



WFP Sierra Leone

Executive Brief

To be read in conjunction with the Country Brief*

Total Staff: 123 (18 international, 105 national)

Total Offices: 4 (1 Country Office, 3 Sub-offices)

Internal Updates

Sensitive political and/or security challenges:

The Government has not yet released concrete plans for the relocation of households currently residing in disaster-prone areas, makeshift shelters and the two Government-designated internally displaced camps. Given the upcoming elections in March 2018 and the challenges faced with the temporary housing set up for households displaced by the September 2015 floods, there is uncertainty on how effectively the Government can manage the relocation.

Operational issues/challenges: The Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs did not want partners to distribute food to beneficiaries until the Ministry released the final list of affected households, which delayed the response. WFP and UNFPA provided technical assistance to the Ministry and humanitarian partners using the Open Data Kit (ODK) platform to fast track the verification process.

The Office of National Security, the coordinating body for the emergency response, has requested WFP to provide logistics support to transport, store and manage incoming relief items. The World Bank has indicated it may provide financial support to WFP to build the capacity of the Government to coordinate and implement a comprehensive disaster response.

Humanitarian partners and donors have formed a cash transfer working group to design an integrated cash transfer package to support affected households to begin rebuilding their livelihoods. Through the IR-EMOP, WFP has planned to provide cash transfers to support the monthly food basket for two months.

Detailed resourcing information: IR-EMOP 201097 has a shortfall of USD 255,000. WFP has sufficient food commodities to cover three rounds of two-week food rations to 2,000 households but will need to submit a budget revision to reflect the increased requirement for cash-based transfers, which are expected to begin in October 2017.

Key Messages

- WFP established a Main Logistics Base in Port Loko during the Ebola response, which has proven invaluable to the Government and humanitarian partners to better prepare for and respond to Ebola flare-ups and the most recent mudslide and flood disaster. However, funding for the operation of the MLB will end in December 2017 and the country office is trying to advocate to donors the necessity of keeping the base operational.

The results of a geological assessment around the site of the mudslide concluded there was minimal risk of a second mudslide occurring and affecting households residing in the area.

August is the peak of the rainy season in Sierra Leone, so additional flash floods in Freetown and districts in the Southern Province (Bonthe, Kenema and Pujehun) remain at risk which can lead to damaged infrastructure (houses, schools, churches, etc.) and loss of life. WFP continues to monitor the situation throughout the country.

Actual Distribution Figures

EMOP 201097	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Activity 1 - Beneficiaries Mudslide, Flash floods				
Planned	10,575	10,575	10,575	10,575
Prioritized	10,575	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reached	2,526	N/A	N/A	N/A
% of prioritized	24	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 1 - FOOD/CASH (mt/USD)				
Planned mt/USD	201	201	201	201
Prioritized mt/USD	201	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reached mt/USD	76	N/A	N/A	N/A
% of prioritized mt/USD	38	N/A	N/A	N/A

PRRO 200938	June	July	Aug	Sept
Activity 1 - Beneficiaries FFA, PLHIV, TB, Lean Season support				
Planned	63,699	63,699	54,366	63,699
Prioritized	*910	3,120	54,366	N/A
Reached	1.43	4.89	34,807	N/A
% of prioritized	1.43	4.89	64	N/A
Activity 1 - FOOD (mt)				
Planned	2,188	2,188	1,197.21	2,188
Prioritized	*41.3	69.8	669.73	N/A
Reached	1.88	3.19	55.94	N/A
% of prioritized	1.88	3.19	55.94	N/A