

DLA Distribution Europe provides specialized support to the African Area of Responsibility

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Throughout Fiscal Year 2010, DLA Distribution Europe has been providing support to the African Area of Responsibility in unique ways. Supplying a mixture of materiel release orders and transshipments, DLA Distribution Europe is aiming to assist in the mission to improve command control between joint military forces in preparation for peacekeeping or antiterrorism missions.

In FY2010, DLA Distribution Europe provided support to six different African nations, including Djibouti, Morocco, Nigeria, Chad, Congo, and Burkina Faso. A total of almost 1,400 MROs, over 30 transshipments, and 34 containers were provided. In addition, over 260 MROs and transshipments were sent directly to the customer via small parcel.

DLA Distribution Europe's largest AFRICOM support was to Djibouti, where over 1,000 MROs and over 25 transshipments were completed, many through DLA Distribution Sigonella, Italy.

Exercise support is also a large part of DLA Distribution Europe's support to the area. Providing subsistence and barrier materials assisting in the construction of exercise sites, in FY2010, DLA Distribution Europe has assisted with several exercises including: Edged Response

10, Gulf of Guinea Phoenix 10, African Endeavor 10, all in Keyna; Nectar Bend, in Ethiopia; Flintlock 10, in Birkin Faso; African Lion 10, in Morocco; MedFlag 10, in Democratic Republic of Congo.

A mixture of Class I and Class IV (subsistence and construction) materials were shipped to support the exercises. Items included over 2,000 boxes of meals ready-to-eat, over 2,800 containers of water, over 10 boxes of bread, about 200 boxes of ultra heat treated "milk," almost 300 unitized group rations, about 25 rolls of barbed tape and concertina wire, about 60 fence posts, and over 3,100 board feet of lumber.

Since 2007, DLA Distribution Europe has also provided specialized support to Special Operations Command Africa, or SOCAF. A total of nine missions into the continent in support of SOCAF's train and equipment mission have yielded almost 15 containers, over 5 air pallets, about 5 flat racks (vehicles), over 500 MROs, all consisting of almost 40,000 total pieces of freight. DLA Distribution Europe has supported

the countries of Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, and Chad.

DLA Distribution Europe, located in GERMERSHEIM, Germany, is the DLA Distribution's largest distribution facility on the European continent and a forward deployed Theater Distribution Platform.

