WHAT IS AIRLINK?

An Aviation Initiative – Connecting Airlines to Disaster Response

Airlink, an aviation nonprofit, is a global leader in linking airline capacity with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to deliver people and cargo essential to emergency response and recovery efforts. Airlink’s partner network consists of over 35 airlines, 60 NGOs, and many corporate and individual donors. Established in 2010, by the ISTAT Foundation, Airlink has now facilitated flights for over 3,700 relief workers and 2,500,000 lbs of aid cargo. Learn more at airlinkflight.org.

Airlink’s mission is to ensure timely emergency humanitarian relief to disaster sites around the globe by leveraging the worldwide reach of aviation and qualified NGOs to deliver people and cargo essential to emergency response and recovery efforts. In short, Airlink harnesses the power of the aviation industry to respond to humanitarian crises on every continent.

Major partners include benefactors such as Boeing, the Clinton Global Initiative, G. E. Capital Aviation Services, Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, and others. In its five-year history, Airlink has provided its unique expertise in response to 300 major crises including:

- Ebola in West Africa
- Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines
- Syrian refugee crisis
- Tsunami in Japan
- Tornadoes and hurricanes in the USA
- Earthquakes in Turkey and Nepal
When disaster strikes, everyone wants to help. Not everyone can or should. Disaster response is not a time for amateurs. It is a time to let professional relief organizations take action. Airlines and the aviation sector can help. Airlines have a unique capability - the ability to move relief workers and supplies quickly. This isn’t just about convenience, this is about saving and impacting lives. That’s what airlines and the aviation sector CAN and MUST do to help support the communities in which they operate.

Airlink’s unique position - standing in between the responders and aviation - facilitates a coordinated and more impactful response. Airlink acts as a central hub for airlines to connect with a network of prequalified humanitarian organizations, making the response more efficient and effective.

Airlink is focused on simplifying how airlines respond to humanitarian events on their network. Our goal is to facilitate the dialogue between your Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) teams and those responding to the disaster.

Airlink HELPS AIRLINES:
• Understand the situation.
• Identify the needs and requirements.
• Prioritize support for humanitarian relief.
• Coordinate to maximize airlift impact.

WANT TO HELP?
Connect us to your Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) team.

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