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 2.5 million people reached since the end of August 2014 with 35,200 mt of food;
- 4,766 responders transported by UNHAS, with two planes and one helicopter in operation; and
- 28,900 m³ of cargo transported since September 2014.

WFP Response
WFP has reviewed the modalities, response packages, and planning figures of its Emergency Operation to follow the rapidly evolving outbreak. The primary focus remains supporting the evolving medical response to care for the infected (food rations and nutrition support to patients and survivors) and contain the spread of the virus (food distribution to isolated households and in areas of intense and widespread transmission). In addition, recognizing that the impact of the virus goes beyond the immediate containment or treatment period, WFP’s revised Emergency Operation introduces a transition pillar to provide an initial kick-start of economic and livelihood activities as ebola-affected areas are declared free of the virus.

In areas of intense transmission, assistance is provided at the request of health authorities and partners for an initial one month period.

Guinea
Last week, WFP reached more than 24,000 people, including 71 patients in Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs), over 350 contact cases and more than 23,700 people in areas of widespread and intense transmission. Since the beginning of the EMOP, WFP has reached more than 550,000 persons in Guinea, including more than 1,000 patients and almost 2,500 contact cases. WFP and its partners will start delivering food to contact cases and areas of widespread and intense transmission in Dubreka and Kindia, new ebola hotspots that need urgent assistance. In Dubreka, some 40,000 people will receive food rations, while in Kindia, 3,000 persons in areas of intense and widespread transmission, including hundreds of contact cases, will be reached. In Coyah, where ebola flare-ups continue to occur, WFP will dispatch food to some 35,000 people in areas of intense and widespread transmission and around 1,000 contact cases.

In December, WFP began working with its partners and local caterers at ETUs across the country to provide cooked meals with fresh foods through a voucher system. WFP is reinforcing this system, moving from paper to electronic vouchers which are so far implemented in two out of five ETUs in the country.

On 02 January, the US Department of Defence provided one free-of-charge flight to transport two forklifts from Dakar to Conakry; these assets will be used to reinforce the capacity of the two Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) in Nzérékoré and Kissidougou.

Liberia
Last week, WFP delivered food to almost 66,000 people in seven counties, including more than 220 survivors, over 1,500 contact cases and over 65,000 people in areas of intense and widespread transmission. Since Au-
gust, WFP has provided support to care for over 500 patients and survivors, and to support almost 20,000 isolated households and to more than 690,000 persons in areas of intense and widespread transmission.

WFP completed the food airlifts with an UNMEER aircraft to the villages of Gelensiasu and Palsquelleh, remote settlements in Gbarpolu County with limited road access, reaching overall more than 2,600 people who live in those areas.

Last week, WFP purchased 105 mt of locally produced rice from the Ministry of Agriculture; to date, WFP has purchased 195 mt of locally produced rice in the country. On 29 December, two ambulances were airlifted with the German C-160 on behalf of USAID from Monrovia to Freetown.

Sierra Leone

Last week, WFP assisted over 56,000 people across the country, including over 100 patients, more than 600 survivors and their households, almost 4,800 contact cases and more than 50,000 persons in areas of widespread transmission. In Kono district, where 29 ebola hotspots were identified, WFP began the delivery of food commodities to more than 13,000 quarantined communities. The distributions in Waterloo, Western Area, were put on hold on Friday for several days to allow for a reconciliation of ration cards and waybills. Since the beginning of the Emergency Operation, more than 1.26 million persons have been assisted in Sierra Leone, including over 15,000 persons in need of care and almost 1.25 million persons in quarantine or in areas of intense transmission.

Last week, WFP received a request from UNICEF to support four new Community Care Centres (CCCs) in Kambia, Bombali, Tonkolili and Kono with food distributions; WFP is currently assessing the facilities to organize food dispatches. In addition, WFP hosted the second handover ceremony with the Chinese Embassy, following the one that took place in Guinea two weeks ago, upon the arrival of over 1,600 mt of assorted commodities purchased with a financial contribution from the People’s Republic of China.

An Ebola Awareness Training (EAT) was provided last week to staff at the Port Loko FLB, as well as to new security staff and locally employed labourers.

Common Services

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

Last week, UNHAS transported 177 passengers and 3.9 mt of cargo, while UNMEER air assets transported 335 passengers and 1.2 mt of light cargo. In addition, UNHAS has added a LET 410 fixed-wing aircraft to its fleet in Liberia, serving Zwedru, Harper, Greenville, Voinjama and Foya; the jet is operational as of 01 January.

UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD)

Last week, UNHRD dispatched 44 mt of equipment and supplies valued at US$ 280,000 to the three affected countries on behalf of UNMEER and WFP, including 12 mt of nutritious food.

Logistics Cluster

Last week, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 526 m³ of medical and humanitarian cargo and the storage of 794 m³ across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The first of the four additional free flights from the Cologne staging area landed on 04 January in Monrovia, transporting 69 mt of cargo on behalf of 12 organizations.

In Sierra Leone, WHO requested the Logistics Cluster’s support for the transportation and storage of 36 containers of consumable medical supplies. The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the movement of six of these containers from the Port to Central Medical Stores warehouse in Freetown and additional warehouse capacities are being explored.

Emergency Telecommunications (ET)

The 500 mobile phones for patients in ETUs that arrived in Accra were re-packed and dispatched to the three affected countries. Specifically, 210 phones were sent to Guinea, 210 to Sierra Leone and the remaining 80 will be sent to Liberia on 6 January.

In Guinea, a radio base is being installed at the FLB in Kissidougou to allow communications among the staff. In Liberia, 35 new handheld radios have been programmed and are ready to be shipped to all the five FLBs in country.

In Sierra Leone, seven inter-agency locations and two ETUs now have internet connectivity, serving 395 humanitarian and health workers. In addition, satellite and internet equipment were provided to World Vision to set up connectivity at five different locations across the country.

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* At the onset of the crisis, WFP advanced significant internal funds to allow for the rapid response and scale-up required: US$2.8 million under the EMOP and US$4.8 million under the SO are yet to be repaid as of 29 December 2014.

**In addition, WFP also received US$7 million to implement UNHAS, Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications augmentation activities from August to October 2014. As of 15 October 2014, 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 2007/73.