

**More than 100 aircrafts took off from Liege Airport to help in the fight against Ebola**

Since October 2014, 111 wide-body aircraft carrying an average of 90 tonnes of humanitarian supplies, medical equipment and pharmaceuticals have flown from Liege's global cargo hub to help in the fight against Ebola (EVD) in West Africa.

Operators have included: Ethiopian Airlines, ANA Aviation, Global Africa Cargo, Air Cargo Global, Western Global Airlines, and many others. The operations are commissioned by leading humanitarian organizations & NGOs including MSF, the Red Cross, UNICEF, WHO and WFP, and the UN.

Most supplies left for Conakry, Freetown and Monrovia or transited through airports like Abuja, Bamako and Lagos.

This is clear confirmation of the advantages of Liege Airport's "FLEXPORT" as the ideal platform for such specific cargo operations, in providing:

- the required 24/7 airport service and stakeholder flexibility;
- the provision of fast/short-term solutions for its customers, and theirs;
- the appropriate and specialized services guaranteed by all players (ground handling companies, customs, airlines, freight forwarders and shippers),
- specialist care for hypersensitive goods like pharmaceuticals and oversize cargo like trucks, pick-ups and even helicopters...

Liege Airport is fully capable of playing a continuing key role in urgent logistical flights worldwide in response to humanitarian or meteorological disasters. This is demonstrated on an everyday basis by the handling and transportation of time-sensitive products, including perishables, express cargo and parcels, live animals, or pharmaceuticals, and of course humanitarian supplies.

Other team members, the healthcare workers who are treating Ebola patients should be called the "conquering heroes." As Samantha Power (US Ambassador to the UN) said on NBC, *"All of us need to make clear what these health workers mean to us and how much we value their service. When they come home they should be treated like "conquering heroes"."* It's good to know that Liege and its operators have played their role in building that air bridge.

*"It's not new for Liege Airport to play its own part in providing that air bridge"* says spokesman, Christian Delcourt. He cited operations in which *"Hundreds of tents had to be flown urgently to Turkey following a severe earthquake, the numerous flights after the tsunami in Thailand, and after the Haiyan typhoon devastated the Philippines, and too many others unfortunately."*

Thanks to its very reactive and flexible airline partners and handlers, Liege Airport can fully cooperate with all specialist brokers and with humanitarian & relief organizations on the logistics front, endeavoring to play its small part in providing emergency logistics worldwide to assist the "conquering heroes" and their more noble efforts, wherever they are.

**About Liege Airport**

Very strategically located, right in the heart of and directly connected to the major European markets, all services and stakeholders at Liege Airport are continuously available (24/7 - No curfew - No congestion - And no slot requirements) providing the fastest and most convenient infrastructure and services to the cargo community. Flexibility, high speed turnarounds, utmost cost reduction and close partnership with all our stakeholders are our main aspirations. Liege Airport is fully focussed on cargo operations and is specialized in express cargo, pharmaceuticals, live animals, perishables, and oversized cargo (with a total of 591.000 tonnes in 2014).

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