UNHAS: Saving Lives & Changing Lives
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Presentation Outline

- WFP & Aviation Services
- Activation Protocol for the Humanitarian Air Service
- Meeting Humanitarian & Development Needs
- Operational Challenges
The World Food Programme is the world’s largest humanitarian organization best known for its life-saving work in emergencies.

When disaster strikes, WFP gets vital food assistance to people in need.

We also provide food and support that bridges the gap between relief and recovery.
750 humanitarian organizations
15 countries
300,000 pax annually

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Activation of UNHAS & Ops Context

1. Humanitarian Coordinator acting on behalf of the humanitarian community in a country/region

2. Request from Government to provide aviation expertise or air assets

- Poor or underdeveloped transport infrastructure
- Insecurity
- Vast distances
- Non existent commercial alternatives

Demand-driven service

Supply/Capacity

125 aircraft
Ad-Hoc

295 aircraft
Capacity of registered AOC holders

Meeting Humanitarian & Development Needs
-A Critical Nexus

1. 15 Aviation Field Operations
2. Average Passengers Transported Annually: 300,000
3. Number of User Organizations: 750

Impact Areas

Agencies are involved in:
- Food based interventions/Assistance programmes
- Nutrition
- Gender
- Health
- Climate change
- Internally Displaced Populations
- Education
- Water & Sanitation
- Emergency telecoms & Logistics
- Capacity Development etc.

Across these sectors more than 60 million beneficiaries have been assisted by our user organizations.
UNHAS interventions in critical emergencies

Challenges

- Availability of suitable aircraft in the market
- Infrastructure: Rehabilitation of airstrips
- Unfenced airstrips
- Lack of fuel supply
- Enhance partnership with the CAA and Aviation Partners.
- Administrative challenges for flight clearances
- Funding
- Operating environment: volatile security, poor safety in airfields.
- Timely response: deployment, medevac & security evacuation
Challenges

- 1,200km
- 3 hr response time
- 2 aircraft required
- Regular schedule disrupted
- 3 lives involved

Challenges

- Rainy season
- Wet & muddy airstrips
- Demand is high
- High cost for runway maintenance/rehabilitation
- Out of 22 locations served only 3 controlled by government
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