



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 3.2 million people** assisted with food, cash and nutrition support under the EMOP;
- **19,660 responders transported** by UNHAS;
- **Over 91,100 m³ of cargo** transported since September 2014.



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 hotspot 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.
- ♦ **Protect:** promoting food access during the lean season, restoring access to services, and protecting vulnerable groups.

Supporting the efforts to get to zero

In Guinea, WFP is supporting the government's sensitization campaigns: in the first half of June, WFP food reached over 17,000 quarantined people in Dubreka, while food deliveries are currently ongoing in Boke and Forecariah. WFP is also providing staff, fuel, and additional logistics support to the campaigns. In Sierra Leone, the government launched the Operation Northern Push campaign in Kambia and Port Loko: WFP has delivered food rations to quarantined households, and has provided vehicles to its partner and to the District Ebola Response Centre to transport mixed commodities. Within this operation, WFP has also provided support to UNICEF to set up tents in Kambia as emergency coordi-



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WFP's response to new cases in Liberia

Three new ebola cases were reported in Margibi county nearly two months after Liberia was declared ebola-free on 09 May 2015. On the same day the first case was identified, WFP responded to the Government of Liberia's request to provide food assistance to the contacts already identified. On 1 July, an additional request was made to provide one-month food rations to 2,500 people in the affected community to support containment efforts.

Additionally, WFP provided logistics support to erect two tents for UNICEF staff who reached the area to support the containment of the affected area. Finally, as a preparedness measure in response to the current small-scale outbreak, WFP re-built six Rapid Isolation Treatment of Ebola (RITE) kits.

nation offices. As shown by WFP monitoring, the provision of food rations during the 21-day surveillance period supports containment efforts by contributing to the reduction of movements outside of communities.

Restoring access to basic services

Data collection and analysis for nationwide Emergency Food Security Assessments (EFSAs) were completed in the three countries; preliminary results are supporting the targeting modality and beneficiary estimates for the lean season response in ebola-affected areas. During the month of June in Sierra Leone, WFP started the Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme for the treatment of malnutrition in children under 5 years old, following the national screening for malnutrition. So far, WFP has reached more than 3,000 children with a supply of Super Cereal Plus, a highly nutritious corn and soya blend for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). Distributions are ongoing throughout the country to reach all children suffering with MAM identified in the screening. Additionally, in June over 20,000 people received WFP food assistance as an incentive for the school clean-up initiative in Sierra Leone.

Collaborating with WHO field teams

WFP continues to support the implementation of the WFP – WHO Joint Collaboration. In Guinea, nine prefab-

ricated structures for office space and accommodation are operational. In Liberia, set-up of field offices and accommodation in designated sites is ongoing. In Sierra Leone, WFP and WHO are exploring the possibility of installing temporary field offices where new ebola cases continue to appear, namely Kambia and Port Loko. Additionally, ICT services and support are being provided to the new field offices across the three countries.

Assisting local farmers

WFP continues to work with communities to reinforce livelihood protection and recovery efforts alongside the continued health response: partnerships with local farmer organizations are used to procure food directly from smallholder farmers. During the reporting period, WFP collected 600 mt of rice and pigeon peas from farmers supported by its Purchase for Progress (P4P) programme in Sierra Leone, while 426 mt of rice were delivered in Guinea. Moreover, WFP is coordinating food deliveries with seed distributions by the Government in Sierra Leone in an effort to mitigate the possibility of a second poor planting season in ebola-affected areas. In Liberia, where a similar campaign is ongoing, WFP is providing logistics support to transport the seeds.

Protecting ebola-driven vulnerable groups

In Liberia, mobile cash transfers to survivors are well underway. WFP has almost completed the second round of mobile cash transfers to over 1,200 survivors and their households and the third round is ongoing. In Guinea and Sierra Leone, survivors have been identified and cash transfers are expected to start this month. Survivors were previously assisted with WFP nutrition food packages. The transition to cash is to ensure further support during recovery for this vulnerable group. WFP continued to provide enhanced nutrition support to orphaned children in June, reaching almost 1,000 orphans across Guinea and Sierra Leone. For those staying with foster families, support is provided to all household members.

Common Services

WFP reinforced logistics premises and storage facilities across the three countries ahead of the rainy season, establishing concrete foundations and drainage systems. In view of the potential deterioration of road conditions during the rainy season, new UNHAS helicopter routes were established in Guinea, while in Liberia WFP organized dedicated workshops at four locations for minor repairs to vehicles, which may suffer from additional wear-and-tear. In Sierra Leone, the WFP-led logistics coordination mechanism shared a rainy season toolkit

list to guide partners on preparedness measures to ensure continuation of activities in the coming months.

Transfer of technical capacities

Within the framework of the Special Operation, WFP is committed to working with partners to collectively build a stronger response system for the future. Following the formal request from the Liberian government, WFP has developed the implementation plan for the transition strategy, through which knowledge, responsibilities and assets will be transferred from the WFP Common Services to Liberian institutions. In addition, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster is organizing capacity trainings on logistics good practices for national logisticians in Guinea, and is assessing the need for similar trainings in Sierra Leone.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

In June, UNHAS transported over 2,680 passengers between Dakar (Senegal) and Accra (Ghana) and the three affected countries. As of July, the UNHAS fleet in the region includes four planes and five helicopters, two of which are specially equipped for the medical evacuation of health and humanitarian personnel - to date, UNHAS has performed 52 such medevacs in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Additional helicopter flights to Kambia (Sierra Leone), were added to the weekly schedule to support Operation Northern Push.

UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD)

To date, UNHRD has dispatched a total of 2,212 mt of relief items and support equipment valued at USD 27.6 million to the region on behalf of partners.

Emergency Telecommunications (ET)

The ET Cluster is working towards reviewing its operations, especially in locations declared ebola-free where internet connectivity equipment will be retrieved; in areas where cases continue to be registered, services will continue to be provided. In line with this strategy, the ET Cluster has started working on a comprehensive transition plan to ensure a smooth hand over of the services to commercial solutions, avoiding any interruptions in the service.

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	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in US\$)	Total received (in US\$)	Shortfall (%)
Regional EMOP200761	25.08.2014 – 30.09.2015	3,130,560	\$ 208,133,000	\$ 145,383,542	30 %
Regional SO200773	15.10.2014 – 31.12.2015	--	\$ 272,145,000	\$ 184,328,868	32 %