

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

2009 was another mixed year with Air Serv enjoying some successes and suffering some setbacks. Air Serv began 2009 with an aircraft fleet consisting of five owned Caravans, two owned Twin Otters, and one leased Embraer 120. Air Serv continued its programs in Jordan/Iraq, Mozambique, and Chad. Air Serv's subsidiary, Air Serv Limited, continued to develop its business and operations in Uganda and provided an important maintenance site for Air Serv's aircraft in central Africa.

Chad

With a Twin Otter based in Abeche, Air Serv served more than 250,000 Darfur and Central African Republic refugees along the Chad border in twelve refugee camps and an additional 40 gathering sites. This air support operation was funded by the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) and the U. S. Department of State Bureau for Population and Refugee Migration (BPRM). In addition to scheduled flights to the remote camps and gathering sites, Air Serv provided both medical and security evacuations. These programs have now been approved and funded through May, 2010.

Jordan/Iraq

Since 2003 Air Serv in partnership with USAID has flown humanitarian workers between Amman, Jordan, and Baghdad and Erbil, Iraq. Air Serv used a leased Embraer 120 aircraft, assuring safe and reliable access to NGOs working to enhance democracy in Iraq. This air service continued through 2009 with occasional flights to Sulaymaniyah, Iraq, as well. Air Serv also provided medical evacuations to a broad range of NGO personnel as well as Iraqis requiring specialized care not available in Iraq. In late 2009 USAID informed Air Serv that its grant for this program would not be renewed for 2010. However, USAID did authorize a one month no-cost extension to facilitate closure of the program.

Mozambique

With a Caravan continuing to be based in Beira, Air Serv supported USAID's AIDS program, health care initiatives, and a rural income program designed to enhance rural production and food security. Air Serv also transported the personnel of several NGOs, including Save the Children, World Vision, Food for the Hungry, and Health Alliance International. Air Serv launched a capacity building effort for four Mozambicans, sponsoring their enrollment in a certified maintenance school program at Denel Aviation in Johannesburg, SA in 2010. In late 2009, USAID informed Air Serv that its grant for this program would only be a four month no-cost extension through March 2010.

Uganda

Air Serv Limited continued to operate its commercial aircraft charter and maintenance business as well as providing maintenance support to Air Serv. Charter operations expanded into South Sudan and continued to grow in Uganda. A mutual project with a South African avionics shop was initiated establishing a satellite operation in the hangar at Entebbe to supplement existing maintenance services.