobile storage tents, generators and water tanks.

Check also for updated flight schedules and procedures! Available on www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14
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Sierra Leone
- ETC Installed internet in Makeni Sub-office, 2 FoodSat lines, and 3 network printers.
- Installing network at WFP CO to give all staff easy access to printers and faster internet.
- Installed internet at two Ebola Care Facilities in Port Loko: Port Loko Government Hospital, and Maforki Ebola Treatment Unit/Holding Center.
- Installed internet at International Humanitarian Partnerships (IHP) Camp in Moyamba expected to serve 80 healthcare and humanitarian workers.
- In Bo, two antennae towers are under construction so that ET Cluster can extend internet connectivity from SOS Children’s Village / British Telecommunications VSAT facility to Ebola Care Facilities and NGO sites.
- Two assessment missions to Moyamba and Kono were completed to prepare for installation of 3 VSATs and 2 antennae towers that would provide shared internet services to Ebola Care Facilities and a District Ebola Centre.

Guinea
- A SCOPE pilot was launched successfully in Nzérékoré and will next be implemented in Macenta.
- Computers were provided to Monitoring and Evaluation teams in Nzérékoré, Macenta and Guékédou to enhance productivity.
- Installed internet at the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in N’zerekore. This ETU was also built by WFP and now has internet provided by WFP.
- Installed internet at the UNICEF office in N’zerekore bringing the total number of UN agencies with internet to five.
- Optimized wireless network in N’zerekore to ensure there are no interruptions in service.

Liberia
- 26 IT support requests successfully handled this week for WFP staff.
- Working to double the speed of internet in the WFP CO.
- Finalized Radio Design Plan for installation of NGO Radio Channel at 10 locations across the country.
- Customs blockages have been cleared and working through a month’s worth of backlog deliveries.

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