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In Numbers

WFP is providing food to Ebola affected populations in cooperation with governments, WHO and other partners. Under the new **Regional Emergency Operation (EMOP)**, which started on 25 August 2014, as many as **1.3 million people** in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will be provided with food assistance for an initial period of three months.

 Urgent Needs (in USD)	
Regional EMOP	\$70 million (thru Nov. 2014)
UNHAS Special Operation	\$7.3 million (thru Oct. 2014)
Logistics Special Operation	\$7.5 million (thru Feb. 2015)

WFP Response

The Senior UN System Coordinator for Ebola, Dr David Nabarro, tasked with ensuring that the UN system makes an effective, coordinated contribution to control the outbreak, visited Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone in August. WFP accompanied his mission.

The health crisis caused by the Ebola outbreak requires WFP and its partners to respond with immediate food assistance and common services, including the Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) and logistics.



World Food Programme

Ebola Response in West Africa

Spotlight: Scaling-up the Response

Since mid-August, the **UNHAS** response to the Ebola outbreak has transported over 100 passengers from 11 organizations such as WFP, WHO, MSF, IFRC and UNICEF into and out of the affected areas in the three countries.

A **Logistics Special Operation** has been launched to augment WFP's logistics capacities and provide ICT coordination, information management and common services to support the wider humanitarian community's Ebola response activities.

The UN Humanitarian Response Depot (**UNHRD**) continues to support WHO's and WFP's response. UNHRD depots in Dubai (UAE) and Accra (Ghana) have dispatched over USD 340,000 worth of protective gear and inter-agency kits to Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea.

Currently, WFP faces a near complete shortfall in **funding** for its Ebola operations.

WFP has deployed 40 additional staff across the three countries and to the Regional Bureau in Senegal. WFP is addressing additional staffing demands in the context of a rapidly evolving situation.

In line with the WHO Ebola Response Roadmap, WFP provides food to those in critical need, namely (1) Confirmed/suspected cases in hospitals; (2) Confirmed or suspected contact cases in quarantine/observation; and (3) Communities in "hot zones" where availability and access to food has deteriorated.

Guinea

WFP distributed 1,276 mt of food to 39,584 people affected by the outbreak between the months of April and August 2014. WFP reached beneficiaries in the prefectures of Bofa, Fria, Télémélé, N'Zérékoré, Macenta and Guékédou through General Food Distributions in partnership with the Guinea Red Cross.

Preparations are ongoing for the scale-up of distributions to 464,000 beneficiaries over a period of three months under the Regional EMOP.

Liberia

WFP has distributed food to quarantine, holding and isolation centres in nine counties (Bomi, Bong, Cape Mount, Grand Bassa, Lofa, Margibi, Montserrado, Nimba and Rivercess). Two large quarantined communities, West Point (Montserrado) and Dolo Town (Margibi) are currently receiving food for about 50,000 and 18,000 people, respectively.

Due to the outbreak, WFP has suspended a number of programmes, including: School Feeding, P4P, Community Grain Reserve (CGR) and Nutrition.

WFP plans to assist up to 449,000 people in Liberia under the Regional EMOP.

Sierra Leone

WFP is reaching Ebola patients in treatment centres and affected households in the epicentres of Kenema and Kailahun districts, as well as quarantined houses in 12 out of 13 districts in Sierra Leone.

WFP's Food Assistance for Assets activities in Kailahun and Kenema districts have been suspended. Food purchases from smallholder farmers under the P4P project in those districts have also been put on hold. Schools remain indefinitely closed throughout the country.

Up to 400,000 people in Sierra Leone are targeted under the Regional EMOP.

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