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World Food Programme

WFP West Africa Ebola Response

3 pillars of WFP support:

1. Delivering food alongside the health response;
2. Ensuring the movement of partner staff and materials; and
3. Providing common services and infrastructure support for health partners.



In numbers

To date, in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone:

- **17,800 mt** of food delivered to **1.47 million people** since the end of August 2014.
- **2,361 responders transported** by UNHAS, with two planes and one helicopter in operation.

Highlight— Construction of the humanitarian terminal in Dakar airport

Construction of a passenger and cargo facility in support of the humanitarian corridor for the Ebola response in West Africa began this week. Terminal H has been designed to fulfill the agreement between the Government of Senegal and WFP and to put in place a more permanent structure required for the operation of the Air Humanitarian Corridor.

UNHAS operated the first flight from Dakar to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone on 25 September. Since the beginning of the regular rotations, on 7 October, 529 passengers have flown through Dakar. Until the completion of the new facility, arriving and departing passengers will continue to be screened in the temporary Air Terminal.



WFP Response

WFP's Emergency Operation supports the health response to Ebola outbreak by ensuring the basic food and nutrition needs of patients, households and communities affected by the virus.

WFP is reviewing its current strategy to adapt the response to address the food security and nutrition challenges of Ebola-affected people and communities based on the latest available assessments.

Guinea

Last week, WFP distributed 642 mt of food to 38,694 people in Nzérékoré, Macenta, Guéckédou and Youmou. In November, WFP plans to distribute 4,900 mt of food to 230,000 people.

The Forward Logistic Base (FLB) in Kissidougou is now finalized and fully operational. Four Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been erected, for a total storage capacity of 2,400 m². In Nzérékoré, WFP has erected three MSUs for a total capacity of 1000 m², as well as a 500 m² covered storage area. The site is now fully operational. The works on the four Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) requested by the Government of Guinea in Coyah, Kéraouné, Nzérékoré and Beyla are ongoing and will result in 200 additional beds. Furthermore,

WFP has agreed to rehabilitate five existing ETUs for the Ministry of Health in Kankan, Sigui, Farannah, Kindia and Beyla in order to enable the Government of Guinea to establish temporary Ebola holding centres.

WFP is also rehabilitating the airstrip in Kissidougou airport, enabling it to be certified for C-130 class aircraft.

Liberia

Last week, WFP distributed 103 mt of food to 6,491 people in Lofa and Nimba counties. In light of the recent outbreak in Bong County, Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) are mobilizing. WFP is currently operating to support them in terms of access to air facilities.

WFP carried out a Rapid Food Security and Market Assessment in the villages along the border with Côte d'Ivoire and confirmed the deteriorating food security situation due to the border closure.

Last week, WFP dispatched 390 mt of food to various locations in Bong, Grand Bassa, Lofa, Montserrado, Nimba and Grand Cape Mount Counties and pre-positioned 9,200 mt of food across the country.

WFP has secured space on a regular ferry service in order to transport humanitarian cargo between the ports of Monrovia and Harper. This will speed up con-

nections between the main logistics hub and the FLBs. On 16 November, WFP handed over to the World Health Organization half of the ETU at the SKD stadium in Monrovia; the second half will be ready to handover to WHO this week.

Sierra Leone

Last week, WFP distributed food to 47,894 people across the country. WFP continues to work closely with the District Ebola Command and Control Centres in Kailahun, Kenema, Bo and Pujehun districts to make sure food reaches quarantined families on time.

WFP and UNICEF have agreed to systematically integrate social mobilization activities into food distributions. Social mobilization teams, which include staff from both WFP, UNICEF and cooperating partners, will deliver Ebola awareness messages at food distribution points in Community Care Centres (CCCs) and holding centres.

On 16 November, President Koroma visited the WFP logistics hub in Port Loko, one of the districts in the country worst affected by Ebola. Nine MSUs are now established at Port Loko (2,880 m²) and cargo for DFID, WHO and UNICEF is currently being stored there. The FLBs in Freetown, Kenema and Makeni are fully operational.

Common Services

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

Since the start of the operations, UNHAS has transported 2,361 passengers and 17.3 mt of light cargo for UN agencies, NGOs, donors, the diplomatic community and government partners. In addition, between 25 October and 16 November, UNMEER transported 257 passengers and 1.3 mt of cargo.

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 booking of passengers and cargo is centralized through UNHAS in Dakar and UNMEER in Accra.

UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD)

UNHRD, managed by WFP, pre-positions emergency supplies for humanitarian agencies. To date, UNHRD

has dispatched US\$9.7 million worth of relief items and equipment to the region on behalf of Irish Aid, JICA, Swiss Red Cross, UNHCR, WFP and WHO.

Last week, UNHRD dispatched US\$2.4 million worth of relief items and support equipment to the region for the set-up of ETUs, FLBs and satellite warehouses. Items included generators, mobile storage units, tents, water tanks, forklifts, furniture and vehicles. UNHRD also dispatched US\$400,000 of ready-to-eat nutritious foods to Sierra Leone.

Logistics Cluster

Last week in Guinea, the Logistics Cluster transported 1,783 m³ of commodities, while 1,657 m³ of relief items were stored on behalf of partners. Two incinerators for medical waste were airlifted to Conakry on 13 November from Copenhagen and immediately dispatched to Nzérékoré and Macenta.

In Liberia, the Logistics Cluster transported 321 m³ and stored 671 m³ of supplies. The Logistics Cluster has two staff members on site at the airport to coordinate incoming cargo flights from key strategic depots.

In Sierra Leone, the Logistics Cluster transported 208 m³ of humanitarian cargo on behalf of Childfund, UNMEER and WHO. In addition, it transported 30 mt of Personal Protected Equipment (PPE) from Lungi Airport to Freetown on behalf of WHO.

Emergency Telecommunications (ET)

In Guinea, one ET Cluster Telecoms Specialist and one Telecoms Officer from ET Cluster Standby Partner NorCaps arrived to support deployment of ET Cluster services.

In Liberia, radio equipment is due to arrive in Monrovia in the coming week and will then be delivered to NGOs based in different locations.

In Sierra Leone, a generator was installed and electrical wiring was completed at the FLB in Port Loko ensuring that electricity needs are met.

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| WFP Operations | | | | | |
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| | Project Duration | Planned number of people | Total requirements (in US\$) | Total received (in US\$) | Shortfall (%) |
| Regional EMOP200761 | 25.08.2014–30.04.2015 | 1,358,983 | \$ 126,269,000 | \$ 97,019,645 | 23% |
| Regional SO200773 | 15.10.2014 - 28.02.2015 | -- | \$ 87,000,000 | \$ 56,625,760 * | 35% |

*In addition, WFP has also received USD 7 million to implement UNHAS, Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications augmentation activities from August to October 2014. As of 15 October, WFP expanded its common services to provide the backbone of the logistics intervention and enable the Health response under the UN umbrella; all requirements are now consolidated under Special Operation 200773.