



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:

- **4,979 mt of food** delivered for **389,827 people** since April 2014*;
- **426 responders transported** by UNHAS, with 2 planes and 1 helicopter in operation; and
- **Over 900 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. 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 over six months. So far, WFP has delivered 4,979 mt of food for 389,827 people in the three countries.

WFP has contracted a ship for the Ebola response. The ship is currently in Cotonou and will be loaded with 7,000 mt of rice, to be transported to Monrovia and Freetown.

WFP's mVAM (mobile Vulnerability Assessment Mapping) technology is being used to track the impact of the crisis on food security. In Sierra Leone, data collection via SMS has been completed for a total sample of 800 households. In Guinea and Liberia, WFP is preparing data collection through interactive voice response (IVR).

WFP manages the Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) to facilitate the movement of humanitarian workers

Highlight - Enabling the Health Response

The current Ebola outbreak is a complex emergency, with significant, social, economic, humanitarian, political and security dimensions. Logistics plays a key role, enabling an effective health response by all partners. Major obstacles to an effective medical response include the lack of beds for the increasing number of patients and the increasing volume of vital medical supplies requiring immediate storage and dispatch to affected people.

Through WFP's Logistics Augmentation and common services Special Operation (SO200767), WFP provides urgently needed specialized equipment, transport and storage of relief cargo at strategic locations, logistics cluster coordination and emergency telecommunications. Funds amounting to US\$ 11.3 million are urgently needed for WFP to continue to provide logistics support to all the partners involved in the Ebola response.

and the delivery of light cargo between and within the three affected countries. Since 16 August, UNHAS has been 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. On 21 September, WFP deployed a medium-size jet to Conakry. The jet will be used to link the affected capitals and regional hubs. On 25 September, the 'humanitarian corridor' from Dakar to the affected countries was opened with the first successful UNHAS flight to Conakry.

As of 25 September, UNHAS has transported 426 passengers and approximately 6.6 mt of light cargo for 25 organizations (NGO, UN, donors, government partners and media).

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 155 mt worth US\$ 1.4 million of protective gear, emergency health kits and equipment to the region. Weekly dispatches are ongoing.

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

Guinea

WFP is undertaking general food distributions to communities in areas of widespread and intense transmission, alongside targeted distributions to directly affected families. On 23 September, WFP started providing hot meals to patients in the Gueckedou Ebola treatment centre in partnership with a local NGO. During WFP distributions, other UN partners and NGOs provide hygiene kits and conduct sensitization on Ebola protection methods.

WFP is discussing partnerships with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) to increase distribution capacity. Security issues continue to hamper WFP distributions in the region of Yomou and Nzerekore. Increased security measures are being put in place.

The Logistics Cluster provides 500 mt of storage space to WHO in Conakry. In addition, the Cluster has transported over 80 mt of supplies (chlorine, soap and motorbikes) on behalf of the Government's Ebola response cell.

Liberia

WFP continues to scale-up food distributions in support of the Ebola response. More than 5 mt of food were delivered in Grand Kru County for distributions to the Parluken Community. This community is being quarantined by local health authorities following the outbreak of Ebola cases in the area. WFP and partners will carry out a Rapid Food Security Assessment from 27 September to 12 October.

The Logistics Cluster established a centralized logistics hub in Monrovia in order to manage, dispatch and track required health stocks. The Common Hub, operational since 25 September, has over 700 m2 of storage capacity.

On 18 September, an agreement was signed with UNMIL, enabling WFP to use UNMIL's airport facilities (passenger and cargo terminal and aviation safety offices) for its UNHAS flights.

Sierra Leone

During the three-day House-to-House sensitization campaign carried out between 19-21 September, WFP distributed over 2,000 food parcels with a 21-day ration to households screened and quarantined. WFP also provided food to people referred to centres for testing. Following the campaign, the Government

declared the isolation of a number of "hotspots" throughout the country and WFP targeting will be adjusted accordingly.

Due to lack of capacity at the Freetown airport and the impact of heavy seasonal rains on partners' incoming cargo, the Logistics Cluster is carrying out an assessment at the airport to potentially provide storage and other logistics equipment.

Clusters



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster has only been activated in Liberia. In Guinea and Sierra Leone, WFP is helping to coordinate logistics support.
- Through WFP, the Logistics Cluster has so far provided 18 Mobile Storage Units in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to Ministries of Health, WHO, Save the Children and MSF to use as Ebola treatment units, transit centres and to store medical supplies. Over 900 m3 of cargo (personal protective equipment, thermometers and chlorine) has been transported on behalf of partners and 615 m3 of vital supplies have been stored.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster has not been activated yet; however, the Global ETC Support Cell is assessing ICT requirements.

Resourcing Update

- There are substantial funding shortfalls for WFP's Ebola operations in West Africa. A total of US\$ 108 million is needed for WFP operations in the three affected countries.
- WFP's updated requirements are reflected in the Inter-Agency Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak Appeal, launched on 16 September (see Mission Critical Actions #5, #9 and #10 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	\$27,922,589	70%
Regional UNHAS SO200760	14.08.2014 - 28.02.2015	--	\$22,529,957	\$6,163,099	73%
Regional Common Logistics SO 200767	05.09.2014-04.03.2015	--	US\$ 11,315,096	--	100%