



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:

- **19,030 mt of food** delivered to **1.48 million people** since April 2014*;
- **2,000 responders transported** by UNHAS, with two planes and one helicopter in operation; and
- **38,647 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.

WFP Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin, conducted a three-day mission to Sierra Leone where she met government officials and key partners.

WFP is increasing the number of its health advisors in each country, who design appropriate operating procedures and ensure that health and safety guidelines are respected at distribution points, office facilities and warehouses.

Guinea

Last week, WFP distributed 580 mt of food to 37,380 people in Nzérékoré and Kissidougou prefectures. Distributions took place in the urban and rural areas of Kissidougou and a beneficiary feedback mechanism has been put in place for WFP distributions.

In November, WFP plans to distribute 4,900 mt of food to 230,000 people. The priority zones for assistance are Nzérékoré and Keruane districts.

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

Highlight—mVAM in Liberia

The results of the first round of data collection of food security surveys by mobile phone (mVAM) in Liberia show that, as of October, all areas of the country are affected by food insecurity. Households in a central zone that includes the counties of Nimba, Bong and Margibi are using severe coping strategies the most. This zone accounts for the bulk of Ebola cases outside of Monrovia.

According to recent assessments, food demand and supply have diminished due to quarantine measures. The price of imported rice in Liberia has increased since April, while cassava prices remain stable. Wage-to-rice terms of trade appear to be lowest in Lofa and in the central zone. Ebola may have lowered the demand for casual labour, affecting household income and purchasing power.

Second rounds of mVAM data collection among 2,130 respondents have been completed in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone and data analysis is ongoing.

The extension of the Logistics hub in Conakry is underway and ground levelling works are ongoing. The construction of the Kissidougou Forward Logistics Base (FLB) is progressing: Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) will be erected this week and the FLB is expected to be operational in mid-November. In addition, WFP is currently erecting two MSUs for the Nzérékoré FLB. A UNHRD airlift of tents and generators for the set-up of both FLBs arrived on 04 November.

WFP is building four Ebola Treatment Units (ETU) across Guinea, as requested by the Government. In Nzérékoré, two MSUs have been erected, while in Beyla and Kerouané, ground works started last week. In Coyah, FLB construction work and food distributions have been temporarily suspended due to security issues.

Liberia

Last week, WFP distributed 135 mt of food to 7,600 people in the counties of Lofa, Bong and Nimba.

In November, WFP is targeting 198,500 people across Liberia. More than 3,200 mt of food will be distributed and 500 mt of commodities have already been pre-positioned for November distributions.

292 mt of Super Cereal were airlifted from Las Palmas

to Monrovia. WFP's time-chartered ship off-loaded 2,635 mt of rice in the port of Monrovia.

Work on the FLBs continues: the Gbarnga FLB is operational, while the construction of the Zwedru FLB was delayed due to road bottlenecks. In Voinjama, three out of the six MSUs have been erected and the sites for Harper and Buchanan FLBs have been allocated.

Sierra Leone

WFP is leading a food coordination group composed of NGOs, UN agencies and Government partners to ensure a better coordination of food distributions among partners throughout the country. The group met on 10 November and will continue to meet fortnightly.

Last week, WFP distributed food to 97,000 people across the country.

At Port Loko Logistics hub, eight MSUs are now set up and there is space for helicopter landing. ICT equipment and office facilities will be installed next week. WFP is allocating contracts for land clearing of the Kailahun FLB, whose construction should be finalized by the end of November. In the Makeni FLB, six MSUs have been erected (for a total storage capacity of 1,920 m²).

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 to regional hubs, as well as a helicopter for flights primarily within Liberia. As of 10 November, UNHAS and UNMEER integrated their schedule and booking processes, which will be managed from Dakar through UNHAS' electronic Flight Management Application.

UNHAS has so far transported 2,000 passengers and 16 mt of light cargo for 55 organizations (NGOs, UN agencies, donors, the diplomatic community and government partners). In addition, between 25 October and 09 November, UNMEER transported 63 passengers and 1.1 mt of cargo.

UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD)

UNHRD, managed by WFP, pre-positions emergency supplies for humanitarian agencies. To date, UNHRD has dispatched US\$7.3 million worth of relief items and equipment to the region on behalf of Irish Aid, JICA, Swiss Red Cross, UNHCR, WFP and WHO.

Last week, UNHRD dispatched equipment for the set up of ETUs in Guinea and for a staff clinic in Sierra Leone. Items included generators, office and accommodation pre-fabricated structures, water tanks, tents and IT equipment. UNHRD also facilitated the arrival of more than 1,100 mt of nutritious products to the affected countries through its depot in Las Palmas. Procurement of equipment continues for the construction of Logistics hubs, ETUs and Community Care Centres.

Logistics Cluster

A staging area in Cologne Bonn Airport is available to facilitate consolidation of air shipments for the Ebola response in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Last week in Guinea, the Logistics Cluster transported 651 m³ of commodities, while 886 m³ were stored in the main hub in Conakry. In addition, the Logistics Cluster, through WFP and using a UNMEER MI-8 helicopter, facilitated the transport of 22 tents that will be used by MSF to build an ETU in Macenta.

In Liberia, the Logistics Cluster transported 321 m³ and stored 671 m³ of supplies last week. The Logistics Cluster has now provided off-loading assistance and transport for over 3,300 mt of cargo arriving by air from the airport. The convoy of MSUs and prefabs from UNHRD Ghana arrived in Monrovia, after being held at the Liberian-Ivorian border for several weeks.

Last week in Sierra Leone, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of over 350 m³ of humanitarian cargo. A WFP engineer is finalizing the set up of prefabs at the UNDP clinic in Freetown, which will be used as a holding and treatment centre for UN staff.

Emergency Telecommunications (ET)

In Guinea, an ET Cluster Deployment Coordinator arrived in Conakry to manage installation of equipment and delivery of shared ICT services to the humanitarian community. The ET Cluster confirmed a donation from Ericsson Response for equipment to maximize internet connectivity in common operating areas providing access to humanitarian users.

In Sierra Leone, an ICT Technician arrived in Freetown to support the provision of shared communications services. The ETC is working closely with UNMEER, WHO and the Logistics Cluster to secure access to vehicles needed to reach key ETU locations in the Port Loko area.

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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	\$ 71,137,298	44%
Regional SO200773	15.10.2014 - 28.02.2015	--	\$ 87,000,000	\$ 35,281,610 *	59%

*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.