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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:

- **17,470 mt of food** delivered to **1.3 million people** since April 2014\*;
- **1,741 responders transported** by UNHAS, with two planes and one helicopter in operation; and
- **38,180 m3 of cargo** transported.



## WFP Response

WFP's Emergency Operation supports the medical response to the Ebola outbreak by ensuring the basic food and nutrition needs of patients, households and communities affected by the virus. WFP is reviewing its current requirements to broaden its response in order to address the food security and nutrition challenges of Ebola-affected communities based on the latest available assessments. On 31 October, a joint WFP/FAO donor briefing was held in Dakar to present an analysis of food and nutritional security in the affected countries based on the latest assessments. WFP and FAO also presented their response programmes to protect lives and livelihoods of affected and at-risk communities. So far, WFP has delivered 17,470 mt of food to 1.3 million people in the three countries.

### Guinea

In October, WFP provided food assistance to more than 145,250 people in areas of widespread and intense transmission across the country. Due to the rising number of cases in Coyah and Kerouane, WFP is pre-positioning stocks and securing partnerships with NGOs so that additional distributions can be held in the most affected villages.

Starting in November, food distributions will be extended to 65,000 people in newly affected areas.

### Highlight - Opening of WFP-constructed Ebola Treatment Unit in Monrovia

On 31 October, a new Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) constructed by WFP was officially opened at the former Ministry of Defence site in Monrovia. For the past few weeks, 150 construction workers have been working three shifts a day to build this new treatment centre. The daily management of the centre will be done by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, supported by the foreign medical teams of Cuba and the African Union.

This new unit adds 200 beds to the almost 500 currently available for Ebola patients in the Liberian capital. There are now four functional treatment centres in Montserrado County.

The second ETU build by WFP in Monrovia at the SKD Stadium will be operational by the end of November.

The extension of the main Logistics hub in Conakry is underway and the ground levelling works are expected to be finalized shortly. Ground works in the Kissidougou Forward Logistics Base (FLB) are ongoing and Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are expected to arrive at the end of the week. In Nzérékoré, the site for the second FLB has been identified and two MSUs should be set up by the end of the week.

WFP has been requested by the Government of Guinea to build four ETUs with a maximum capacity of 100 beds each in Coyah, Kéraouné, Nzérékoré and Beyla. In Coyah, the ground works are well underway and MSUs will be delivered this week. In Nzérékoré, ground works have begun and the FLB should be finalized by the end of November.

### Liberia

In October, WFP distributed 5,134 mt of food to 297,570 people. Last week, WFP distributed food in Lofa, Bong, Nimba, Montserrado, Grand Gedeh and River Gee counties.

One of the challenges faced by WFP in the scale-up of operations is the transport capacity to move the food to remote distributions points in affected areas. WFP is thus purchasing pickup trucks in-country to expand its distribution capacity.

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

Markets and price analysis based on the Joint Rapid Food Security Assessment conducted between 27 September and 12 October shows that quarantine measures and low demand are the most frequently mentioned trade constraints. This is leading to a drop in sales volumes for local traders. The assessment found that the supply sources of most traders remain unchanged, but stock levels are relatively low in most markets. The price of imported rice has increased in all monitored markets between June and September and are beyond last year's levels.

WFP is currently building FLBs in Gbarnga, Zwedru and Voinjama: eight MSUs have already been erected and construction works are ongoing. The three FLBs will be ready for use mid-November.

## Sierra Leone

Between the start of the outbreak and the end of October, WFP has assisted 637,000 people with 4,300 mt of food in Sierra Leone. WFP beneficiaries include patients in treatment and holding centres, quarantined families and discharged Ebola patients.

Last week, WFP completed food distributions for about 2,000 quarantined people in Kumala village in Nieni Chiefdom.

WFP is gearing up to distribute 7,445 mt of food in November and the same quantity in December, targeting 450,000 people monthly. WFP is working closely with the Ministry of Health and NGOs through a specialized monitoring group in order to ensure timely delivery of food assistance to affected areas.

Freetown and Kenema FLBs are operational and warehouse space is available to users. FLBs in Kailahun and Makeni are under construction.

## Common Services

### UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

UNHAS has been operating a 19-seat airplane between Conakry, Freetown, Monrovia and field locations, a medium-size jet for the link between affected capitals and regional hubs, as well as a helicopter for flights primarily within Liberia.

UNHAS has so far transported 1,741 passengers and 16.2 mt of light cargo for 47 organizations (NGOs, UN agencies, donors, the diplomatic community and government partners).

Last week, helicopter landing zone assessments were conducted jointly by UNHAS and UNMEER in various locations across Sierra Leone.

### UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD)

UNHRD, managed by WFP, pre-positions stockpiles of emergency supplies for humanitarian agencies so they can be transported immediately and reach people in need faster. To date, UNHRD has dispatched US\$6.6 million worth of relief items and support equipment to the region on behalf of Irish Aid, JICA, Swiss Red Cross, UNHCR, WFP and WHO.

Last week, UNHRD dispatched 48 mt of equipment (valued at USD 365,000) to Sierra Leone to support the set-up of an FLB. Equipment included air conditioners for prefabs, generators with spare parts, ablation units, prefabs, chairs, tools kits and cupboards.



### Logistics Cluster

Last week in Guinea, the Logistics Cluster, through WFP, transported 485 m3 of humanitarian supplies on behalf of partners and stored 550 m3 of cargo in the main hub in Conakry.

Last week in Liberia, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 2,850 m3 of cargo. In response to the lack of storage capacity for cargo at the international airport in Monrovia, four MSUs have been erected.

In Sierra Leone, WFP and UNMEER are working on the composition and locations of 10 satellite hubs. Satellite hubs will use as much existing infrastructure as possible and they will be mobile to ensure timely and uninterrupted supply of equipment and consumables to ETUs and Community Care Centres (CCCs) across the country.



### Emergency Telecommunications (ET)

The ET Cluster, through WFP, purchased and transported 500 mobile phones to Accra. These phones will be delivered to ETUs in the three countries to enable Ebola patients in treatment to communicate with their families.

In Liberia, the ET Cluster, with the support of UNMEER and UNMIL, will deploy security telecommunications services for NGOs. The ET Cluster is coordinating efforts with the Government of Liberia to ensure that the most cost-effective and sustainable solutions are used.

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WFP Operations					
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in US\$)	Total received (in US\$)	Shortfall (%)
<b>Regional EMOP200761</b>	25.08.2014–30.04.2015	1,358,983	\$ 126,269,000	\$ 59,087,503	53%
<b>Regional SO200773</b>	15.10.2014 - 28.02.2015	--	\$ 87,000,000	\$ 22,229,626 *	74%

\*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.