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## 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:

- **7,100 mt of food** delivered for 458,000 people since April 2014\*;
- **655 responders transported** by UNHAS, with two planes and one helicopter in operation; and
- **Over 6,055 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 affected by the virus. So far, WFP has delivered 7,100 mt of food for 458,000 people in the three countries.

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. UNHAS has been operating a 19-seat airplane between Conakry, Freetown, Monrovia and field locations (including Kissidougou and N'zerekore), a medium-size jet for the link between affected capitals and regional hubs, as well as a helicopter for internal flights within Liberia. On 25 September, the 'humanitarian corridor' from Dakar to the affected countries was opened with the first successful flight to Conakry. Starting on 7 October, UNHAS will provide regular connections between Dakar, Conakry, Freetown, Monrovia and Accra.

UNHAS has so far transported 655 passengers and approximately 9.2 mt of light cargo for 30 organizations (NGOs, UN agencies, donors, the diplomatic community, government partners and the media).

The UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD),

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

### Highlight- Common Services

In response to the continuing spread of the disease, WFP is launching a new Special Operation (SO), which consolidates the common services being provided to the humanitarian community. This new SO, which will supersede WFP's two prior Ebola SOs, aims to create the necessary logistics platform to scale-up operational capabilities. The total budget requirements are of USD 87 million.

The main priorities of the new SO in the three affected countries include: the procurement of equipment to set up Ebola Treatment Units and Ebola Care Units; the establishment of 12 Forward Logistics Bases to prioritize, consolidate and dispatch equipment; the augmentation of transport capacity; and the mobilization of an additional 100 staff across the region (e.g. logisticians, engineers, operations support officers and telecommunications specialists).

managed by WFP, is supporting the response efforts of the World Health Organization (WHO), WFP, Irish Aid, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). UNHRD depots in Dubai (UAE), Accra (Ghana), and Las Palmas (Spain) have so far dispatched 275 mt, worth US\$2.3 million, of protective gear, emergency health kits, relief items and support equipment to the region. UNHRD pre-positions stockpiles of emergency supplies for humanitarian agencies - medicine, vehicles, ready-to-eat food and tents - so they can be transported immediately and reach people in need faster.

### Guinea

In September, WFP delivered 683 mt of food and nutrition products to 31,767 beneficiaries through targeted and general distributions in Gueckedou, Kissidougou, Macenta and Conakry.

WFP is redefining its targeting approach to increase the quantities of food assistance distributed to the villages most affected by the outbreak. General food distributions will be carried out in villages with the highest numbers of Ebola-affected households.

WFP is distributing three hot meals a day to patients

in the Ebola Treatment Centres in Gueckedou and Macenta.

A mobile Vulnerability Assessment Mapping (mVam) survey using interactive voice response is being prepared to collect data on the impact on the Ebola outbreak on the food security situation in Guinea. Questionnaires have been recorded in the three local languages and data collection is ongoing.

A vessel with more than 1,900 mt of food for WFP's Ebola response in Guinea and Sierra Leone, Mobile Storage Units and generators arrived in Conakry from Las Palmas on 5 October.

## Liberia

In September, WFP delivered 710 mt of food for more than 75,000 people in Liberia.

The joint Food Security Assessment with FAO and the government is ongoing. The assessment is expected to last until 12 October.

WFP has signed a partnership agreement with the Liberian Agency for Community Empowerment (LACE) for food distribution in Rivercess and Grang Bassa counties.

## Sierra Leone

In September, WFP delivered 1,151 mt of food to 208,500 persons in Sierra Leone. As the needs are rising, WFP is setting-up a rapid response team. The team will work closely with the Ministry of Health, WHO, NGOs and medical teams to streamline information gathering and food distribution to treatment centres, quarantined and isolated areas.

WFP's immediate priorities in Sierra Leone are the implementation of food distributions in Bombali, Port Loko, Kailahun, Moyamba, Western area and Kenema.

The final report of the FAO-led Food Security Assessment revealed that Ebola is having a negative impact on household food security and livelihoods. A WFP food security assessment is planned in quarantined and isolated areas outside Freetown.

WFP is exploring the possibility of renting and operating a boat on behalf of the humanitarian community, linking Freetown to the airport and saving time for humanitarian actors.

## Clusters



### Logistics Cluster

- In Liberia, over the last week, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 4,750 m3 of supplies on behalf of partners. Since early September, it facilitated the transport of 6,055 m3 and the storage of 1,014 m3 of supplies on behalf of partners and loaned 15 Mobile Storage Units to partners.
- In Guinea, the Logistics Cluster is assessing land allocation for a Forward Logistics Base in Kissidougou. The FLB would service multiple districts to give as much coverage as possible for most urgent call-forwards of medical supplies and food. The Cluster is also assessing options to extend storage and to establish a Common Logistics Hub in Conakry. In addition, a logistics assessment is being performed on behalf of UNICEF in Gueckedou, where an assembly area for health cargo is to be established.



### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC has not been officially activated in response to the crisis. However, WFP is working with partners to ensure a coordinated response.
- Common telecommunications services will enable shared 24/7 security telecommunications services in 13 locations across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Shared ICT infrastructure support will provide radio communications and internet connectivity in 60 Ebola Treatment Centres across the three countries.
- Communications support will be provided to enable Ebola patients in treatment to communicate with their families.

## Resourcing Update

- There are substantial funding shortfalls for WFP's Ebola operations in West Africa. At least US\$30 million is urgently required for the launch of the Common Logistics Services Special Operation across the region.

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	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in US\$)	Total received (in US\$)	Shortfall (%)
<b>Regional EMOP200761</b>	25.08.2014-24.02.2015	1,358,983	\$ 92,666,030	\$43,577,412	53%
<b>Regional SO200773</b>	15.10.2014 - 28.02.2015	--	\$87,000,000	\$8,631,752 *	90%

\*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 is expanding its common services to provide the backbone of the logistics intervention and enable the Health response under the United Nations umbrella; all requirements are now consolidated under the newly approved Special Operation 200773.