



**UNHAS**  
Humanitarian Air Service

## Snapshot — March 2015

WFP Aviation ensures that humanitarian personnel and goods reach affected populations in a timely manner. Managed by WFP, UNHAS provides efficient and reliable air services to the humanitarian community. With a well-established structure and substantial passenger turnover, UNHAS has become the primary means of air transport for aid workers. The air operations are necessary because access is limited as a result of insecurity, poor road infrastructure, long distances and lack of safe and reliable commercial air operators.

In 2015, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) provides access to some of the world's most remote and insecure locations to facilitate the implementation and monitoring of humanitarian interventions in numerous life-saving thematic areas including food security, water and sanitation, protection, health and early recovery among many others.

Currently, UNHAS is operating in Afghanistan, Central African Republic (C.A.R.), Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Somalia/Kenya, South Sudan, Sudan and Yemen. In addition, UNHAS is providing air services in support of the Humanitarian Community's Response to the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in West Africa.

The overall budget to implement regular UNHAS *Special Operations* in 2015 is more than US\$ **230 million**. In line with donor recommendations, cost-recovery schemes are pursued in the UNHAS operations with an expected income of 20% of the total budget requirements.

WFP Aviation is reaching out to the donor community to obtain financial support to sustain the UNHAS operations through 2015. The following pages give an overview of the regular UNHAS operations in West Africa and highlight critical financial shortfalls as of March 2015.

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In the Central African Republic (C.A.R.) more than 2.7 million people need urgent humanitarian assistance, including shelter, food, water, health care and education. The ability of the humanitarian community to respond effectively to the challenging humanitarian situation depends on uninterrupted access to beneficiaries. With limited infrastructure and a volatile security situation, road transport is impracticable, time consuming and dangerous. UNHAS plays a crucial role in the overall humanitarian effort by providing access to fragile populations. The service also remains a vital means for medical evacuations and security relocations of humanitarian staff.



2015 Approved budget	US\$ 15.5 million
Additional needs in 2015 (as of 5 March 2015)	US\$ 10.2 million
Operation sustainable until (based on current monthly expenditure)	20.05.2015

As a consequence of the on-going humanitarian crisis, humanitarian activities scaled up in 2014 and the number of organizations using UNHAS almost doubled from 57 registered user organizations at the end of 2013 to 105 at the end of 2014. Against this backdrop a surge in passenger numbers is expected in 2015. With a fleet of two LET 410 and one Dash 8 aircraft UNHAS serves 27 destinations within C.A.R. Additionally, UNHAS provides a scheduled link to Cameroon.

In 2014, UNHAS C.A.R. transported approximately 1,030 passengers\* and 26 mt of cargo on a monthly basis.

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\* Taking transits into account, 1,700 passengers were transported on a monthly basis in 2014.