

# Lufthansa Cargo and the German Red Cross sign cooperation agreement

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Closer cooperation on the transport of aid as air cargo in the event of humanitarian disasters

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When disaster strikes, the assistance provided must be fast, flexible and effective. Lufthansa Cargo and the German Red Cross humanitarian aid organisation have now signed an agreement that will put their cooperation on global aid transports on an even more efficient footing for the future. Peter Gerber, CEO and Chairman of the Executive Board of Lufthansa Cargo, and Christian Reuter, Secretary General of the German Red Cross, signed the framework agreement today, Thursday, 1 December, at Frankfurt Airport. This cooperation will considerably simplify and accelerate the preparation of aid flights. This will facilitate the provision of effective support and supplies to those in need during crisis situations in which aid is required quickly.

“Thanks to the new cooperation, we will be able to transport German Red Cross aid supplies even faster to disaster zones. When every minute counts, strong partners who can work together optimally are needed. We are delighted when we can use our logistics expertise to help get direct assistance to people in need”, said Peter Gerber. “As Germany’s largest humanitarian aid organisation, we operate in more than 50 countries. We are really delighted to have Lufthansa Cargo on board, a partner we can rely on in a disaster”, added Christian Reuter, Secretary General of the German Red Cross.

Lufthansa Cargo has already helped aid organisations to transport relief supplies for disasters time and again in the past. Transports by air play an important role if not enough of the goods needed, such as medications or drinking water treatment systems, can be sourced in the country in question or if they are of insufficient quality. The disaster relief organisations also benefit from Lufthansa Cargo’s many years of experience in the area of charters. With Network-on-demand, Lufthansa’s cargo arm can transport aid shipments quickly, professionally and flexibly to all destinations within and outside of the Lufthansa network.