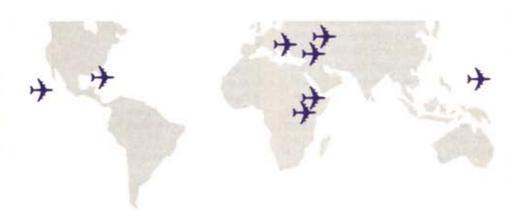# The Chart Page

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Airlifters Lend a Hand

Humanitarian Missions in 1992–93

Air Mobility Command demonstrated the humanitarian uses of power projection forces in 1992. In September 1992 alone, AMC ran seven relief missions concurrently. The relief missions for Hurricane Andrew, Typhoon Omar, and Hurricane Iniki ended in 1992. Provide Hope II, Provide Comfort, Provide Promise, and Restore Hope are ongoing. The dates given for these missions show the periods for which figures are available. AMC's fleet of C-141s, C-5s, and C-130s provided the airlift. The aircraft have seen heavy duty since the beginning of the Persian Gulf buildup in 1990.

cargo tons delivered

passengers transported

missions

Provide Hope II

Former Soviet Union,
June 1–November 30, 1992

1,772	
1,347	
65	

Provide Comfort

Iraq, June 1–December 31, 1992

11,987	
8,485	
688	

Provide Promise

Bosnia-Hercegovina,
July 15, 1992–January 14, 1993

2,348	
10,788	
356	

Provide Relief [1]

Somalia/Kenya,
August 21, 1992–January 13, 1993

26,736	
1,019	
2,338	

Hurricane Andrew

Florida, August 26–October 28, 1992

21,349	
15,433	
724	

Typhoon Omar

Guam, September 1–25, 1992

1,998	
750	
59	

Hurricane Iniki

Hawaii,
September 12–October 18, 1992

7,800	
8,579	
257	

Restore Hope [2]

Somalia,
December 9, 1992–January 14, 1993

24,041	
23,400	
741	

Total Airlift

98,031	
69,801	
5,228	

[1]On December 18, 1992, Operation Provide Relief was subsumed into Restore Hope and became Task Force Mombasa under US Central Command. Shown here through January 13 as Provide Relief for simplicity.

[2]Air refueling first constituted a major part of AMC humanitarian missions in Operation Restore Hope. As of January 14, 1993, KC-135 Stratotankers had flown 964 refueling missions and transferred 67,560,000 pounds of aviation fuel to military cargo planes to and from Somalia.

Sources: Air Mobility Command Hq., Public Affairs Office, and USAF Update Report "Global Reach, Global Power," December 1992.