

Bahamas: Deutsche Post DHL Group sends Disaster Response Team to coordinate logistics support for relief effort

- DPDHL Group employee volunteers arrived on the Bahamas on September 5, 2019, to logistically dispatch relief supplies for the victims of Hurricane Dorian
- In partnership with the United Nations, DHL's Disaster Response Team provides support with its logistics expertise at Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau

Bonn – September 10, 2019: Following the destructive category five hurricane Dorian, DHL has sent volunteers from the Disaster Response Team (DRT) to the Bahamas to logistically handle relief supplies for the victims. The first relief supplies delivered by the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) in a wide-bodied charter aircraft were transported by DPDHL employees to a World Food Programme (WFP) warehouse for onward distribution to those in need in Freeport, Nassau and Abaco. In Total thus far more than 136 tons of relief goods have already been dispatched by the DRT team under the leadership of Gilberto Castro, Senior Director Operations Colombia & GoHelp Manager for the Americas region at DPDHL.

The six DPDHL DRT employees arrived from Colombia, Panama, Puerto Rico, and Florida and will be relieved by a second rotation of DPDHL employee volunteers mid this week. When deployed, the DRT helps prevent bottlenecks at the airport closest to disaster-affected areas, ensuring essential supplies, such as food, medicine and hygiene kits keep moving - even under the most difficult circumstances. "Following a natural disaster, it is imperative to respond quickly to ensure vital, life-saving relief supplies are available to people in need," said Gilberto Castro. "DHL's DRT teams utilize their logistics expertise to provide practical, effective support at airports to ensure fast, well-organized handling of incoming aid supplies," he added.

As the number of natural disasters increase, governments, disaster relief organizations and businesses are called upon to provide quick and efficient help to disaster victims. Deutsche Post DHL Group's public-private-partnership with the United Nations enables the company to serve as an integrated part of an internationally established humanitarian relief system and to make an effective contribution to aid disaster victims.

Deutsche Post DHL Group, the world's leading logistics provider, has partnered with the United Nations (UN) since 2005 to provide the UN and country-level disaster management organizations with pro bono assistance managing airport logistics and warehousing incoming relief aid during natural disaster recovery efforts.

Key Facts:

- **More photos are available upon request. For onsite interviews in Nassau, contact Hannah.Braselmann@dpdhl.com.**
- The Disaster Response Teams are part of DPDHL Group's GoHelp disaster management program, provided in partnership with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), since 2005.
- Through this partnership, DHL provides the UN and disaster management organizations with its core logistics expertise, and the logistics skills of nearly 600 specially-trained Disaster Response Teams (DRT) employee volunteers worldwide, ready to be deployed within 72 hours after a natural disaster.
- DHL DRTs have been deployed more than 40 times since 2005, most recently to assist in Mozambique in April 2019. In addition to the DRT deployments, DHL's Get Airports Ready for Disaster (GARD) initiative – also part of the GoHelp program – trains airport management in risk regions to be better prepared should disaster strike. **Learn more:** [DPDHL's Disaster Response](#)

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