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Boeing Partners with Qatar Airways and Non-Profits to Deliver Relief Supplies to Pakistan

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Boeing has delivered its 12th 777-300ER (Extended Range) to Qatar Airways. The new aircraft was used as part of humanitarian efforts to deliver relief supplies to flood victims in Pakistan.



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Boeing, Qatar Airways and two non-profit agencies, Americares and International Medical Corps, collaborated to bring relief goods to residents in the regions of Pakistan recently devastated by massive flooding caused by torrential rainfall. With the help of the two agencies, Boeing and Qatar Airways loaded nearly 35,000 pounds (15.8 metric tones) of medicine and medical supplies into the cargo hold of the airline's new 777-300ER.

"Boeing, through its Global Corproate Citizenship organization, supports disaster response around the world in partnership with non-governmental agencies and non-profits," said Liz Warman, director, Global Corporate Citizenship - Northwest Region. "Through this collaborative effort, we hope to bring relief to the people still suffering from the devastating floods."

Akbar Al Baker, the CEO of Qatar Airways, who offered the delivery flight for positioning the relief supplies to Pakistan, said his airline was happy to contribute to the relief efforts. "The delivery of relief goods to nations in need is inherent to our mission as a global airline and a facilitator of the State of Qatar's relief aid program," said Akbar Al Baker. " Qatar Airways has a strong record in supporting humanitarian initiatives, having sent humanitarian aid to victims of the 2006 tsunami in south-east Asia and to Darfur in Sudan, The airline sent three cargo plane loads of humanitarian aid to Gaza in 2008/09 as well as assisted in re-building efforts in Sichuan, China and Pakistan following the recent devastating earthquakes."