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UAE

Humanitarian Aid and Efforts to Combat COVID-19

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570

**Tonnes of
medical and food aid**

50

Countries

570,000

**Medical
professionals
assisted**





United States

The UAE Government and Etihad Airways worked with the US Mission to the UAE to repatriate **25** American citizens who were unable to travel due to the coronavirus outbreak. Additionally, UAE Ambassador to the US Yousef Al Otaiba met with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and conveyed a message of support and solidarity from HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

The UAE Embassy in Washington was an initial donor to the Children's National Hospital, which launched DC's first drive-up/walk-up COVID-19 testing location for children and young patients. The UAE is providing charitable support to Chef José Andrés' World Central Kitchen, which is distributing **50,000** packaged fresh meals to communities in need. The UAE Embassy is also supporting Feed the Fight, an organization distributing meals to healthcare workers and first responders, and Good Food Markets, which is providing groceries to Washington, DC residents in need.



United Kingdom

The UAE turned ExCeL London, the capital's largest venue for exhibitions and conferences wholly owned by Abu Dhabi Government, into an emergency field hospital for the treatment of patients infected with COVID-19. Named the NHS Nightingale Hospital, the new facility will have a capacity of **4,000** beds and will be able to provide a comprehensive range of medical support facilities. The UAE is covering the costs associated with the operation of this center and is providing the center rent-free.

On April 5, the UAE facilitated the repatriation of **345** British tourists visiting the UAE. In response, British Ambassador to the UAE Patrick Moody said, "I also wanted to give a huge thank you to Emirates, to the Emirati authorities who have helped make this happen..."

On April 30, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai, directed **60 metric tons** of urgent medical aid and personal protective equipment to be shipped to the UK's National Health Service to help them combat the pandemic.



China

Following the initial COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan, the UAE provided medical supplies, including facemasks and gloves, to China. On January 26, HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, tweeted: "We're closely following the Chinese government's efforts to contain the spread of the coronavirus. We're confident in their ability to overcome this crisis. The UAE is ready to provide all support to China and cooperate with the international community to tackle this virus."

On March 4, as part of the UAE's Homeland of Humanity Initiative, the UAE evacuated **215** people of different nationalities from China's Hubei Province to the Emirates Humanitarian City in Abu Dhabi, where they received the necessary medical evaluation and care.



Iran

In collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), the UAE sent an aircraft carrying **7.5** metric tons of medical supplies, as well as five WHO experts, to Iran on March 3 to help **15,000** healthcare workers and **100,000** workers. In a March 15 call with Iran's Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan affirmed the UAE's support to the Iranian people as they manage this crisis.

In the second supply of medical equipment to Iran on March 17, the UAE sent over **33** metric tons of critical medical supplies, including gloves and surgical masks, as well as other protective equipment. Aid to Iran was delivered with the aim of helping **33,000** healthcare workers.



South Korea

On March 19, the UAE facilitated the evacuation of **80** individuals from Iran in response to a request by the South Korean Government. Among the evacuated individuals were **74** South Korean nationals residing there, in addition to **6** Iranian family members. The individuals were flown to the UAE and then traveled onward to Incheon International Airport in South Korea.



Croatia

The UAE donated **13** metric tons of medical equipment, including masks, to Croatia following a recent devastating earthquake on March 22 that has been described as the strongest to strike the country in **140** years.



Seychelles

The UAE donated **13** metric tons of medical supplies to the Seychelles Government to assist their fight against COVID-19. The humanitarian aid included coveralls, gowns, gloves, masks, and other medical items. The shipment from the UAE arrived on March 25.



Greece

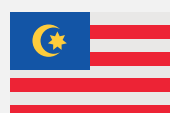
The UAE donated **13** metric tons of medical supplies to Greece on March 26, consisting mostly of special coveralls for medical protection, medical gloves, and sanitizers. In a statement, Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos Mitsotakis remarked: “The friendship and trust we share with the United Arab Emirates are dear, and especially during these difficult times the solidarity of our allies is evident—also shown through the delivery of valuable medical supplies today.”



Uzbekistan

The UAE sent an aid plane containing **8** metric tons of medical supplies to the Republic of Uzbekistan on March 28 to support the country’s efforts to combat COVID-19, benefiting approximately **8,000** medical professionals.

On May 5, the UAE sent **5** metric tons of aid to Uzbekistan to assist **5,000** medical professionals.



Malaysia

The UAE sent medical equipment and supplies to Kuala Lumpur on March 29. Malaysian Foreign Minister Hishammuddin Hussein and UAE Ambassador to Malaysia Khalid Al Ghaith came together to share best practices in addressing the pandemic.



Serbia

The UAE donated a total of 10 metric tons of medical equipment to Belgrade on March 29. The first part of the donation from the UAE included **13,750** protective suits, **15,000** hospital suits, **500,000** gloves, **30,000** shoe protectors, **20,000** masks, and **6,000** sanitizers. Ventilators were slated to arrive in the next delivery. The shipment was received by Serbian Minister of Defense Aleksandar Vulin, Minister of Health Zlatibor Loncar, and UAE Ambassador to Serbia Mubarak Saeed Al Dhaheri.



Afghanistan

The UAE dispatched an urgent medical aid shipment to Afghanistan containing **20,000** testing units and equipment to examine thousands of people.



Brazil

On April 1, UAE airline Emirates flew **500,000** COVID-19 test kits from China to Sao Paulo. It was the first of two special Emirates SkyCargo charters carrying medical supplies to Brazil.



Pakistan

The UAE delivered a first batch of crucial medical supplies to Pakistan on April 2. UAE Ambassador to Pakistan Hamad Alzaabi tweeted: "Our commitment for humanitarian approaches and principles to help people in delicate situation has no limits." On April 5, the second batch of 11 metric tons of medical supplies provided by the UAE arrived in Islamabad.

On April 28, the UAE sent an additional **14** metric tons of medical and food supplies to Pakistan, benefiting **7,000** medical professionals.



Italy

A UAE plane carrying approximately **13** metric tons of medical supplies was dispatched to Italy on April 5 to assist the country in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, benefitting over **13,000** healthcare professionals.



Kazakhstan

The UAE sent **13** metric tons of medical supplies to Kazakhstan on April 6 to bolster the country's response to COVID-19, benefitting over **13,000** healthcare professionals in the process.



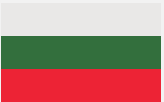
Colombia

The UAE sent **10** metric tons of medical supplies to Colombia on April 8 to aid the country's response to COVID-19, benefiting over **10,000** healthcare professionals. The flight also repatriated **63** Colombian citizens from the UAE.



Ukraine

The UAE sent **13** metric tons of medical aid to Ukraine on April 10 to support over **13,000** healthcare professionals. The flight also repatriated **113** Ukrainian citizens from the UAE.



Bulgaria

On April 12, Bulgarian Minister of Economy HE Emil Karanikolov met with UAE Minister of State HE Ahmed Ali Al Sayegh in Abu Dhabi to discuss further cooperation between both countries. An exchange of goods between both countries also took place.



Ethiopia

On April 13, a UAE aid plane carrying approximately **33** metric tons of medical supplies was dispatched to Ethiopia to assist approximately **33,000** healthcare professionals. The aid plane transported **15** metric tons of aid provided by the UAE to Ethiopia.

On May 6, the UAE sent an additional shipment of aid to Ethiopia to assist thousands of medical professionals.



African Union

On April 13, the UAE transported **3** metric tons of aid to the African Union and **15** metric tons of aid provided by the World Health Organization to help more than **30** African countries combat the COVID-19 pandemic



Cyprus

On April 14, the UAE sent an aid plane carrying **8** metric tons of medical supplies to Cyprus, benefitting nearly **10,000** healthcare professionals in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.



Somalia

In collaboration with the World Health Organization, the UAE dispatched an aid plane carrying approximately **27** metric tons of medical supplies to Somalia on April 14. The aid, which consisted of 7 metric tons from the UAE and **20** metric tons from WHO, will help approximately **27,000** healthcare workers in combating COVID-19.



Mauritania

The UAE sent a plane carrying **18** metric tons of medical and food aid to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on April 19, benefiting approximately **10,000** healthcare workers.



South Africa

The UAE sent an aid plane containing **7** metric tons of medical supplies to South Africa on April 20, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Sudan

The UAE sent an aid plane containing **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Sudan on April 22, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Kyrgyzstan

On April 23, the UAE sent a plane containing **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Kyrgyzstan, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Armenia

On April 27, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Armenia, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Indonesia

On April 27, the UAE sent **20** metric tons of medical supplies to Indonesia, benefiting approximately **20,000** medical professionals.



Nepal

On April 29, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Nepal, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Philippines

On April 29, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to the Philippines, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Bangladesh

On April 30, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Bangladesh, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



India

On May 2, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to India, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Botswana

On May 3, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Botswana, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Kenya

On May 4, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Kenya, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Guinea

On May 4, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Guinea, benefiting approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Zimbabwe

On May 6, the UAE sent **7.7** metric tons of medical supplies to Zimbabwe to assist approximately **7,700** medical professionals.



Niger

On May 10, the UAE sent **6** metric tons of medical supplies to Niger to assist approximately **6,000** medical professionals.



Mali

On May 10, the UAE sent **6** metric tons of medical supplies to Mali to assist approximately **6,000** medical professionals.



Sierra Leone

On May 10, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Sierra Leone to assist approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Belarus

On May 12, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Belarus to assist approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Montenegro

On April 13, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Montenegro to assist approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Romania

On April 14, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Romania to assist approximately **7,000** medical professionals.



Albania

On April 15, the UAE sent **7** metric tons of medical supplies to Albania to assist approximately **7,000** medical professionals.