



## Mission Aviation Fellowship



### 1. Introduction:

After WWII, several Christian pilots (in UK, USA and Australia) wanted to use light aircraft for good rather than destruction. They wanted to reach remote and hard to access communities with hope, help and healing. The first programme was in Sudan in 1950.

MAF is the world's largest humanitarian airline, flying to over 1400 remote destinations. That's more than the top three commercial airlines combined. Every 4.5 minutes a MAF aircraft takes off or lands somewhere in the world, delivering aid, medicine and evacuations, transporting personnel and responding to natural disasters in areas widely inaccessible by road.

MAF operates in 27 countries and has recruitment and fundraising offices in 13 countries. There are 130 light aircraft flying to over 1400 destinations in Africa, Asia Pacific, Central Asia and South America.

MAFI is located in both Ashford, Kent, UK, and in Cairns, Queensland, Australia with a new subsidiary in the Netherlands.

### 2. Main Objectives:

- To share God's love through aviation and technology assisting missions, churches, government and aid and development agencies, and other national groups to reach the remote and isolated communities.
- To see isolated people physically and spiritually transformed in Christ's name.
- That every community, however remote, is given access to the essentials we need for life.

### 3. Areas of expertise in Programming:

- Disaster Response: strategically positioned as first responders to urgent needs through assistance with communications, transport, logistics and aerial assessments.
- Have surge capacity in people, cash, equipment, partner relations and documented policy and process.
- Engages with local actors in Disaster Response working with locally registered entities.
- Already have approvals to fly and operate in the country of need so can respond quickly.
- Undertake medical evacuations and personnel evacuations in a conflict country if necessary.
- Long term commitment to countries as families stay for many years, learn the local language and culture and develop long term relationships and networks.
- Excellent safety and reliability records with partners.
- Training and capacity building of national staff in our programmes including as pilots and aircraft mechanics.

4. **Which donors do you receive most finance from?**

- ECHO for humanitarian flights in Afghanistan
- DFID for Disaster Response and also in Bangladesh
- Swiss Development Corporation for Disaster Response and Afghanistan
- USAID in Bangladesh
- Scottish Government for Disaster Response
- Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey for programmes

5. **Capacity and Reach:**

**In 2018** MAF flew:

- 430 passengers every day (that's enough to fill a Boeing 747)
- Over 8 million nautical miles (that's 10 return trips to the moon)
- 6 million kgs of freight (that's the weight of 20 cows every day)
- More than 2000 partner organisations
- 691 medical evacuation flights (medevacs)
- 131 aircraft in 27 countries in Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin America

And responded to:

- Earthquake in Papua New Guinea
- Ebola Outbreak in DRC
- Typhoon Mangkhut in Philippines
- Earthquake in Sulawesi

And 2019 to:

- Cyclone Kenneth and Idai in Mozambique
- Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas

MAF's partners include: The UN, USAID, DFID, WHO, FAO, UNICEF, Medair, Red Cross, Water Aid, World Vision, ZOA, Samaritan's Purse, International NGOs, local church leaders and local governments.

6. **What are the *three main value adding areas* where your NGO contributes to consortia?**

1. Provide safe, fast, affordable and reliable transport for hard to access areas and remote communities, saving days of unsafe, unreliable and uncomfortable travel in countries with poor infrastructure.
2. Long term expertise in country with language, cultural and local partnerships knowledge as well as excellent relationships with local authorities.
3. Surge capacity within humanitarian response situations so can be operational very quickly.

7. **Innovations:**

- MAF is standardising its fleet so pilots trained on the same planes can be more deployable in other programmes which adds to our agility and surge capacity.
- MAF through CRMF are helping to install solar panels to charge up radios and routers to maintain connectivity for those in remote communities.
- Increased capacity building and setting up apprenticeship schemes to allow national staff to develop their skills in aviation, mechanics, computer etc

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