Democratic Republic of Congo Program

Empowering Communities, Growing Together
Established in 2006, our mission is to enable the compassionate movement of those displaced by natural or man-made disasters to safety, and providing them and their host communities with opportunities to build their lives and thrive for the long term.

As long as there are displaced people, AIRD will lend a helping hand.

Empowerment comes not only from providing critical relief items, but also through sustainable opportunities that lead to more resilient communities. This encourages the growth of enterprising spirits, and a sense that a bright future is still possible. AIRD cares because collective community growth is only possible if everyone is given an equal opportunity to participate.
Impact across our programs in 2019

Construction, Infrastructure and Rehabilitation
- 2,635 transitional shelters built
- 356 kilometres of road rehabilitated
- 290 latrines with sanitary facilities built

Warehouse Management
- 69 warehouses in place
- 1,407,284 tons of Non-food Items (NFIs) stored
- 185,144(m3) storage capacity in warehouses and rub halls

Our Impact in 2019
Our growth and progression is not only in the countries where we serve, but also in the services we are able to provide to those that need them the most.

Workshop Management
- 66 workshops repairing assets
- 17,953 job cards completed
- 3 days average for asset repair

Fleet Management
- 997 light vehicles repaired
- 706 motorbikes fixed and in service
- 640 generators repaired and providing power

Fuel Management
- 65 fuel stations managed
- 11,623,823 litres of diesel issued
- 177,482 litres of petrol issued

Refugee and NFI Transportation
- 1,407,284 tons of Non-Food Items transported
- 200,323 displaced people transported with compassion
Our Operations

AIRD DRC was there to support and compassionately transport People of Concern to safety, while providing goods and services that further build hope and resilience for those forced to flee their homes.

In 2019 alone, AIRD DRC transported 4,734 refugees and resettled 9,407 IDPs. 44 class rooms and 359 transitional shelters were constructed. Managing a fleet of 30 trucks, 316 light vehicles and 13 buses facilitated the movement of not only Persons of Concern, but also AIRD staff and other implementing partners. Fuel Management is a key function that keeps these vehicles and assets going. 1,424,492 litres of diesel were issued and consumed within the year at 6 fuel stations.

Maintaining 208 generators in primarily remote areas helped to keep essential services running in various camps while transporting basic Non Food Items (NFI s) enables displaced people to restart their lives. AIRD DRC transported 859,443 tons of NFI s in 2019. Storage of these items is possible at 11 warehouses with a capacity of 23,790 m3 in different locations across the country.

Workshop Management is an area in which the AIRD DRC team particularly excels at. With 14 workshops and 3,253 job cards completed in 2019, the team was able to support the continued running of vehicles and assets in even the most remote areas served by various implementing partners.

In line with the overall goal of the organisation to do more for Persons of Concern, AIRD DRC intends to explore business development ventures in the area of Workshop Management in order to grow our funding sources.
AIRD began its operations in the DRC in January 2012. Starting in the province of North Kivu, we have since expanded to deliver services for People of Concern in 10 provinces including: North and South-Ubangi, Tanganika, North Kivu, South Kivu, Ituri and Haut-Uélé; Kasai, and Kinshasa (Coordination Office).

In 2019 alone, AIRD DRC was able to support in the compassionate movement of 4,734 refugees & 9,407 displaced people, rehabilitate 733 emergency shelters, construct 2,254 transitional shelters, set up 44 classrooms and build 350 latrines, among many other activities.
We want to do even more…

By delivering excellent humanitarian logistics, construction and infrastructure support to donors, agencies and governments.

As conditions in camps and settlements stabilise, including to the point of return for some refugees, AIRD will become increasingly connected to the host communities, IDPs & refugees, through the provision of sustainable livelihoods, WASH and environmental assistance to build their resilience, and to help those not in their usual place of abode to return home well and equipped to enhance their own communities.

AIRD also will proactively seek to grow operational programmes by considering supporting work in countries neighbouring existing field activity sites as well as those further afield.

Business development will be considered to evaluate the merits of establishing AIRD’s logistics, vehicle maintenance etc as a business.

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