

COMMON SERVICES IN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

Highlights

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continues to work closely with UNICEF and partners on the support they provide to schools across Liberia.
- WFP has completed the extension works at main logistics hub in Conakry to respond to increasing storage needs.
- WFP and UNHAS are scheduled to take over UNMEER air operations on 15 April, maintaining flights across the region.
- The ET Cluster is providing Internet connectivity, in over 115 locations, for more than 2,000 humanitarian responders.

Numbers

Overall requirements: **US\$ 272.1 million**

Overall shortfall: **US\$ 124.3 million**

11,314 passengers & **94 mt** of light cargo transported by UNHAS

Almost 1,900mt dispatched by UNHRD

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

*the transportation of over **64,500m³***

*of cargo on behalf of **69** organisations*

*the storage of over **82,000m³** of cargo*

*on behalf of over **50** organisations*

*The Logistics Cluster aims to report the most accurate data possible, based on the information available at the time of reporting.

“A team of over 150 staff is extending the storage space at Port Loko main logistics hub, taking it to almost 8,000m². We are also preparing the site for the rainy season by setting up drainage. This extension is part of the strategy to centralize storage in one location for the Ebola Response in Sierra Leone.”

Marc Vachon, UNHRD Logistics staff, overseeing the Port Loko extension

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 transportation of 15,690m³ of cargo on behalf of 28 organisations, and the storage of 30,680 m³ of cargo on behalf of 25 organisations.
- The training coordinated by the Logistics Cluster for national logisticians on ‘Logistics Good Practices’, including warehouse management and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), is ongoing in Conakry. If partner organisations show interest, the Logistics Cluster will propose a similar training for their staff.
- The storage capacity of the main logistics base in Conakry is currently 10,000 m³, with a 4,000 m³ available for further storage. The Logistics Cluster is promptly facilitating the dispatch of the equipment stored in the base, while those supplies being held in stock will remain until they are ready to be dispatched for the ongoing construction of the Nongo ETU.
- Due to the movement of the Virus from Forest Guinea to the areas surrounding Conakry, the Kéraouné ETU, constructed by WFP, is not expected to open. Therefore, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating the relocation of the prefabs, meant for the Kéraouné ETU, from Kéraouné to Conakry.

LIBERIA

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 34,110m³ of cargo on behalf of 44 organisations, and the storage of 39,210m³ of cargo on behalf of 31 organisations.
- Logistics hubs in Liberia are currently nearing full capacity, namely the hubs located at the SKD stadium, at the port and at the airport. By accepting additional storage requests, the Logistics Cluster will expect its partners to boost the dispatch of stored cargo, in particular for relief items that have been stored for long periods of time.
- The Logistics Cluster is focusing on facilitating the movement of goods to the end users before the start of the rainy season, which will likely affect access routes. In the coming week, the Logistics Cluster will continue to preposition 112 mt of Personal Protective Equipment in the Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) of Zwedru, Harper, Voinjama and Gbanga on behalf of the Liberia Ministry of Health.

Focus on: Working with UNICEF to support schools in Liberia

The Logistics Cluster continues to work closely with UNICEF and partners in their support to schools across the country. Within this collaboration, the Logistics Cluster has currently allocated one Mobile Storage Unit to UNICEF at the SKD main logistics hub, with a floor surface of 320 m² for the kitting of books and learning materials. These supplies will reach students in over 4,000 schools in Liberia.



SIERRA LEONE

- Since 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 14,770m³ of cargo on behalf of 30 organisations and the storage of 12,500m³ of cargo on behalf of 20 organisations.
- The contract for the Forward Logistics Base (FLB) in Freetown ended on 31 March in light of the broader strategy, agreed upon with partners, of centralizing the storage space in Port Loko main logistics hub.
- The availability of storage space at the Forward Logistics Bases in Makeni and Kenema has marginally improved thanks to partners increasing dispatches of cargo.



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

Due to its expertise in logistics, engineering and telecommunications, WFP has been requested to provide dedicated Common Services to the Ebola Response. All activities are being implemented under **Special Operation 200773**.



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GUINEA

- WFP has completed the extension works at the Conakry Main Logistics Hub, following partners' increasing need for storage. Shadow nets and ventilators will be installed in selected tents, while an air conditioning system will be installed in two tents for medical storage under temperature control. Preparation for the rainy season is ongoing; drainage works are expected to begin shortly.



Focus on: Implementing the WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration in Guinea and Sierra Leone

Following the increase of EVD flare-ups in the districts surrounding Conakry, WFP and WHO performed a quick logistic assessment in five communities around Conakry (Matoto, Ratoma, Dixin, Kaloum, Matam and Labagni) and in the prefectures of Dubreka, Boffa, Kindia and Forécariah. As a result of the assessment, WFP will start procurement actions and the rollout of the facilities requested by WHO.

Last week in Sierra Leone, WFP deployed additional staff for the provisions of services to WHO. The Rapid Response Team has already set up 7 prefabs and one ablution unit in Kambia, where WFP is currently providing internet connectivity, accommodation and transport services. In addition, a logistics meeting took place in Port Loko with logisticians from both WFP and WHO to mutually share information.

LIBERIA

- To secure the existing facilities and protect cargo during the rainy season, drainage channels and ground elevation works are ongoing at all WFP storage facilities and at the 9 additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) erected for the Ministry of Health. Works at the FLBs and main hubs are scheduled to be completed by the end of the month.
- In the framework of the WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration, the project document determining the needs for the country was finalized last week.
- WFP's truck fleet supported the transportation of food commodities to Voinjama for food distributions, and the prepositioning of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits at the Zwedru FLB.
- The WFP Common Services are part of a newly-founded strategic forum for the implementation of an effective supply chain in Liberia. This forum is chaired by the Incident Management System of the Liberian government and it aims to elaborate a strategy for the replacement of international partners with governmental institutions and national partners. The forum also means to provide concrete and comprehensive recommendations to the Liberian government in regards to the supply chain management on the national level.

SIERRA LEONE

Focus on: Rehabilitating the Massaquoi Public School in West Point, Liberia

Within the framework of the UNMEER Quick Impact Project, WFP engineering is providing technical guidance on the rehabilitation works at Massaquoi Public School in West Point. The school has been closed since the onset of the Ebola epidemic, and it was being used as a holding area for Ebola patients throughout the outbreak. The school has since been decontaminated but remains unusable and major rehabilitation work is needed.



- The extension works at the Port Loko Main Logistics Hub started on 21 March, and they are scheduled to finish by the end of April. A total of 14 additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) will be setup, more than doubling the storage capacity.

WFP COMMON SERVICES



UNHRD *Humanitarian Response Depot*

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 almost 1,900mt 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.



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 ET Cluster is providing Internet connectivity in over 115 locations across the three affected countries, ensuring reliable Internet access for over 2,000 humanitarian responders.
- The ET Cluster is finalising the dispatch of locally manufactured Radio Communications towers from Accra, Ghana, to the affected countries: Liberia (1), Sierra Leone (6) and Guinea (8); the four new towers received from Accra were checked at the airport. Preparations are made to send the remaining four towers by sea from Accra (Ghana) to Conakry (Guinea).
- In Guinea, a total of 175 users from multiple humanitarian organisations are connected to the ET Cluster data network in Nzérékoré and Macenta. In Addition, the ET Cluster provided assistance to the NGO Plan to purchase of radio equipment in Kissidougou and N'zérékoré.
- In Liberia, the UNHAS radio room has been fully operational since 01 April.
- Last week in Sierra Leone, due to an outage of non-satellite connectivity, the ET Cluster established three Emergency Internet Hotspots in Freetown to ensure internet access for humanitarian workers.



UNHAS *Humanitarian Air Service*

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 2,117 takeoffs, transporting 11,314 passengers and 94 mt of cargo.
- Last week, UNHAS transported 562 passengers and 2.6mt of cargo, and UNMEER transported 380 passengers and 2mt of cargo.
- The UNHAS West Africa fleet currently consists of four fixed-wing aircraft and three helicopters; all of the helicopters are equipped to perform medical evacuations for health and humanitarian personnel.
- UNHAS continues to coordinate with UNMEER and UNMIL to optimise the use of resources and ensure greater operational efficiency; a joint flight schedule is maintained with necessary flexibility.
- WFP/UNHAS are assessing potential openings of additional routes from Conakry to the areas in Guinea currently most affected by the Ebola outbreak, namely Coyah, Forécariah, Boffa and Kindia. Representatives from UNHAS, WFP and the Logistics Cluster have had constructive meetings with authorities in Boffa, Forécariah and Kindia on potential locations for WFP's construction of the helipads.

Focus on: UNHAS to replace UNMEER aircraft

UNHAS is scheduled to take over from UNMEER air operations in the three affected countries on 15 April, with an updated flight schedule currently being prepared by UNHAS.

Regional flights for the transportation of cargo and humanitarian workers will remain in place.

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