1. Highlights

- As of 22 June 2020, Sierra Leone has recorded a total of 1,340 positive cases of COVID-19. Some 788 individuals have recovered with 55 deaths. The total number of persons currently quarantined is 1,432.
- WFP in support of containment measures by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation delivered assorted food commodities to six COVID-19 Treatment centres in Freetown, Port Loko and Moyama districts.
- From 15 to 21 June, WFP provided food assistance to 545 individuals in quarantine homes and self-isolation in Moyamba, Kenema and Kono districts.
- WFP distributed Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) to 500 beneficiaries across 5 communities in Falaba district. The nutrition-sensitive agriculture initiative is targeting vulnerable border chiefdoms.
- Also, a 2-day training session was conducted for 6 Youth Contractors on improved agronomic practices for vegetable cultivation (Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture) in Kambia and Falaba.
- WFP is preparing its unconditional food assistance to 45,000 beneficiaries in vulnerable border chiefdoms.

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<td>Individuals under COVID-19 quarantine or receiving treatment receive food assistance</td>
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At risk groups affected by COVID-19 outbreak receive safety net support

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<td>Smallholder farmers receive productive asset support</td>
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2. Situation Update, including security

- Whilst the overall security situation in Sierra Leone remains calm, the inter-district lockdown continues to affect our commercial transport partners who find it difficult to go through security checkpoints in order to deliver food to quarantine homes.

3. Programme Update

3.1 Assessments

- Data collection for the Emergency Food Security Monitoring System (E-FSMS) assessment nationwide by WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), Statistics Sierra Leone, FAO and IFAD has concluded. Result is expected in the coming weeks as uploading and analysis of data are completed. The data collected will be useful to the key food security stakeholders to guide their interventions in addressing food insecurity and the impact of COVID-19 on the population.

3.2 Programme Implementation

- To support the containment of COVID-19, WFP is working in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Sanitation to provide food and nutritional assistance to individuals at quarantine homes or receiving treatment for COVID-19.
- WFP provided a total of 4 mt in-kind food assistance comprised of a daily ration of 400g cereals (rice); 60g pulses and 25g vegetable oil per person.
- WFP supported farmers preparing for planting of rice in Inland Valley Swamps developed with FFA support. Community-level trainings of farmers in the Technical Package for Rice Production are ongoing implemented by MAF district-level extension workers.

4. Resourcing and Pipeline

- WFP is facing a funding shortfall of US$3,700,000 to provide food and nutrition assistance to vulnerable populations directly and indirectly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Without such funds, WFP’s capacity to respond will be limited.
- WFP requires US$3,600,000 to provide life-saving logistics and ICT common-services to support the national COVID-19 response. Without such support, response by partners will be slowed down.

5. Procurement and Logistics

- Sierra Leone is being negatively impacted by disruptions to global food and non-food supply chains as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Passenger flights to Freetown operated by WFP Global Passenger Air Service is scheduled twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- In response to the request by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, WFP is facilitating the arrival of 17 Cuban health workers to Sierra Leone.

6. Communication, Donor Relations, Operational Information Management (OIM) and Reporting

6.1 Communication

Nothing significant to report.

6.2 Donor Relations

- USAID informed WFP of its willingness to provide USD 2 million to WFP for relief food assistance to severely food insecure people. During this period, 45 percent of the population, or 2.5 million people, do not access sufficient food.
- Irish Aid announced that it is ready to provide 750,000 EUROs to WFP (which will be available June 2020) for nutrition interventions as well as 400,000 set aside for the Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis which will provide comprehensive analysis on food and nutrition security situation in the country.
- Global Fund has announced availability of 750 million Leones to WFP to be used as Cash transfer to People Living with HIV and TB clients to meet their own food needs.
- WFP is communicating critical funding shortfalls to donors for the provision of food and nutrition assistance in collaboration with the Directorate of Food and Nutrition through the Food Assistance and Nutrition pillar.
- WFP is preparing the support for the distribution of Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food for the management of Moderate acute malnutrition.

7. Support Services

7.1 IT and Telecommunications
- WFP ICT continued to provide technical support to the government offices through the deployment and configuration of zoom teleconferencing equipment.

7.2 Administration
- WFP is routinely providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to its frontline staff to protect them from COVID-19.
- WFP has provided handwashing items to staff across the country.
- Mobile data is also being provided to staff to enable them to work from home.
- WFP light vehicle drivers have been supporting the supply chain team in the food distribution to quarantine facilities.

7.3 Staffing, Personal Health and Wellbeing
- All WFP Sierra Leone staff are working from home.
- WFP Staff Counselor is regularly supporting staff through online sessions.

8. Sector coordination

8a. Food Assistance and Nutrition pillar
- Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS), WFP is providing food and nutrition assistance to individuals under quarantine and receiving treatment for COVID-19 nationwide daily. WFP provides dry rations (rice, pulses and oil) complemented by other commodities provided by MOHS.
- WFP in collaboration with the Directorate of Food and Nutrition completed a nationwide training of 63 district nutritionists and 16 M&E Officers on the management of Moderate acute malnutrition in children 6-59 months and Pregnant and Lactating women.
- Distribution of Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food has been delayed due to challenges in clearing the product at the Freetown terminal.

8b. Logistics Cluster
- An MOU has been renewed between WFP and UNFPA for light construction projects at various locations within the Western Area including King Harman Hospital, Regent Community Health Centre and Waterloo Adolescent Clinic.

8c. Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)
- No ETC operations cluster has been activated.
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