

Airbus Helicopters Foundation partners with German Federal Agency THW for support in natural disaster situations

- Support by making helicopters available to THW in the hours immediately after disaster strikes
- Airbus Helicopters Foundation helps make airlift rescue missions safer and more effective

Berlin, 2 June 2016 – Today, the Airbus Helicopters Foundation today expanded its humanitarian outreach by signing a high-level agreement on heliborne airlift support for the German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), which coordinates and carries out operations at international natural disaster sites and in other emergency situations. The agreement was signed during the International Aeronautics and Space exhibition ILA by Klaus Buchmüller, Head of International Division and Wolfgang Schoder, CEO of Airbus Helicopters Germany.

“Thanks to this agreement, the Airbus Helicopters Foundation will greatly enhance its ability to provide vital airlift services around the globe in support of humanitarian crisis”, said Wolfgang Schoder. “The THW has an outstanding reputation in providing support in humanitarian crises and emergency situations. Our ability to deliver quick airlift support through our international customer base will provide a significant added value to THW operations”.

“After disasters every second counts and sustainable partnerships are crucial”, states Klaus Buchmüller. “The cooperation with the Airbus Helicopters Foundation will support our fact-finding missions and help our experts to get to disaster-affected areas faster. Hence, THW will be able to help disaster-affected population more effectively”, said Buchmüller.

In the framework of this partnership agreement, the Airbus Helicopters Foundation will do its best endeavours to provide immediate helicopter support from local operators in the aftermath of a natural disaster or humanitarian crisis.

About Airbus Corporate Helicopters Foundation

The Airbus Helicopters Corporate Foundation was created in 2012 as an independent, apolitical and non-profit entity that unites the company’s humanitarian activities under one framework. The Foundation responds to humanitarian crises and emergency situations by supporting general interest initiatives in which the helicopter provides a real added value to rescue operations. In particular, it has carried out nearly 265 flight hours in 10 countries (representing a total of more than 100 flights) since the first humanitarian operation in 2013. The Foundation also supports local training for emergency responders in various countries, including training of rescuers for in-flight missions. (www.fondationairbushelicopters.com)

About Airbus Helicopters (www.airbushelicopters.com)

Airbus Helicopters, a division of Airbus Group, provides the most efficient civil and military helicopter solutions worldwide. Its in-service fleet includes nearly 12,000 helicopters operated by more than 3,000 customers in 154 countries. Airbus Helicopters employs more than 22,000 people worldwide and in 2015 generated revenues of 6.8 billion euros.

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