

COMMON SERVICES IN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

Highlights

- In Kumala, Sierra Leone, a 'Life Support Base' has been constructed by WFP, in partnership with THW, to respond to the recent outbreak and high transmission of Ebola. The camp will support 25 international and national staff, working at the Community Care Centre (CCC).
- In Liberia, WFP has agreed to support the Rapid Isolation and Treatment of Ebola (RITE) Response by providing aviation support and movement of blood samples. This includes plans to position two to three UNMEER helicopters in Monrovia by next week to ensure immediate dispatch of teams and supplies to any outbreak.
- The airstrip rehabilitation in Kissidougou Airport in Guinea has been finalized, allowing C-160 aircraft to operate from it. A fuel farm for aircraft is being installed at the airstrip to allow for refueling.

Numbers

Overall requirements: **US\$ 87.0 million**

US\$ 56.6 million received.

Overall shortfall: **US\$ 30.4 million**

2,771 passengers & **20.3mt** cargo transported by UNHAS

970mt dispatched by UNHRD

Logistics Cluster facilitated across Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia as of 16 November (since 4 September 2014):

*the transportation of **26,320m³*** of cargo on behalf of **35** organisations*

*the storage of **36,331m³*** of cargo on behalf of over **30** organisations*

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



“The Europe Staging Area, generously supported by UPS and Cologne Bonn Airport, has provided the humanitarian community with a strategic entry point, facilitating more effective delivery of cargo, to the Ebola Response.”

Sherif Georges, Logistics Cluster, Europe Staging Area

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.

STAGING AREA

- Over 560m³ of cargo (including two vehicles) has been handled by the Europe Staging Area at Cologne Bonn Airport on behalf of eight organisations. Access to the Staging Area is facilitated by the Logistics Cluster, while the cargo handling is managed by UPS as part of the Logistics Emergency Team (LET). The first free flight, facilitated by the Logistics Cluster and provided by WFP, will transport the 560m³ of cargo on 26 November to Monrovia.

SEA TRANSPORT

- A Port Restrictions Map was published on 18 November: <http://www.logcluster.org/map/west-africa-port-restrictions-map-18-november-2014>

GUINEA

- During the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 365m³ on behalf of MSF Belgium, Pharmacie Centrale de Guinea, Plan International and Save the Children.
- 3,383m³ of cargo have been transported on behalf of ten organisations, including Alliance for International Medical Action, AmeriCares, MSF Belgium, Pharmacie Centrale de Guinea, Plan International, Save the Children, UNICEF, UNMEER and WHO.
- During the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 1,985m³ of relief items on behalf of Alliance for Medical Action, AmeriCares, Direct Relief International, IFRC, MSF Belgium, Pharmacie Centrale de Guinea, UNICEF, UNMEER and WHO.
- 7,302m³ of cargo has been stored on behalf of nine organisations, including Alliance for Medical Action, AmeriCares, Direct Relief International, IFRC, MSF Belgium, Pharmacie Centrale de Guinea, UNICEF, UNMEER and WHO.
- The current fleet in Guinea is made up of 17 pickup trucks stationed at Conakry main hub that were transported by WFP from Dubai. The locally contracted fleet includes four trucks of 4x4 with 6mt capacity, 10 container trucks (20ft) and two short flatbed trucks with crane. The Simfer donation of 20 4x4 vehicles is used to support transport to and from Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs).
- Fuel cards were handed over to IFRC to be managed by Guinean Red Cross for burial teams in Forest Guinea.
- An Overview of the current Common Services operation in Guinea was published on 17 November on the Logistics Cluster website: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/presentation-des-operations-guinee-17-novembre-2014>



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LIBERIA

- As part of the LET, Maersk donated 20x20ft containers to the Logistics Cluster, which have been used to transport UNICEF cargo to Conakry and Monrovia and are scheduled to arrive on 24 and 25 November. Once unloaded, the containers will be made available to other humanitarian organisations. Some requests have been received and allocations will be finalized in the coming weeks. One twenty-foot container of bleach is also transported from Texas, USA to Monrovia, Liberia on behalf of Project Concern International (PCI). The container is scheduled to arrive in Monrovia is 29 December 2014.
- During the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 675m³ on behalf of Medical Assistance Program International, Swedish International Development Organisation (SIDA), UNICEF and Welthungerhilfe.
- 20,423m³ of cargo have been transported in Liberia for 20 organisations, including the Liberian Ministry of Health (MoH), USAID/OFDA, UNICEF, WHO, Chinese Embassy, Clinton Foundation, Direct Relief International, Government of Ghana, International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Medecins du Monde, MSF France, MSF Switzerland, Medical Assistance Program International, Samaritan's Purse, Save the Children, SIDA, UNOPS and Welthungerhilfe.
- During the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 186m³ of relief items on behalf of IRC, Medical Assistance Programme International, SIDA, Oxfam GB and UNICEF.
- 24,916m³ of cargo have been stored for 21 organisations, including Africare, Chinese Embassy, Clinton Foundation, Direct Relief International, Government of Ghana, IMC, IRC, JICA, MoH, Medecins du Monde, MSF France, Medical Assistance Program International, Oxfam GB, Samaritan's Purse, Save the Children, SIDA, UNICEF, UNOPS, USAID/OFDA, Welthungerhilfe, and WHO.

- On 17 November, 40 DAF trucks arrived in Monrovia on the WFP-chartered MV Holland and will be used for 'last mile' transport of relief items.
- A new integrated daily tasking meeting is taking place at the National Ebola Command Centre (NECC) with UNMEER, US Department of Defense (DoD), UNMIL, and UNHAS to prioritize cargo for airlift and task all assets available for the Ebola response. All Service Request Forms (SRFs) and requests for cargo movement will be streamlined through the Logistics Cluster.
- The Meeting Minutes from the last Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings on 17 November are available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/meeting-minutes-monrovia-17-november-2014>

SIERRA LEONE

- The total amount of cargo transported to date is: 2,514m³ on behalf of ChildFund, IHP, Government of Luxembourg, THW, UNICEF, UNMEER and WHO.
- 4,113m³ have been stored on behalf of ChildFund, IHP, Government of Luxembourg, THW, DFID, UNICEF, UNMEER and WHO.
- WFP transported beds and blankets from the Main Logistics Hub in Port Loko to a school in Port Loko, that is used a medical facility on behalf of WHO on 20 November.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the donation of nine containers from Maersk to IMC and UNMEER. Six containers for IMC will be cleared and transported by WFP to Lunsar, and three for UNMEER will be cleared and transported by WFP to Lungi airport (for storing helicopter equipment and parts).
- A Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting was held on 17 November at the UNICEF Office in Freetown. IHP and THW are collaborating to construct a support camp in Kumala to cater for approximately 25 health partners (non-locals and internationals) working in the CCC soon to be constructed nearby. The Meeting Minutes have been published on the Logistics Cluster website: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/meeting-minutes-freetown-17-november-2014>



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GUINEA

- The fuel farm, donated by Simfer, has been installed at Kissidougou.
- The extension of the main logistics hub in Conakry is now completed, with six MSUs of different sizes, allowing a total storage capacity of 2,080m².
- Work ongoing at all four Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs): Nzérékoré is planned to hold 40 beds (managed by Alima) and to be completed by 25 November; Coyah is planned to hold 50 beds and to be completed by 30 November; Beyla is planned to hold 50 beds and is to be completed by 7 December. Keroaune is also planned to hold 50 beds and is to be completed by 7 December.
- The airstrip rehabilitation in Kissidougou airport has been finalized, allowing C-160 class aircrafts to operate from it. A fuel farm for aircraft is being installed at the airstrip which will enable refueling.
- The Dutch military vessel with in-kind donations discharged 21 twenty-foot containers and 37 vehicles in Conakry on 22 November. The necessary support has been provided by WFP so that 21 containers for WHO and 2 vehicles for WFP will be custom cleared and delivered to the main logistics hub on 24 November.

LIBERIA

- WFP has agreed to support the Rapid Isolation and Treatment of Ebola (RITE) Response by providing aviation support and movement of blood samples; plans are to have two to three UNMEER helicopters positioned in Monrovia by next week to ensure immediate dispatch of teams and supplies to any outbreak.
- The FLB in Gbarnga is operational, with six MSUs set up. WFP has received 600 UNICEF household protection kits and the installation of UNMIL communications equipment is almost complete.
- The FLB in Zwedru is operational, with all six MSUs erected. The finalization of drainage, fencing, and perimeter lighting is ongoing.
- The FLB in Voinjama is operational, with all six MSUs erected. The installation of drainage, septic tanks and a guardhouse is ongoing, as construction work has been delayed due to heavy rains.

- At the FLB in Harper, construction works and ground leveling is ongoing. Two technicians arrived for the installation of MSUs and the site is scheduled to be operational by 27 November.
- At the FLB in Buchanan, construction works and ground levelling have commenced; the site is scheduled to be operational by 29 November.

SIERRA LEONE

- Temporary warehousing with 480m² storage is available at the FLB in Kailahun. Two MSU technicians have deployed to Kailahun, to erect four MSUs.
- At the FLB in Makeni, WFP is discussing with partners the need for potential augmentation of storage space. Six MSUs have been erected and the FLB is fully operational. Space within the MSUs has been provided to UNICEF to allow them to kit and pack equipment for the supply of CCCs. Additional shipments are expected the week of 24 November for the supply of CCCs.
- Cargo for the Central Medical Stores is stored at the FLB in Kenema as their warehouse capacity has been exceeded.
- WFP, in partnership with THW, has been providing support to the construction of a 'Life Support Base' in Kumala. The camp will support 25 people (international and national) working at the CCC. Organisations that will reside in the camp (either permanently or occasionally) include, amongst others: WHO, WFP, UNICEF, CDC, Oxfam and IFRC. THW has provided camp materials including a kitchen and sanitation facilities; OXFAM has offered to assist with the provision of water and sanitation services; and the British Army assisted in a major logistical challenge of transporting via air, six loads of camp building materials from the WFP Hub in Port Loko to the campsite in Kumala, over two days. The Camp is scheduled to be up and running in one week's time.
- WFP assisted MSF with the movement of medical equipment from Freetown to Bo. Four trucks have been dedicated to transfer cargo between the two locations, which will continue throughout the week.
- Two 40ft containers for WHO were moved from Freetown Port to Central Medical Store. WFP is in the process of offloading the supplies and will transport the containers back to Freetown Port.
- WFP is transporting light medical cargo from Freetown to four different locations in Bambali and Port Loko districts. The movements will take place throughout the week.
- 11 containers, which arrived in Freetown Port on the Dutch vessel Karel Doorman, have been delayed due to customs clearance. Clearance is expected on 24 November. Once confirmed, WFP will transport the containers to the consignees (WHO, DfID, Save the Children, and Cordaid). The containers require transport on specialized trucks with a crane for offloading at final destination.
- The IHP chartered a 747 that arrived in Freetown on 22 November, carrying 184m³ of equipment for the setup of an IHP basecamp in Moyamba. Over 100 pallets of basecamp equipment are being delivered to Moyamba to support IHP's efforts to build a camp to house humanitarian (medical and support) workers from the ETUs and CCCs being built there. This was the first of two flights scheduled to arrive for IHP for the Moyamba camp.

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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.

- Since 16 August 2014, UNHAS has performed 585 take-offs, transporting 2,771 passengers and 20mt of light cargo.
- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 427 passengers and 3mt of cargo.
- Since 25 October, UNMEER performed 103 take-offs, transporting 385 passengers and 1.9mt of light cargo.
- UNHAS and UNMEER have transported a total of 66 organisations. The top five users have been CDC, MSF, UNICEF, WFP and WHO.
- UNHAS is preparing for the deployment of two UNMEER helicopters to Monrovia.
- UNHAS continues to closely coordinate with UNMEER and UNMIL to optimize the use of resources and ensure higher operational efficiency. A joint flight schedule is published regularly and maintained with necessary flexibility. The latest flight schedule is available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/ebola-regional-flight-schedule>
- One medical evacuation was performed from Kissidougou to Conakry for a WFP staff member with health problems (not Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) related). UNHAS does not transport EVD patients.
- In Dakar, construction works of the humanitarian terminal are ongoing. The official opening is planned for early January 2015. On 18 November, a Senegalese delegation visited the terminal.
- The Regional UNHAS West Africa Air Planning Unit will be reinforced with the recruitment of three additional staff. During the reporting period, additional staff arrived in the three affected countries to reinforce staffing capacity. An UNHAS User Guide was published on 19 November and is available on the Logistics Cluster website: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/unhas-wac-user-guide-November-2014>
- UNHAS is working with UNMEER on the tasking and coordination of passenger and light cargo flights within Sierra Leone on the UNMEER Mi8 helicopters. Regular in-country helicopter flights have been operating since 8 November and the helicopters are available for special missions.
- In Sierra Leone, UNHAS/UNMEER has begun to transport blood samples from Ebola-affected areas to a lab in Bo.



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.

- Last week, UNHRD depots in Dubai, Brindisi, and Las Palmas dispatched equipment and vehicles to support WFP operations. The equipment, included generators, mobile storage tents, water tanks, and other items, and is being used to build Ebola Treatment Units and set up logistics bases across the region.
- Since 1 October, WFP has dispatched 970mt for support across the region. In total, UNHRD dispatched 1,053mt of relief items and support equipment for WFP.
- UNHRD dispatched 231mt of relief items and support equipment for WHO, UNHCR, the Swiss Red Cross, Irish Aid, and JICA during the reporting period. In total, UNHRD dispatched 1,284mt worth of relief items and support equipment to the region on behalf of WFP, Irish Aid, WHO, UNHCR, JICA, Swiss Red Cross and UNDP.
- UNHRD response teams continue to provide technical assistance and training across the region.



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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 team has deployed 16 staff to the three affected countries. Standby Partners have provided six ICT and Telecoms specialists who are serving in the field.
- Two IT Specialists from Standby Partner Ericsson Response have arrived in Accra to assemble Internet equipment for easy dispatch to affected countries.
- A total of 17mt of equipment from WFP, emergency.lu, NetHope, Samsung, and Ericsson Response is in Accra and will be deployed to affected countries this coming week.
- In Guinea, the ET Cluster hosted a radio programming training for 15 ICT specialists from nine organisations. Participants were trained in how to make better use of their radio equipment for security communications throughout the country.
- During the reporting period, the ET Cluster installed Internet equipment in The Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Nzérékoré.
- One IT Specialist, and a volunteer from Standby Partner Ericsson Response, will travel to Port Loko, Sierra Leone, in order to install Internet equipment at an IHP camp. The service is planned to support 80 humanitarian partners with internet access commencing first week of December.
- The National Emergency Response Centre (NERC) in Sierra Leone has requested ET Cluster provide internet connectivity and voice communications services to support three Rapid Response teams.
- DfID has requested the ET Cluster to provide voice communications and Internet services in 200 DfID-funded CCCs.
- Internet was provided to FLBs Voinjama and Monrovia, with the support of UNMEER, to provide reliable Internet to 70 humanitarian partners.
- The ET Cluster has deployed five high-frequency radios to each of the five FLBs in Liberia.
- The ET Cluster has deployed a dedicated radio station for the NGO community in Monrovia enabling them to have secure radio communications between themselves.
- Security radio equipment has been procured and will be installed in the 40 trucks that arrived in Monrovia on 17 November.

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