



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 the three most affected countries of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone:

- **3,345 mt of food** delivered for **180,500 people** since April 2014*;
- **384 responders transported** by UNHAS, with 2 planes and 1 helicopter in operation; and
- **Over 510 m3 of medical cargo** transported.



WFP Response

WFP's Emergency Operation is focused on supporting the medical response to the Ebola outbreak by ensuring the basic food and nutrition needs of households and communities who have been directly affected by the virus. Under the Regional Emergency Operation (EMOP), which started on 25 August 2014, WFP plans to provide food to up to 1.36 million people in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

WFP's mVAM (mobile Vulnerability Assessment Mapping) technology is used to help track the impact of the crisis on food security. In Sierra Leone, data collection has started and survey respondents are being asked via SMS about markets and food prices, livelihoods and household food security.

WFP manages the Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), to facilitate the movement of humanitarian workers and the delivery of light cargo between and within the three affected countries. Since 16 August, UNHAS is operating a 19 seat airplane between Conakry, Freetown, Monrovia and field locations (including Kissidougou and N'zerekore), as well as a helicopter for internal flights within Liberia. In addition, on 21 September, WFP deployed a medium-size jet to Conakry. The jet will be used to link the affected capitals and regional hubs. As of 21 September,

Highlights - Sierra Leone

In Sierra Leone, a house-to-house Ebola sensitization campaign was carried out between 19 and 21 September. Before the campaign, WFP provided food for the preparation of hot meals to all treatment and isolation centres in the country. Food has also been distributed to 20,000 vulnerable households in 22 slums around Freetown, as well as to all quarantined households.

During the house-to-house campaign, WFP had 13 mobile response teams pre-positioned throughout the country, delivering up to 5,000 pre-packed individual family rations to quarantined households. For this operation, WFP had pre-positioned 500 mt of food throughout the country.

UNHAS has transported 384 passengers and approximately 6.1 mt of light cargo for 23 organizations (NGO, UN, donors, government partners and media).

The humanitarian community continues to face increasing logistical challenges, such as: limited commercial transport market, lack of drivers to service the Ebola Treatment Units, heavy seasonal rains, poor road conditions, commercial flight suspensions and border restrictions with neighbouring countries. The lack of existing warehousing facilities to store vital relief supplies, as well as the lack of existing infrastructure to meet the increasing needs of treatment centres is also a challenge. WFP is providing logistics support (storage, transport, equipment and engineering), information management and coordination services to the humanitarian community. So far, over 510 m3 of Ebola related items have been transported by road and over 270 m3 of cargo have been stored on behalf of Logistics Cluster partners.

The UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) continues to support the response efforts of WHO, WFP and JICA. UNHRD depots in Dubai (UAE) and Accra (Ghana) have so far dispatched 59 mt worth USD 707,000 of protective gear, emergency health kits and equipment to the region.

*Initially under IR-Emergency Operation in the three countries, and then under the Regional Emergency Operation.

Guinea

WFP is working with the Guinean Red Cross and Plan Guinea for the distribution of food. Identifying additional partners to extend the coverage remains a challenge. During WFP distributions, other UN partners and NGOs are providing hygiene kits and conduct sensitization on Ebola protection methods.

Since the beginning of the month, WFP has distributed food and nutrition packages to families of hospitalized and cured Ebola patients in Gueckedou, Kissidougou and Conakry. In these areas, a total of 54 mt of food was delivered to 2,500 people. WFP is currently distributing food in Macenta, Youmou and N'zérékore. Distributions to food insecure families in areas with intense and widespread transmission has started in Gueckedou. WFP is also providing hot meals to patients registered in Ebola treatment centres in Gueckedou in cooperation with a local NGO.

WFP transported over 2,238 packages, including soap, chlorine, and motorbikes, from Conakry to Nzerekore on behalf of the Ebola response cell of the Government of Guinea.

Liberia

WFP in Liberia continues the scale-up of the Ebola response. WFP has completed deliveries in Dolo Town, which reached 14,500 people with more than 215 mt of food. WFP is cooperating with the Liberian National Red Cross, ADRA, and Caritas Gbarnga. Additional partners are needed to carry out the distributions in all the counties.

UNHAS operations are ongoing in Liberia. Bad weather conditions led to the cancellation of some flights to Foya, Voinjama, Kissidougou and N'Zerekore. However, the helicopter carried out nine flights, transporting a total of 53 passengers and 200 kg of medical supplies.

The Logistics Cluster is providing engineering and construction support to put in place Ebola Treatment Units on two sites in Monrovia (for a total of 500 patient beds). Construction should be completed by the end of September. In coordination with the Liberian Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and with WHO, the Logistics Cluster is establishing a common logistics hub in Monrovia to consolidate a centralized supply chain for all health actors. The hub is expected to become operational on 25 September.

Sierra Leone

WFP's focus last week in Sierra Leone was on preparing for the House-to House Family Sensitization on ebola campaign (see highlights section). WFP is opening up to seven field offices to support the operations and improve response time.

WFP has provided two mobile storage units to WHO in Kenema and in Freetown.

Clusters



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster was activated in Liberia on 12 September. In Sierra Leone and Guinea, WFP is helping to coordinate logistics support, but the cluster has not been officially activated.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster has not been activated yet; however, the Global ETC Support Cell is assessing ICT requirements in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Resourcing Update

- There are substantial funding shortfalls for WFP's Ebola operations in West Africa. No funding has been received for WFP's Logistics Special Operation and the organization has so far relied on unsecured internal advances.
- WFP's updated requirements are reflected in the Inter-Agency Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak Appeal, launched in Geneva on 16 September (Mission Critical Actions put under # 5, #9 and #10), available on <http://www.unocha.org/>.

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WFP Operations					
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in US\$)	Total received (in US\$)	Shortfall (%)
Regional EMOP200761	25.08.2014-24.02.2015	1,358,983	US\$ 92,666,030	US\$12,223,074	87%
Regional UNHAS SO200760	14.08.2014 - 28.02.2015	--	US\$ 22,932,017	US\$ 6,163,099	73%
Regional Common Logistics SO 200767	05.09.2014-04.03.2015	--	US\$ 11,315,096	--	100%