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WFP West Africa Ebola Response

Look back at WFP's ebola response in 2014

4 pillars of WFP support:

1. Delivering food and nutrition support alongside the health response;
2. Mitigating the impact of the health emergency on food security;
3. Ensuring the movement of partner staff and materials; and
4. Providing common services and infrastructure support for health partners.



In numbers

To date, in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone:

- **More than 2.38 million people reached** since the end of August 2014 with 35,000 mt of food;
- **4,603 responders transported** by UNHAS, with two planes and one helicopter in operation; and
- **27,583 m³ of cargo** transported since September 2014.

In March 2014 WFP began providing food to patients, suspected cases, and isolated ebola-affected villages in Guinea. As the outbreak quickly spread, similar country-specific responses were launched in July in Sierra Leone and Liberia at the request of Governments and partners. By August, WFP had provided food to over 97,000 people across the three countries. As the number of cases surged, WHO declared a health emergency and requested WFP to scale up its assistance alongside the health response. On 25 August WFP launched the regional Emergency Operation ensuring food and nutrition support to *care* for the infected and to *contain* the spread of ebola in West Africa.

Since the beginning of the regional operation, WFP has dispatched over 33,000 mt of food to cater for the basic needs of nearly 2.4 million patients in treatment centers, survivors, isolated households and communities in areas of intense and widespread transmission. In areas of intense transmission, assistance is provided at the request of health authorities and partners for an initial one month period.



WFP Response

EMOP Budget revision #3

WFP has reviewed the modalities, response packages, and planning figures of its Emergency Operation to follow the rapidly evolving outbreak. The revision accounts for latest developments in transmission and geographic movement of ebola, the increasing push for community care and contact tracing, and latest food security and nutrition information on affected populations.

Primary focus remains supporting the evolving medical response to *care* and *contain*. Within these pillars, WFP is introducing innovative tools and strategies, including: working with local caterers and women cooks to prepare patient meals; complementing nutritious in-kind food products with cash or vouchers for the inclusion of fresh foods in patient meals; and leveraging existing farmer networks in countries to procure surplus commodities for the food response. In addition, recognizing that the impact of the virus goes beyond the immediate containment or treatment period, the revised Emergency Operation introduces a *transition* pillar to provide an initial kick-start of economic and livelihood activities as ebola-affected areas are declared free of the virus.

Guinea

Last week, WFP reached more than 29,000 people,

including 89 patients in Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs), almost 600 contact cases and over 28,000 people in areas of widespread and intense transmission. Since the beginning of the EMOP, WFP has reached almost 530,000 persons in Guinea, including more than 700 patients and over 2,100 contact cases. Last week, WFP began food deliveries in Kouremale, a village on the border with Mali, and in Fermessadou, in Kissidougou prefecture, where sudden flare-ups of ebola are observed. WFP already reached over 4,400 and 3,600 people respectively, out of more than 22,000 people targeted in the areas.

On 24 December, a chartered flight from Brindisi with 58 mt of WFP cargo for finalization of ETUs was received at the Conakry airport.

Liberia

Last week, WFP delivered food to more than 26,000 people in four counties, including 60 patients in treatment, 28 survivors, almost 300 contact cases and over 25,000 people in areas of intense and widespread transmission. Since August, WFP has provided support to *care* for more than 300 patients and survivors, and to support almost 18,000 isolated households and to more than 620,000 persons in areas of intense and widespread transmission.

WFP carried out a food airlift through an UNMEER air-

craft to the villages of Gelensiasu and Palsquelleh, remote settlements in Gbarpolu County with limited road access, reaching over 2,600 people who live in those areas. Food deliveries will continue this week in collaboration with WFP’s partners. On 23 December, the government officially appointed the German Red Cross and the German Army to manage the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) SKD 2, built by WFP.

The last Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) to be built in Liberia is now under construction at the Harper Forward Logistics Base (FLB).

Sierra Leone

Last week, WFP assisted over 53,600 people across the country, including 250 patients and 250 survivors, more than 5,300 contact cases and almost 48,000 persons in areas of widespread transmission. Food distribution by WFP and its partner CIDO continues in Waterloo, where more than 19,000 households have received WFP’s assistance. Since the beginning of the Emergency Operation, more than 1.2 million persons have been assisted in Sierra Leone, including over 14,000 persons in need of care and over 1.19 million persons in quarantine or in areas of intense transmission. Following the field mission to Kono District last week, WFP partner World Vision has completed registration of 13,000 households in 29 ebola hotspot communities currently under lockdown.

Following a request by WHO, WFP is rehabilitating a former polio treatment centre in Kambia to create a 40 bed ebola holding centre, which could also be adapted to serve as a 100 bed ETU. The NGO Partner in Health will manage the centre once rehabilitation works are complete. In addition, all 74 World Bank funded light vehicles procured on behalf of the Government of Sierra Leone are now in country.

Common Services

In support of the health response, in August WFP launched Special Operations for humanitarian air services, logistics, and telecommunications. Following the planning meeting with UNMEER and partners in Accra, common services were consolidated under a single regional operation, and scaled up. WFP has established strategic storage/handling facilities at regional, capital, and up-country locations; rehabilitated/built health facilities; ensured air transport to medical and humanitarian personnel to and within the countries; and coordinated air, sea, and overland supply of critical medical equipment.

✈ UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

Last week, UNHAS transported 433 passengers and 3.5 mt of cargo, while UNMEER air assets transported 209 passengers and 6.1 mt of light cargo.

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 for the in-country movement of humanitarian workers with ebola symptoms, if required.

UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD)

Last week, UNHRD dispatched 67 mt of goods valued at US\$560,000. In Sierra Leone, the team worked with the Logistics Cluster, the German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) and UNMEER to support the set-up of a vehicle decontamination centre, now operational.

🚚 Logistics Cluster

Last week, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 775 m³ of medical and humanitarian cargo and the storage of 3,049 m³ across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

in Guinea and Sierra Leone the Dutch vessel, transporting essential assets key to the implementation of the response, offloaded cargo last week with the support of the Logistics Cluster.

In Liberia, a RITE (Rapid Isolation and Treatment of Ebola) kit assembled by WFP was dispatched last week to an outbreak in Nimba County from the WFP FLB in Gbarnga. So far, four RITE kits assembled by WFP have been dispatched by the Logistics Cluster to hotspots in Liberia.

📶 Emergency Telecommunications (ET)

In Guinea, the ET Cluster installed internet at the N’zérékoré ETU, built by WFP.

In Liberia, a Radio Design Plan was finalized for installation of NGO Radio Channel at ten locations.

In Sierra Leone, The ET Cluster installed internet at the Port Loko Government Hospital and at the Maforki ETU/holding center. Internet was also installed at International Humanitarian Partnerships (IHP) Camp in Moyamba, expected to serve 80 healthcare and humanitarian workers.

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WFP Operations					
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in US\$)	Total received * (in US\$)	Shortfall (%)
Regional EMOP200761	25.08.2014–31.05.2015	2,958,160	\$ 189,132,000	\$ 119,774,064	37 %
Regional SO200773	15.10.2014 - 31.05.2015	--	\$ 178,533,000	\$ 121,252,154 **	32 %

* At the onset of the crisis, WFP advanced significant internal funds to allow for the rapid response and scale-up required: US\$2.8 million under the EMOP and US\$4.8 million under the SO are yet to be repaid as of 29 December 2014.

**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.