

# AVIATION SERVICE

## Turning to the skies to deliver assistance

When emergencies are sudden, roads unusable or ground conditions dangerous, WFP relies on air transport to deliver aid to otherwise inaccessible locations. WFP's Aviation Service makes this possible in the form of airfreight, airlifts and even airdrops.

### AIRDROPS IN SOUTH SUDAN

(Jan-Jun 2019)



**296**

drops



**8,052<sub>MT</sub>**

of cargo



**23**

drop zones



WFP/Tomson Phiri

Recent emergency interventions include the response to Cyclone Idai in Mozambique where 1,600 mt of relief items, including Ready-to-Use-Food, Health, WASH and Shelter items, were transported between March and July 2019.

As part of that response, WFP Aviation used a new, more fuel-efficient aircraft, capable of landing on extremely short runways, to open an airbridge between Maputo, Beira and Chimoio. This airbridge provided vital food aid to those affected by the cyclone.

## UNITED NATIONS HUMANITARIAN AIR SERVICE (UNHAS)

WFP Aviation does not just transport cargo, it also provides air transportation for humanitarian workers through the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service.

Founded in 2003, following the mandate of the United Nations High Level Committee on Management, UNHAS offers safe, reliable, cost-efficient and effective passenger and light cargo transport for the wider humanitarian community.

UNHAS responds to the need for access to the world's most remote and challenging locations, often under precarious security conditions, where no safe surface transport or viable commercial aviation options are available. In Yemen, for instance, UNHAS is the only air service available due to restrictions in Sana'a airspace.

The UNHAS fleet includes fully equipped helicopters to transport patients, vaccines and biological samples. In the first half of 2019, 18,330 passengers and 240 mt of cargo were transported in Ebola-affected areas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

(Jan-Jun 2019)



**16**

countries



**320**

destinations



**60**

aircraft



**191,069**

passengers



**2,096<sup>MT</sup>**

of cargo



**594**

evacuations

