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World Food Programme

WFP West Africa Ebola Response

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 2.8 million people** reached from the end of August 2014 to March 2015;
- **13,700 responders transported** by UNHAS; and
- **Almost 77,000 m³ of cargo** transported since September 2014.

Urgent needs to continue support

To ensure the continuation of logistics services provision through the Common Services platform of its Special Operation 200773, WFP urgently requires flexible resources equal to USD 102 million by the end of December to fill the resourcing gap. These funds are needed for all activities of the Special Operation, and are critical to ensure WFP's capability to maintain air transportation services for humanitarian staff, and to finalize the necessary drainage and reinforcement works at all logistics bases in the three countries in view of the rainy season.

WFP's Regional Emergency Operation 200761 is currently being revised to enable the organization to continue providing food under the phases of *care*, *contain* and *transition*, alongside the continued health response. WFP aims to support recovery in the short- and medium-term and to reinforce livelihood protection and recovery efforts.



WFP Response

- ♦ **Care:** providing nutritious meals to patients in treatment and their caretakers and continued support to discharged survivors and their households.
- ♦ **Contain:** distributing food to isolated households and hot spot communities. In hot spot communities, assistance is provided at the request of health authorities and partners for an initial period of one month; if required, follow-up assistance is provided.
- ♦ **Transition:** providing an initial kick-start of economic and livelihood activities in affected areas once they are declared ebola-free by health authorities, and to ensure nutrition support to orphans.

Scaling up transition in Guinea and Liberia

In April, WFP scaled up its assistance under the *transition* phase, providing food and/or cash to former affected communities that have been declared ebola-free, but where access to food and resumption of livelihoods remain challenging. In Guinea, WFP reached almost 320,000 people in the prefectures of Youmou, Guéckédou, N'zérékoré and Kankan with food rations; WFP is exploring the modalities to transition to a mixed food/cash ration.

In Liberia, more than 70,000 people in Maryland, Grand Kru and Grand Gedeh counties received a mix of food and cash assistance to support the house-

holds while stimulating the local economy. In Sierra Leone, WFP is identifying the beneficiaries for this phase of the response.

WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration

WFP is supporting the implementation of the WFP-WHO Joint Collaboration to promote the increased agility and capability of the health response. In Guinea, WFP has started deploying prefabs to priority locations to create office spaces in nine locations around Conakry and in Lower Guinea, where the outbreak is now concentrated. In Liberia, the agreement between WFP and WHO was validated, enabling the effective start-up of the collaboration in the country. WFP is procuring almost 40 prefabricated structures to build office space and accommodations in five agreed areas. In Sierra Leone, WFP has been deploying additional capacity to set up office space, internet connectivity, accommodations and transport services. The WFP-led Common Services have also made 10 vehicles available for WHO, in addition to 10 former UNMEER vehicles, dispatching them to the four locations where the partnership is in place.

School reopening

WFP is coordinating with governments, UNICEF and

partners to safely and gradually resume school meal programmes under the respective Country Programmes. In Guinea, WFP supports 840 schools in 14 prefectures, accounting for 118,000 children; WFP is also planning to expand the programme to an additional 812 schools in areas hardest hit by the outbreak. In Liberia, WFP is gradually resuming its school feeding programme, aiming to initially reach 104,000 school children in 10 counties. In April, WFP started the programme in Maryland County, supporting 8,800 school children. In Sierra Leone, WFP will restart activities in about 600 schools already targeted before the outbreak. Moreover, WFP was requested by the Government of Sierra Leone to support school clean-up efforts by providing short-term food assistance as an incentive to participants, targeting some 8,000 schools across the country.

Assessing food security in the three countries

WFP has started Emergency Food Security Assessments in the three countries, in collaboration with the respective Ministries of Agriculture and FAO. This will enable a comprehensive mapping of the food security situation as WFP gradually increases its *transition* support in areas where transmission rates have decreased. WFP will maintain the *care* and *contain* aspects of the response where required.

Supporting emergency measures in Guinea

Following the declaration of a 45-day state of sanitary emergency in Forécariah, Coyah, Dubreka, Boffa and Kindia at the beginning of April, the government initiated a campaign to raise awareness and trace cases. The campaign was first piloted in Forécariah and is ongoing in Coyah. As part of the effort, WFP continues to support contact cases and their households through food rations and hygiene kits within 24 to 48 hours: in April, WFP reached more than 1,000 contact cases and their families. In addition, WFP provided logistics support through trucks and fuel to facilitate the movement of staff involved in the campaign and the transportation of necessary supplies, such as detergents and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Assistance to ebola-affected vulnerable groups

In Guinea, WFP reached more than 150 survivors and their households during the month of April with enhanced nutrition support. In Liberia, WFP has completed the first round of mobile cash transfers to over 1,200 survivors and their households, while more than 500 survivors have received the second round. In Sierra Le-

one, WFP is also supporting particularly vulnerable groups such as the elderly and the disabled in Kenema, at the request of the national health authorities.

In all three countries, provision of highly nutritious foods to orphans continues: in April, over 2,000 ebola-orphaned children received WFP assistance. Orphans staying with foster families received a ration to support the whole household.

Common Services

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

During the month of April, UNHAS transported over 3,000 passengers between Dakar, Accra and the three affected countries.

The UNHAS fleet in the region now includes four planes and six helicopters, as UNHAS has taken over some UNMEER aircraft and services. Three helicopters are specially equipped for the medical evacuation (medevac) of health and humanitarian personnel: to date, UNHAS has performed 30 such medevacs in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD)

UNHRD in Accra continues to assemble and dispatch PPE kits on behalf of WHO across the region as a key preparedness measure.

Emergency Telecommunications (ET)

Following UNMEER's request, the ET Cluster has taken over the provision of ICT equipment and services at many logistics hubs and bases. In Liberia and Sierra Leone, the handover has already been completed, while in Guinea it is scheduled in the coming days.

Building technical capacities of national governments for future preparedness

WFP is committed to working with partners to collectively build a stronger response system for the future. In line with requests from national governments, WFP aims to support technical capacity development in supply chain management, emergency logistics and local production purchases. Jointly with the Government of Guinea, the WFP-led logistics coordination mechanism recently organized a logistics training for government staff involved in the ebola response. WFP is planning similar trainings for staff of partner organizations and agencies across the three countries.

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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	\$ 148,858,199	21 %
Regional SO200773	15.10.2014 – 31.12.2015	--	\$ 272,145,000	\$ 170,193,345	37 %