



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:

- **21,000 mt** of food delivered to **1.6 million people** since the end of August 2014;
- **2,771 responders transported** by UNHAS, with two planes and one helicopter in operation; and
- **26,320 m3 of cargo** transported since September 2014.



WFP Response

WFP's Emergency Operation supports the health response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa by ensuring the basic food and nutrition needs of patients, families and communities affected by the virus. WFP is currently reviewing its strategy to adapt the response to the food security and nutrition needs of people and communities affected by Ebola on the basis of the latest studies and data available.

The results of the second round of data collection on food security by mobile phone (mVAM) that took place in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone among 2,130 respondents show that the start of the main harvest season produced little to no effect on indicators in those areas worst hit by the Ebola outbreak, where people continue to implement severe coping strategies. Households in areas that were amongst the first to be quarantined have experienced limited improvements compared to what would normally be expected during the harvest period.

Guinea

Last week, WFP dispatched 1,224 mt of food to 76,680 people in Nzérékoré, Macenta, Guéckédou and Coyah. WFP also started to deliver food in the district of Kéraouné: 1,600 mt were dispatched last week.

WFP has started to provide special nutrition support

Highlight — Support mission to WFP Mali Country Office

Following new cases of Ebola in Mali, WFP's Regional Bureau in Dakar sent a mission to Bamako with the purpose of supporting the preparedness of the Country Office. The mission reviewed the health protection measures already in place for WFP staff and shared the lessons learned from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone on risk mitigating measures and protocols. WFP is also discussing with WHO and UNDP on how to increase the medical facilities in Bamako and Mopti.

The first case of Ebola was detected in Mali on 23 October, after which UNHAS dispatched medical supplies from Monrovia. Following the death of a man treated in a Bamako clinic on 27 October, hundreds of contacts are now being traced and followed.

to Ebola survivors at the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Conakry operated by MSF - it includes food rations lasting 60 days.

The extension of the main hub in Conakry is now completed and six Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) with a storage surface of 2,080 m² were erected. Construction of the four Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) is ongoing: those in Nzérékoré and Coyah will be operational by the end of the month, while those in Beyla and Kéraouné will be completed by 7 December. The four ETUs can host up to 190 patients.

The airstrip rehabilitation in Kissidougou airport is complete and now C-160 class aircraft are able to operate.

Liberia

Last week, WFP delivered 1,207 mt of food across the country, including amounts prepositioned for future distributions. During the same period, 30,513 people in six counties received food: Lofa, Bomi, Grand Bassa, Nimba, Maryland and Grand Cape Mount. In addition, 48 mt of food was transported to Sinoe county by sea, since the county is inaccessible by road.

WFP agreed to support the Rapid Isolation and Treatment of Ebola (RITE) response by providing aviation support and movement of blood samples.

The Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) in Gbanga, Voinjama and Zwedru are fully operational and six MSUs in each FLB were erected. The FLB in Gbanga already received 600 UNICEF household protection kits, while the installation of communications equipment by UNMIL is almost complete. The construction of FLBs in Harper and Buchanan is ongoing and they will be fully operational by the end of the month.

Sierra Leone

Last week, WFP delivered 733 mt of food to 64,695 people throughout the country. In addition, a partnership was signed with the Sierra Leone Red Cross to distribute food to quarantined homes and communities in Bo district.

WFP completed the construction of the UN Clinic in Freetown that will be used as an area for screening and holding UN staff. Moreover, WFP has been requested by the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) and UNMEER to build a support camp known as 'Life Support Base' to accommodate 25 aid workers at the Kumala Community Care Centres (CCCs) in Koinadugu district.

So far, WFP has built a main hub in Port Loko, an airport staging area at Lungi Airport and four FLBs in Makeni, Freetown, Kenema, and Kailahun. The six MSUs at the FLB in Makeni have been provided to UNICEF to allow them to kit pack equipment for the supply of CCCs.

Common Services

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

Terminal H at Dakar airport is under construction - the official opening is planned for early January 2015. Since the start of the operation, UNHAS has transported 2,771 passengers and 20 mt of light cargo for UN agencies, NGOs, donors, the diplomatic community and government partners. In addition, between 25 October and 23 November, UNMEER aircraft transported 385 passengers and 2 mt of light cargo. UNHAS closely coordinates with UNMEER and UNMIL to ensure higher operational efficiency. A joint flight schedule is published regularly.

UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD)

Last week, UNHRD depots in Dubai, Brindisi and Las Palmas dispatched a combined US\$1.3 million worth of equipment and vehicles to support WFP operations. The equipment includes generators, mobile

storage tents and water tanks. The equipment is being used to build ETUs and set-up logistics bases across the region. To date, UNHRD dispatched 1,053 mt of relief items and support equipment for WFP, valued at US\$9.3 million.

In addition, since March, UNHRD has dispatched 1,284 mt worth of relief items and support equipment valued at US\$11 million to the region on behalf of Irish Aid, JICA, Swiss Red Cross, UNDP, UNHCR, WFP and WHO.

Logistics Cluster

The first inter-agency airlift from Cologne Bonn Airport to Monrovia, scheduled this week, will transport over 560 m3 of cargo (including two vehicles) on behalf of eight organisations.

Last week in Guinea, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 365 m3 of cargo on behalf of partners. The total amount of cargo transported to date is 3,383 m3. The Logistics Cluster also facilitated the storage of 7,302 m3 of cargo so far.

In Liberia, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 675 m3 of cargo on behalf of NGOs, national governments and UN agencies, while the amount of cargo transported to date is 20,423 m3. Maersk donated 20 containers to the Logistics Cluster, which has made them available to UNICEF.

In Sierra Leone, the Cluster has facilitated the transport of 2,514 m3 of cargo on behalf of partners, while the total amount of cargo stored to date is 4,113 m3. In addition, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the donation of nine containers from Maersk to International Medical Corps and UNMEER.

Emergency Telecommunications (ET)

In Guinea, The ET Cluster hosted a radio programming training for 15 ICT specialists from nine different UN agencies and NGOs in Conakry.

In Liberia, DFID is discussing with the ET Cluster the provisioning of voice communications and internet services in 200 DFID-funded CCCs to enable them to communicate with ETUs.

In Sierra Leone, the ET Cluster provided internet connection to the FLBs in Voinjama and Monrovia with the support of UNMEER.

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WFP Operations					
	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	\$ 98,315,465	22 %
Regional SO200773	15.10.2014 - 28.02.2015	--	\$ 87,000,000	\$ 56,625,760 **	35 %

* WFP has used US\$6.8 million for the EMOP and US\$21.9 million for the SO from its internal financing mechanisms that are yet to be repaid.

**In addition, WFP has also received US\$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.