Improving Humanitarian Access

Managed by the World Food Programme, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) seeks to provide the entire humanitarian community with access to hard-to-reach locations and to deliver urgent humanitarian supplies, thus facilitating the implementation and monitoring of life-saving projects. Since its establishment at the end of April 2015, UNHAS has transported more than 1,280 passengers and over 665 mt of cargo to 95 locations. With the increasing need for air capacity to reach remote and mountainous areas which cannot be accessed by road, the UNHAS operation is scaling up its fleet in the country to respond to the growing number of requests from the humanitarian community.

UNHAS Nepal at a Glance

- With a fleet of three Mi-8 and two AS350 helicopters, UNHAS provides services to 67 user organizations comprising NGOs, UN agencies, donors, the diplomatic community and humanitarian implementing partners.
- Air services provided include:
  - Passenger Service
  - Dedicated Flights for assessments or monitoring and evaluation missions requiring time on ground at destination
  - Medical Evacuations
  - Cargo Service
- Budget requirements after BR1 (budget under revision due to increased needs): US$ 13.1 million
- Shortfall as of 15 June 2015 taking BR1 into account: US$ 4.3 million

UNHAS Nepal is a fully donor-funded service and free of charge to transport staff and cargo of the humanitarian community responding to the Nepal earthquakes.

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