Following the devastating impact of the Ebola crisis in West Africa, it became obvious that Customs Administrations play a pivotal role in minimizing the effects of regional epidemic diseases and natural disasters. In the supply chain of consignment of relief goods, Customs has to ensure the priority clearance of relief goods without compromising the security of their country and the health of their staff.

Since May 2016, the WCO provides support to the Customs Administrations in West Africa that were mainly affected by the Ebola epidemic, crisis namely Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Senegal and Nigeria, to be better prepared to support the fight against the effect of regional epidemic diseases and natural disasters. In order to do so, the project is divided into two components.

Component 1
Provision of basic equipment for self-protection to selected member administrations (Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia) to prevent transmission of epidemic diseases.

Component 2
Capacity Building support to Customs Administrations to optimize the release of relief goods in the case of regional epidemics and natural disasters based on international best practices.

Eligible Beneficiary & Partners
- Guinea
- Mali
- Senegal
- Liberia
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone

Project Delivery
- Results-oriented and tailor made approach
- Regional experience sharing
- National and regional support
- Support based on best practices as identified by leading agencies such as UNOCHA, WFP
- Close cooperation with relevant international organizations

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