



Nigeria

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UNHAS Nigeria at a glance

- Since the beginning of operations in August 2015, UNHAS Nigeria has provided access to 91 organizations, comprising of NGOs, UN agencies, and members of the donor and diplomatic community.
- Between January and September 2017, 4 Maiduguri based helicopters successfully transported 20,306 passengers and 70,529 kg of urgently required cargo to 11 locations throughout Borno State on behalf of 68 humanitarian organisations.
- During the same period, UNHAS fixed-wing aircraft transported 14,122 passengers and 42,811 kg of cargo between Abuja, Maiduguri and Yola.

The UNHAS helicopter operation has further increased the potential for organizations to reach satellite camps and areas that are inaccessible by other means and do not have fixed-wing compatible airfields such as Damboa, Bama, Banki, Gwoza, Pulka, Baga, Dikwa, Ngala, Rann, Monguno and Damasak.

As many humanitarian organizations have restrictions on over-night stays in field locations, UNHAS is crucial to facilitate same-day rapid assessment and monitoring missions. The rotary-wing service has allowed partners to continue delivery and monitoring activities, conduct rapid assessment missions, support outbreak response and vaccination activities and assist with the distribution of vital food and medical aid.

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Enabling Humanitarian Access

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) first established UNHAS (United Nations Humanitarian Air Service) in Nigeria in August 2015. Due to the unpredictable security situation and limited road infrastructure, relief workers operating throughout the north-east Nigeria continue to rely on UNHAS to provide access to beneficiaries and project implementation sites. Following an insurgent attack on a UN and NGO vehicle convoy in Northeast Nigeria in July 2016, road movement was further restricted and UNHAS helicopters remained the only method of access to the majority of locations within the region.

As of September 2017, the UNHAS fleet consists of one Dornier 328 turboprop aircraft based in Abuja with a 30 seat capacity and four Maiduguri based Bell 212/214 helicopters with a capacity of up to 10 passenger seats.





"Thank you so much for all the on-going and consistent support to IRC for all our movements and needs. We couldn't do any of our work well if you were not here to support us and help keep us moving in safety and security. Looking forward to an ever-strong collaboration!" – Sarah Ndikumana, Country Director, International Rescue Committee Nigeria

As the expansion of humanitarian activities in the Northeast by UN agencies, NGOs and the Government of Nigeria continues, the rapid increase of human resources on the ground require continuous air support from UNHAS to facilitate the transportation of passengers and light cargo to difficult-to-reach areas.

The operation also provides capacity for essential medical and security evacuations of humanitarian staff when required and also conducts special flights upon request.

UNHAS Nigeria remains a fully donor-funded service. The transportation of staff and cargo for the humanitarian community responding to the crisis is currently offered free of charge, thanks to contributions from donors.

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