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The UAE: Humanitarian Assistance During the COVID-19 Pandemic

UAE Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Humanitarian Assistance

Even as it takes aggressive action at home to fight the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the UAE is helping other countries respond to the pandemic. The UAE has delivered critical medical supplies, made UAE-owned facilities located abroad available to local governments, supplied donations to local initiatives, and assisted in the repatriation of foreign nationals.

To date, the UAE has responded to the COVID-19 crisis by providing over 1,392 metric tons of aid to 118 countries in need, supporting more than [1 million medical professionals](#) in the process.



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The UAE business community is supporting these urgent efforts. For example, both [Etihad Airways](#) and [Emirates](#) are bolstering their fleets of freighters to keep critical commercial goods like pharmaceuticals and medical devices moving and to assist in the delivery of international humanitarian relief assistance overseas.



United States

In May, Mubadala and its aerospace manufacturing subsidiary Strata [announced](#) a partnership with American company Honeywell to set up a new production line for N95 face masks at Strata's Al Ain facility. The production line will produce 90,000 masks per week and fill critical needs for medical staff in the UAE and beyond.

On April 23, the White House announced that the UAE will donate coronavirus test kits to the US. "The President and the Crown Prince discussed cooperation in the fight against the coronavirus, including the donation of coronavirus test kits from the United Arab Emirates to the United States," [said](#) the readout of a call between President Trump and Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed.

One of the largest mass COVID-19 testing sites [opened](#) in Las Vegas with help from a donation of more than 200,000 test kits from the UAE. The Nevada COVID-19 task force [partnered](#) with the UAE and G42, a technology company based in Abu Dhabi to help University Medical Center develop the high-volume testing site and laboratory.

The UAE government and national airlines have worked with the US Mission to the UAE to repatriate a total of 733 American citizens back to the US. Additionally, Yousef Al Otaiba, the UAE Ambassador to the

US, met with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and [conveyed](#) a message of support and solidarity from UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah.

Ambassador Al Otaiba and his wife Abeer were initial donors to [Children's National Hospital](#), which launched DC's first drive-up/walk-up COVID-19 testing location for children and young patients. The Ambassador and his wife provided charitable support to Chef Jose Andres' [World Central Kitchen](#), which is distributing 50,000 packaged fresh meals to communities in need. Ambassador Al Otaiba is also supporting Feed the Fight, an organization distributing meals to health care workers and first responders, and Good Food Markets, which is providing groceries to Washington, DC residents in need.



Watch [Here](#): Emirati Doctors Treat COVID-19 Patients in the US

Several Emirati doctors have remained at their positions in US hospitals and medical institutions across the country to support and work alongside their American counterparts in the fight against COVID-19. [Dr. Ajjan Al Zaki](#), originally from Abu Dhabi, is an internal medicine resident at Stanford Health Care, where he is treating COVID-19 patients.



World Health Organization (WHO)

The UAE is working with WHO to combat the virus and support countries in need. As of June 5, the UAE has [donated](#) \$10 million worth of COVID-19 testing kits, enough for 500,000 people, to the WHO. The Dubai International Humanitarian City (IHC) houses the [WHO Operations Supply and Logistics Hub](#), a facility that is instrumental in supplying countries with required medical supplies and [protective equipment](#).

The [IHC](#) has [facilitated](#) the distribution of over 85% of the World Health Organization's 'Global Medical Response in the Fight Against COVID-19,' including much needed medical supplies, such as masks, gloves and surgical gowns. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO, has publicly expressed his appreciation for the UAE's international humanitarian response to the pandemic.



World Food Program (WFP)

The UAE, in partnership with the WFP, launched an international ['air bridge' operation](#) that will provide a lifeline of essential health and humanitarian supplies to nations around the world grappling with the impact of COVID-19. The UAE has dedicated a fleet of three aircraft to enable the movement of life-saving cargo and personnel where they are needed most until the end of the year. On May 28, one of the planes [delivered](#) parts of a field hospital to Ghana in support of a UN mission to protect aid workers in West Africa. The UAE also helped to transport parts of a field hospital from Norway to Ethiopia.

"WFP has been working tirelessly to set up the logistics backbone for the global COVID-19 effort," said David Beasley, Executive Director of the UN World Food Program. "This partnership with the UAE will expand our capacity and support health and humanitarian organizations as we rally together to limit the spread of the virus and its devastating effects."

On April 26, Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed [spoke](#) with David Beasley to discuss ways of accelerating coordination in getting assistance to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Sheikh Mohamed [assured](#) Beasley of the UAE's readiness to support WFP's efforts and help implement its initiatives. Beasley thanked the UAE for its support.



Paraguay

The UAE [delivered](#) seven tons of medical supplies and testing kits to Argentina on September 9 to assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.



Argentina

On September 9, the UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying seven tons of medical supplies and testing kits to Paraguay to support approximately 7,000 medical professionals as they work to curb the spread of COVID-19.



Myanmar

The UAE [delivered](#) an aid plane carrying five tons of medical supplies and testing kits to Myanmar on September 1 to assist approximately 5,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.



Cambodia

On September 1, the UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying five tons of medical supplies and testing kits to Cambodia to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19. This aid will assist approximately 5,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.



Syria

The Emirates Red Crescent (ERC) [dispatched](#) a second medical aid aircraft to Damascus on September 4, carrying 25 tons of medications and medical supplies and equipment as part of the UAE's humanitarian response to the global pandemic.

A medical aid aircraft [dispatched](#) by the Emirates Red Crescent, ERC, arrived in Damascus on August 31, in coordination with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, pandemic and support the Syrian medical sector



Pacific Islands

The UAE [delivered](#) 13 tons of medical supplies and testing kits to 14 Pacific Island countries on August 13, including: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Cook Islands, and Niue to assist medical professionals.



Turkmenistan

On July 31, the UAE [sent](#) 60 tons of medical supplies to Turkmenistan, part of 90 tons allocated to assist approximately 90,000 medical professionals there, as they work to contain the virus.



Caribbean Islands

On July 23, the UAE [sent](#) 12.5 tons of medical supplies and 500,000 rapid testing kits to 14 Caribbean island states, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago in cooperation with Barbados as a hub for distribution and through the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency. This aid will assist approximately 12,500 medical professionals.



Namibia

The United Arab Emirates [sent](#) an aid plane carrying eight tons of medical supplies and COVID-19 testing kits to Namibia. This aid will assist approximately 8,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.



South Sudan

On July 20, the UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying 7.5 tons of medical supplies and testing kits to South Sudan to assist approximately 7,500 medical professionals.



Mexico

The UAE [sent](#) 10 tons of medical supplies and testing kits to Mexico on July 14. The aid will assist approximately 10,000 medical professionals.



Uruguay

The UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying seven metric tons of medical supplies to Uruguay on July 8. The aid will assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.



Peru

On July 2, the UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying five metric tons of medical supplies to Peru. This aid will assist approximately 5,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the COVID-19.

In collaboration with the Vatican Department of Education, the UAE [sent](#) a plane containing 15 tons of medical and food aid to the Peruvian Amazon River area on June 26, the first batch of 40 metric tons of aid dedicated to those affected by COVID-19 in the region. This cooperation is a result of the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together signed in Abu Dhabi by the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar His Eminence Dr. Ahmed el-Tayeb and His Holiness Pope Francis, Head of the Catholic Church.



Iraq

A UAE aid plane [delivered](#) 10.5 tons of medical supplies to Iraq on June 25 to support approximately 10,500 medical professionals.



Thailand

The UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying 11 tons of medical supplies to Thailand on June 23. This aid will assist approximately 11,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.



Azerbaijan

On June 21, the UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying 11 tons of medical supplies to Azerbaijan to assist approximately 11,000 medical professionals as they work to curb the spread of COVID-19.

**Burkina Faso**

The UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying eight tons of medical supplies and testing kits to Burkina Faso on July 16. The aid will assist approximately 8,000 medical professionals.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, marked World Refugee Day on June 19 by ordering an [aid flight](#) to support the delivery of urgent humanitarian assistance from UNHCR to Burkina Faso. The 100 tons of aid included 66 tons of core relief items from UNHCR and 12 tons of COVID-19 aid from WHO.

**Jordan**

The United Arab Emirates [sent](#) 12.4 metric tons of medical supplies to Jordan on June 15 to assist approximately 12,000 medical professionals as they work to contain COVID-19.

**Dominican Republic**

On June 15, the UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying seven tons of medical supplies to the Dominican Republic. This aid will assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

**Rwanda**

On June 14, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and HH Sheikha Hind bint Maktoum bin Juma Al Maktoum [sent](#) 300,000 pieces of personal protective equipment and medical supplies to Rwanda. DP World and One&Only Hotel in Rwanda assisted with the logistics of the delivery of these items from Dubai.

**Costa Rica**

A UAE airplane [delivered](#) nine tons of medical supplies and 10,000 testing kits to Costa Rica on June 12 to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19. The aid will assist approximately 9,000 medical professionals.

**Chile**

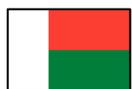
The UAE [sent](#) nine tons of medical supplies to Chile on June 12 to assist approximately 9,000 medical professionals as they work to contain COVID-19.

**Maldives**

On June 9, a UAE aid plane [delivered](#) 72 tons of medical supplies to the Maldives. The aid included critically needed personal protective equipment and medical supplies expected to benefit more than 72,000 healthcare workers as they work to contain the virus.

**Cuba**

The UAE [sent](#) an aid plane containing eight tons of medical supplies to Cuba on June 4 to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 by assisting approximately 8,000 medical professionals.

**Madagascar**

The United Arab Emirates [delivered](#) nine tons of medical supplies to Madagascar on June 3 to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19. The aid will assist approximately 9,000 medical professionals.



Russia

On June 3, the UAE [sent](#) an aid plane containing nine tons of medical supplies to Dagestan, Russia to assist approximately 9,000 medical professionals. The UAE also [delivered](#) eight tons of medical supplies to Grozny, Russia on June 2, assisting approximately 8,000 medical professionals.



Iraqi Kurdistan

The UAE [sent](#) an additional six metric tons of medical supplies to Iraqi Kurdistan, supporting approximately 6,000 medical professionals.

On May 28, a UAE aid plane [delivered](#) six tons of medical supplies to Iraqi Kurdistan to assist approximately 6,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the spread of COVID-19.



Tajikistan

The UAE [sent](#) 10 tons of medical supplies to the Republic of Tajikistan on May 27 to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19. The aid will assist approximately 10,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.



Bosnia and Herzegovina

The UAE [delivered](#) medical supplies to Bosnia and Herzegovina, including 40 respirators, 100,000 COVID-19 tests, 150,000 N95 masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE).



Congo

On May 25, the UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying six tons of medical supplies to assist approximately 6,000 medical professionals in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Union of the Comoros

The United Arab Emirates [sent](#) an aid plane carrying seven tons of medical supplies to Union of the Comoros on May 21. The aid will assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals.



Gambia

On May 20, the UAE [delivered](#) four tons of medical supplies to Gambia to assist approximately 4,000 medical professionals as they work to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.



Palestine

The Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process [facilitated](#) 16 tons of urgent medical supplies from the UAE, including personal protective equipment (PPE) and 10 ventilators to Palestine on May 19.



Lesotho

Marking Zayed Humanitarian Day on the 19th of Ramadan each year, the UAE Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa [provided](#) humanitarian aid to cities in the Kingdom of Lesotho in the presence of senior officials in the Kingdom.



Albania

To help bolster the country's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, the UAE [sent](#) seven tons of medical supplies to Albania on May 15, assisting approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

**Romania**

The United Arab Emirates [sent](#) an aid plane containing seven metric tons of medical supplies to Romania on May 14 in support of the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19. The aid will assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

**Montenegro**

On May 13, the United Arab Emirates [sent](#) an aid plane carrying seven tons of medical supplies to Montenegro. The aid will assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

**Belarus**

The UAE [delivered](#) seven tons of medical supplies to Belarus on May 12 to assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

**Sierra Leone**

The UAE [sent](#) an aid plane containing seven metric tons of medical supplies to Sierra Leone to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19. The aid will assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

**Niger**

On May 10, the UAE [delivered](#) six metric tons of medical supplies to Niger. The aid will assist approximately 6,000 medical professionals.

**Mali**

The United Arab Emirates [sent](#) an aid plane containing six metric tons of medical supplies and testing kits to Mali on May 10 to assist approximately 6,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the spread of COVID-19.

**Zimbabwe**

On May 6, the UAE [sent](#) an aid plane containing 7.7 tons of medical supplies to Zimbabwe to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19. The aid will assist more than 7,700 medical professionals as they work to combat the virus.

**Uzbekistan**

The UAE [sent](#) an aid plane containing five metric tons of medical supplies to Uzbekistan on May 5 to support approximately 5,000 medical professionals.

Previously on March 28, the UAE sent an aid plane containing eight metric tons of medical supplies to Uzbekistan, benefiting approximately 8,000 medical professionals.

**Kenya**

On May 5, the United Arab Emirates [delivered](#) medical supplies to Kenya to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19.

**Guinea**

The UAE [delivered](#) seven metric tons of medical supplies to Guinea to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 on May 5. The aid will assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

**Botswana**

On May 4, the United Arab Emirates [sent](#) an aid plane containing five metric tons of medical supplies to Botswana to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19. The aid will assist approximately 5,000 medical professionals.

**India**

The UAE [sent](#) an aid plane containing seven metric tons of medical supplies to India on May 2 to help contain the spread of COVID-19 by assisting approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

**Bangladesh**

A United Arab Emirates aid plane [delivered](#) seven tons of medical supplies to Bangladesh on April 30 to assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

**Nepal**

The UAE [sent](#) an aid plane containing seven tons of medical supplies to Nepal on April 29 to support approximately 7,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the spread of COVID-19.

**Philippines**

On April 29, a UAE aid plane [delivered](#) seven tons of medical supplies to the Philippines, assisting approximately 7,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.

**Germany**

The UAE Embassy in Berlin has [pledged](#) funds earmarked for 8,000 COVID-19 masks to protect some of the German capital's most vulnerable children. The Embassy will [donate](#) funds to Laughing Hearts, a charity that supports 22 homes for socially disadvantaged youngsters in Berlin and the surrounding area.

**Armenia**

The United Arab Emirates [sent](#) an aid plane on April 27 to Armenia containing seven tons of medical supplies to assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals who are working to contain the spread of COVID-19.

**Indonesia**

A UAE aid plane [delivered](#) 20 tons of medical supplies to Indonesia on April 27 to bolster the country's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19. The aid will assist approximately 20,000 medical professionals.

**Lebanon**

On April 24, the Grand Mufti of the Republic of Lebanon, Sheikh Abdel Latif Derian, [thanked](#) the United Arab Emirates for its "confidence in Dar al-Fatwa to distribute the aid it received through its UAE Embassy in Lebanon to those who are most in need and deserving of assistance."

**Yemen**

On May 28, the UAE in coordination with the Embassy of the Republic of Yemen in the UAE [facilitated](#) the return of 100 Yemeni citizens back to Yemen.

The UAE, through its humanitarian arm, the Emirates Red Crescent (ERC), [provided](#) 2,000 food parcels, weighing 85.6 tons to over 10,000 vulnerable families in the Al Shihr district in the Yemeni Governorate of Hadramaut on the occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadan. This is the second package of Ramadan Mir to the district. On May 1, the ERC [provided](#) 4,000 food parcels weighing 171 tons to the residents of Al Shihr district. Mohammed Ahmed Al Amoudi, Acting Under-secretary of Hadramaut Governorate, thanked the UAE for the humanitarian efforts.



Kyrgyzstan

The UAE [sent](#) a plane containing seven tons of medical supplies to Kyrgyzstan on April 23 to support approximately 7,000 medical professionals as they work to combat COVID-19.



Sudan

On the directives of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Chairman of the Al Maktoum Foundation, a UAE aircraft [delivered](#) an additional 38 tons of medical aid to the Khartoum International Airport on June 9. The UAE [sent](#) 11 tons of medical supplies to Sudan on May 29, assisting approximately 11,000 medical professionals.

On May 20, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) [delivered](#) a third aid package of pharmaceutical and medical supplies to the Government of Sudan to support the country's healthcare sector bringing the total volume of aid to 136 tons. The fund delivered the first and second batches to Sudan on May 4. These shipments are part of the US\$1.5 billion aid package approved by the UAE in April 2019 to support Sudan's economic and financial stability.

On April 22, the UAE [sent](#) an airplane carrying seven tons of medical supplies to Sudan to support the country's efforts in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic. The shipment, which includes test kit supplies, will reach more than 7,000 healthcare professionals in the country.



South Africa

The United Arab Emirates [sent](#) an aid plane containing seven tons of medical supplies to South Africa on April 20. The aid will assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.



Mauritania

On June 6, a UAE aid plane [delivered](#) 18 tons of medical and food supplies to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. The aid will assist approximately 14,000 medical professionals in the country.

Previously on April 19, the UAE [sent](#) a plane carrying 18 tons of medical and food aid to Mauritania as a gesture of solidarity in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The shipment, which contained testing kits, medical devices, and food supplies, will assist approximately 10,000 healthcare workers.



Somalia

On June 24, the UAE [sent](#) an additional seven tons of medical supplies to Jubaland, Somalia to assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

At the request of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, the Vice President and Ruler of Dubai, a shipment of 35 tons of medical supplies was [sent](#) to Somalia to support flood victims and COVID-19 patients.

The United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), [dispatched](#) an aid plane carrying approximately 27 tons of medical supplies to Somalia on April 14. The aid, which consisted of seven tons from the UAE and 20 tons from WHO, will help approximately 27,000 healthcare workers.



Cyprus

On April 14, the UAE [sent](#) an aid plane carrying eight tons of medical supplies to Cyprus, benefitting nearly 10,000 healthcare professionals in the country.



Ethiopia

On May 6, the UAE [sent](#) a second aid plane carrying medical supplies for healthcare professionals in Ethiopia.

The UAE [dispatched](#) the first plane carrying medical supplies to Ethiopia on April 13 to assist approximately 33,000 healthcare professionals. The aid plane transported 15 tons of aid provided by the UAE to Ethiopia, as well as three tons provided by the UAE to the African Union and 15 tons of aid provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) to help Ethiopia and other African countries combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Thanks to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for its generous support of this operation, WHO’s regional logistics hub in Dubai has played a key role in making sure these supplies are prepared and shipped to where they are most needed. This is by far the largest single shipment of supplies since the start of the pandemic, and will ensure that people living in countries with some of the weakest health systems are able to get test and treated, while ensuring that health workers on the frontlines are properly protected,” [said](#) Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean.



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.



Ukraine

On April 10, the UAE [dispatched](#) an aid plane to Ukraine carrying 11 tons of medical supplies. Salem Ahmed Al Kaabi, UAE Ambassador to Ukraine, also noted that the aid plane repatriated 113 Ukrainian citizens from the UAE as a result of coordination between Emirati and Ukrainian authorities.



Colombia

The UAE [sent](#) a fourth aid plane carrying 14 tons of medical supplies and testing kits to Colombia on September 1. This aid will assist approximately 14,000 medical professionals in the fight against COVID-19.

On July 27, the UAE [sent](#) a third aid shipment carrying tons of critical medical supplies to Colombia to bolster the country’s efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19.

The UAE [sent](#) an additional eight metric tons of medical supplies to Colombia on June 15 to assist approximately 8,000 medical professionals.

On April 27, diplomats and local staff at the UAE Embassy in Bogota [donated](#) food parcels containing nearly 15,000 meals to some 2,000 Colombian citizens. Salem Rashid Al Owais, UAE Ambassador to Colombia, oversaw the [initiative](#), named 'The UAE is With You', which encouraged embassy employees to donate a portion of their salary to citizens residing in Colombian regions in need. Maria Juliana Ruiz, Colombia's First Lady, thanked the UAE Government and people for their generous aid.

A UAE aid plane carrying 10 tons of medical supplies was [dispatched](#) to Colombia on April 8. UAE Ambassador to Colombia Salem Rashid Al Owais also noted that the aid plane succeeded in repatriating 63 Colombian citizens from the UAE as a result of coordination between Emirati and Colombian authorities to ensure their safe return.



Kazakhstan

On August 29, a UAE aid plane [delivered](#) 16.5 tons of medical supplies and testing kits to Kazakhstan. This aid will assist approximately 16,000 medical professionals.

The UAE [sent](#) eight tones of medical supplies to Kazakhstan on July 15 to assist approximately 8,000 medical professionals.

On April 8, the UAE [delivered](#) approximately 13 tons of medical supplies to Kazakhstan to assist the country in [combating](#) the COVID-19 pandemic.



Italy

An aid plane from the UAE carrying approximately 10 tons of medical supplies was [dispatched](#) to Italy on April 6. The medical supplies benefitted over 10,000 healthcare professionals.

“We are currently experiencing a phase that can only be described as war against an invisible enemy waged by our medical personnel, and the personal protective equipment provided by the UAE to Italy is our weapon in this battle. We consider this gesture to embody solidarity in practice and on-ground assistance. Italy will never forget the countries that supported it during this difficult period, which is not only a health crisis but an economic and community one as well.” – Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio.



Pakistan

On April 28, the United Arab Emirates [sent](#) a third aid plane containing 14 tons of medical and food supplies to Pakistan. The aid will assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.

On April 6, the UAE [delivered](#) 11 tons of medical supplies to Islamabad International Airport. The delivery included 20,000 Covid-19 test kits, 500,000 gloves, 30,000 protective gowns and facemasks and 10,000 sanitizers. Ambassador Alzaabi [tweeted](#): “We renew commitment to stand by world against the exceptional circumstances and challenges.”

The first batch of crucial medical supplies was [delivered](#) 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.”



Brazil

The UAE [sent](#) a plane carrying over 12 tons of medical supplies and COVID-19 testing kits to Brazil on July 6 to assist approximately 12,000 medical professionals as they work to contain the virus.

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



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 tons of 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 will 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 Said El Dhaheri.



United Kingdom

On June 5, the UAE [donated](#) 6.6 tons of material to the United Kingdom that will enable the country to produce millions of items of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Under the directive of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the first aircraft carrying urgent aid for the UK's healthcare sector [arrived](#) in London from China on April 30. The aid, which includes 60 tons of personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical equipment, aims to support the UK's National Health Service (NHS) in combating COVID-19.

James Cleverly, British Minister of State for the Mena region, [thanked](#) UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr Anwar Gargash, for the UAE's help and praised the continuing "teamwork" between his country and the UAE.

The UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation has been working with the British government to repatriate UK nationals. On April 5, a chartered Emirates plane [flew](#) 345 British citizens from the UAE back to the UK. On April 8 and April 10, more than 200 Britons in Nepal were [flown](#) home through the UAE.

ExCeL London, a convention center owned by Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company (ADNEC), was provided by the Abu Dhabi government to the National Health Service (NHS) and [turned](#) 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.



Seychelles

The UAE [donated](#) 11 tons of medical supplies to the Seychelles government to assist their fight against COVID-19. The humanitarian aid included coveralls, isolation gowns, gloves, masks, and other medical items. The shipment from the UAE arrived on March 25.



Croatia

The UAE donated 13 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.



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.



Iran

On June 27, an aid plane [delivered](#) 16 tons of medical supplies to Iran to assist approximately 16,000 medical professionals.

In the [second supply](#) of medical equipment to Iran on March 17, the UAE sent over 32 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 15,000 healthcare workers and 100,000 people.

Commenting on the aid dispatched, Reem bint Ibrahim Al Hashemy, Minister of State for International Cooperation, [said](#): “The UAE’s efforts in carrying out a second medical aid flight to Iran are consistent with our country’s founding humanitarian principles, which guide our belief that providing life-saving assistance to those experiencing distress is essential to serving the common good.”

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. In a [March 15 call](#) with Iran's Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, Foreign Minister H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed affirmed the UAE's support to the Iranian people as they manage this crisis.



Afghanistan

The United Arab Emirates [sent](#) an aid plane carrying seven metric tons of medical supplies to Afghanistan on May 22. The aid will assist approximately 7,000 medical professionals.

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



China

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 necessary medical evaluation and care.

Following the initial Covid-19 outbreak in Wuhan, the UAE provided medical supplies, including facemasks and gloves, to China. On January 26, H.H Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, [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.”



Greece

The UAE donated 11 tons of medical supplies to Greece on March 26, consisting mostly of special coveralls for medical protection, medical gloves, and sanitizers. In a statement, the 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.”

Key Reactions

Carlos Alvarado Quesada, Costa Rican President | June 12 |

Aterrizó en Costa Rica el vuelo de Etihad Airways, que trajo a más costarricenses a su tierra y también una valiosa donación de implementos sanitarios y material de protección para la atención de la emergencia sanitaria, la cual agradecemos mucho a los Emiratos Árabes Unidos

Translation: The Etihad Airways flight landed in Costa Rica, which brought more Costa Ricans to their land and also a valuable donation of sanitary implements and protection material for the attention of the health emergency, for which we thank the United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization | June 7 |

Huge thanks to His Highness Sheikh [@MohamedBinZayed](#) & the people of [#UAE](#) for contributing 500,000 [#COVID19](#) testing kits worth USD 10M to [@WHO](#). This will strengthen the capacity & availability of testing in many countries.

David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Program | May 28 |

[#HappeningNow](#): the UAE-WFP air bridge in action. We were lucky to catch this C17 in Accra today. It's a testament to the UAE's tremendous support, helping [@WFP](#) to transport [#COVID19](#) medical supplies all over the world. Thank you [@MohamedBinZayed](#), [@MoFAICUAE](#)!

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization | May 21 |

Pleased to discuss [#COVID19](#) response with [@LubnaQassim](#), AE Deputy Permanent Representative. [@WHO](#) is grateful to Crown Prince [@MohamedBinZayed](#), Minister [@ABZayed](#) & AE people for their support on shipping medical equipment & USD10 million in-kind donation of PCR tests. Together!

Nickolay E. Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, United Nations | May 19 |

Thank you [@ABZayed](#), [@uaegov](#) and the people of the [#UAE](#) for your generous support to the [#UN](#) [#COVID19](#) response plan in support of the [#Palestinian](#) people. [@UAEMissionToUN](#) [@jamiemcgoldric8](#)

David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Program | May 8 |

Thanks to my good friend [@MohamedBinZayed](#). The UAE continues to break ground in the fight against [#COVID19](#) & hunger around the world. Our new air bridge is a great example of coming together when we need it most. When [@WFP](#) & the UAE join forces, we save lives. [@MoFAICUAE](#) [@WFP_AR](#)

Dominic Raab, British Foreign Secretary | May 7 |

I would like to thank Dubai and the UAE Flag of United Arab Emirates for their generous donation of PPE for the fight against COVID-19.

The UAE are true friends and valued partners, and we will continue to work together to tackle this global pandemic.

David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Program | May 4 | 

The UAE continues to be a leading first responder to global crises, especially now with #COVID19. This new Dubai air bridge will help speed up the international community's response & surely help us to save lives. Thanks to the UAE for their critical partnership! @UAEMissionToUN

David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Program | Apr 26 | 

Always great to speak with my dear friend, @MohamedBinZayed. Thank you for your partnership, as @WFP and the UAE work together to provide critical food assistance for the most vulnerable people. We are so appreciative of your support. #COVID19

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization | Apr 14 | 

I thank the @_AfricanUnion Commission Chairperson @AUC_MoussaFaki the government of #UAE, #Ethiopia PM @AbiyAhmedAli, the @foundation_ma and all our partners for their solidarity with African countries at this critical moment in history. <https://bit.ly/2V5iyCP>

Luigi Di Maio, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs | Apr 6 | 

Volo con aiuti sanitari donati dagli Emirati Arabi all'Italia atterrato a Fiumicino. Grazie al collega @ABZayed per l'amicizia e la solidarietà dimostrata. Un gesto che non dimenticheremo.

Translation: Flight with medical aid donated by the United Arab Emirates to Italy landed in Fiumicino. Thanks to the colleague @ABZayed for friendship and solidarity shown. A gesture that we will not forget.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization | Mar 17 | 

Thanks #UAE and @MohamedBinZayed for your continuing support to the #COVID19 response. Solidarity among international communities is of the utmost necessity.

Randa Slim, Senior Fellow, MEI | Mar 17 | 

#Kuwait #UAE sending supplies expressing solidarity with #Iran. Wish more #GCC emulate them. Such behaviors help create goodwill & more importantly reinforce perception this is one neighborhood that must be shared by all.

Tamara Qiblawi, Senior Digital Mideast Producer, CNN International | Mar 16 | 

For a 2nd time in a week, the #UAE sends medical aid to #Iran. On the weekend, FM Abdullah bin Zayed and FM Zarif spoke on the phone to discuss Iran's coronavirus outbreak. A significant, and dare I say, quite touching development.

Media clips

BBC News 24

30 April 2020



[United Arab Emirates donates medical supplies to Greece \(VIDEO\)](#)

27 March 2020



[Connect the World with Becky Anderson](#)

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[BBC World Service Radio](#)

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[In pictures: UAE sends second batch of medical aid to Iran](#)

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