Background

UNHAS air transport operations are crucial in enabling the humanitarian community to reach remote and otherwise inaccessible locations in northeast Nigeria. At the beginning of 2017, the Logistics Sector and UNHAS identified the need to coordinate and consolidate air cargo more effectively. Since February 2017, Premiere Urgence Internationale (PUI) has provided this vital service on behalf of the Logistics Sector. PUI collects air cargo from any agency location in Maiduguri and transports it to the Inter-Agency Logistics Base for consolidation prior to delivery to Maiduguri airport for air transport. The project was initially launched for three months and has now been extended for a further eight months, until the end of 2017. It is now mandatory for all organisations using the UNHAS helicopter service to consolidate their cargo with PUI.

Objective

To facilitate the humanitarian response in northeast Nigeria by saving time when loading cargo at the airport and providing a secure storage facility in case the volume of cargo is higher than the capacity of available flights.

Outcome

Despite the growing number of organisations using UNHAS helicopter services, operational efficiency has increased, with cargo handling and loading time being significantly reduced. User organisations have also benefitted in time saved, as they no longer need to arrange transportation of their cargo to the airport. To use the service, please follow these steps.

Locations served in north-eastern Nigeria

- Damasak
- Baga
- Monguno
- Ngala
- Rann
- Maiduguri
- Dikwa
- Bama
- Pulka
- Gwoza
- Banki
- Damaturu

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