





## Key Performance Figures for 2017

-  **4 aircrafts**
-  **19 338 passengers**
-  **76.2 mt of cargo**
-  **80 evacuations**

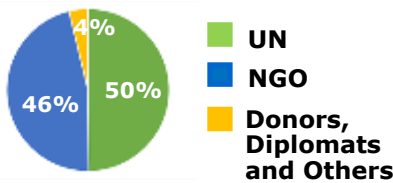


**UNHAS**  
Humanitarian Air Service

# UNHAS Chad

## UNHAS USERS

**99 Organisations are registered with UNHAS**



Very low development fuels the humanitarian crisis of the Lake region and the international community is entering the critical transition period when continued relief efforts as well as investments in development are needed to maintain peace and stability. Throughout the crisis, UNHAS has facilitated access to the region with flights to Bol three days a week and the humanitarian community has expressed the need for a new connection to be established to Baga Sola to allow more direct access to the implementation sites. To be able to provide this service, it is necessary that UNHAS carries out the rehabilitation of the airstrip at Baga Sola—this project is estimated at USD 290,000.

## Background

Located in an unstable geopolitical neighbourhood Chad is vulnerable to impacts from crises in neighbouring countries. Instability in Sudan and Nigeria and turmoil in the Central African Republic (C.A.R.) have affected the country's stability with around 500,000 refugees living in Eastern and Southern Chad as well as in the Lake region. The continued presence of refugees, returnees, and internally displaced persons presents important challenges to humanitarian actors.

In addition, the Humanitarian Response Plan for 2017 identified that food insecurity, malnutrition, and poor water access and health services put the lives of more than 3.4 million Chadians at risk.

## Need for UNHAS

Options for road transportation in Chad are limited due to a combination of factors: poor infrastructure, vast distances, insecurity; and flooded roads during the four to five months of the rainy season.

WFP manages the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS). UNHAS provides safe, efficient and effective air transport service to some 99 organizations from NGOs, UN Agencies, Diplomatic Corps, and the Donor community. Users in Chad carry out and monitor humanitarian activities but also development projects in remote areas of Chad. UNHAS is the only reliable air service in the country.

19 destinations are served within Chad and a connection to Cameroon is also provided (Yaounde via Maroua).

Operating with a fleet of 4 aircraft, two 37-seat Emb135 jet/Dash8 and two 12-seat Cessna Caravan aircrafts strategically positioned in N'djamena, Yaounde, Abeche and Gozbeida, UNHAS provides prompt access to populations in need in the country and also provides inter-regional flights between Chad and Cameroon in response to the emergency crises in Cameroon. One of the four aircrafts responds exclusively to emergency in the Lake Chad region.

Currently, nine flights a week (3 rotations, 3 days a week) are operated between Bol and N'Djamena. In 2017, UNHAS recorded an average occupancy rate of 90%.

Airstrip rehabilitation is an area that needs special attention. UNHAS supports civil aviation authorities in runway management and maintenance. In 2017, the rehabilitation process done at Iriba now allows the landing and take-off of a larger aircraft (37 seats).

The UNHAS User Group Committee and the Steering Committee Board recognized the role played by the service in Chad and the need for its continuation in 2018. The demand for the continuation of UNHAS has also been confirmed through various needs assessments including bilateral consultations with user organizations.


The project relies heavily on donor contributions whose support has brought tangible results in the humanitarian context and facilitated progress towards sustainable development in the country.



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