NUMEROUS HUMANITARIAN AID MISSIONS IN 2018 ACCOMPLISHED WITH EXPERTISE AND ASSISTANCE OF AIR PARTNER

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Air Partner's Freight team have been extremely busy in 2018, delivering relief goods and humanitarian aid to those in need across the globe. Missions included flights between Europe and Libya, Yemen, Central Africa, as well as between various African countries and from the US to the Mariana Islands in the Pacific.?

A large bulk of this activity took place during this year's typhoon season and in response to Typhoons Mangkhut and Yutu, for which Air Partner coordinated the transport and delivery of more than 2000 tons of relief cargo from the US to Guam and Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands.

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In September, Air Partner was contacted by Radiant Global Logistics to assist with the safe and speedy delivery of supplies to Guam in preparation for Super Typhoon Mangkhut. Air Partner carried out a number of flights on AN-225 and AN-124 aircraft to help move urgent relief supplies, including water and meals ready-to-eat (MRE).

Wiley Knight, director of Humanitarian Aid for Radiant Global Logistics, commented: *"Through the support and quality of service that Air Partner provides, we were able to successfully complete these projects within 24 hrs after the storm passed. Our partnership and the absolutely essential understanding of rapid response is exactly what we needed to fulfil our missions."*

The following month, in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu, Air Partner was tasked with delivering a wide array of aid supplies and heavy-duty equipment to rebuild the island of Saipan. The team mobilized quickly and successfully completed more than 30 flights in less than 30 days using AN124 and B747F aircraft.

Flying cargo to this remote location was particularly challenging, and due to the size of the relief effort plus the volume of flying conducted, Air Partner stationed a member of its team on the island of Guam to personally co-ordinate the organisation, delivery and upload of all cargo from the appointed freight forwarder of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in a timely manner, without delay. This enabled Air Partner to deliver the most efficient cargo charter service to its client at this critical time.

Mike Hill, Director of Freight at Air Partner, said: *"In times of crisis, we are the trusted partner for a wide range of clients. During a year of such devastating natural disasters, my thanks goes to the Freight team for their tireless efforts to get much-needed aid to those desperately in need, as quickly as possible."*

Air Partner is a valued supplier to many national and international organisations and provides aviation solutions to corporates and governments worldwide, including six of the G7 group of governments, NGOs and aid agencies, as well as international and UK royalty. The Company has significant aid and crisis experience. Air Partner Freight transported over 2000 tonnes of medical supplies, humanitarian aid and hospital building supplies in response to the Ebola crisis, as well as 300 tonnes of aid to Nepal in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquake. In 2013, the Group transported 600 tonnes of humanitarian aid to the Philippines when Typhoon Haiyan devastated the region. During the Arab Spring of 2011, which coincided with several natural disasters, Air Partner worked around the clock to evacuate more than 12,000 people from across the Middle East in just six weeks, while also delivering aid to Japan and New Zealand.

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