



# Military exercise support enhances formal partnership between DLA Distribution Europe and USAFRICOM

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With the recent signing of an agreement signifying an official partnership between the Defense Logistics Agency and United States African Command, a relationship between DLA Distribution Europe and the combatant command has been cemented in place - a relationship that was already made strong with the distribution center's support to

AFRICOM's military operational exercises.

In 2010 alone, DLA Distribution Europe provided support to three such exercises in the Area of Responsibility, and is awaiting requisitions to support an additional four. Providing subsistence materials, consisting of gratuitous health and welfare items, as well as barrier materials to assist in the construction of the exercise sites, DLA Distribution Europe supports

the execution of the exercises, which aim to improve command and control between joint military forces in preparation peacekeeping or anti-terrorism missions.

Currently, DLA Distribution Europe is supporting five exercises within the AFRICOM AOR, including Medflag 10 (Congo), Edged Response 10 (Kenya), Gulf of Guinea Phoenix 10, African Endeavor 10 (Kenya), and Nectar Bend (Ethiopia).



Pictured are four containers filled with Meals Ready to Eat, Unitized Group Rations, and Ultra High Temperature milk which were packed and shipped by DLA Distribution Europe employees in support of an annual military exercise held within the United States African Command Area of Responsibility.



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To date, requirements have only been received for Exercise Medflag 10, which promotes the combined readiness of AFRICOM medical forces to respond to humanitarian emergencies. DLA Distribution Europe has completed shipment of the required four containers in support of the exercise.

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Flintlock 10 and African Lion. A month-long combined exercise with the Moroccan Army, African Lion is Africa's largest military exercise. DLA Distribution Europe workers pre-stuffed and positioned four 20-ft. containers of Meals, Ready to Eat, Unitized Group Rations, and Ultra High Temperature milk in support of the exercise, which Marines from the major subordinate commanders under Marine Forces Reserve

participate in annually.

"It's extremely gratifying to know that our organization is doing everything we can to support the improved interoperability and mutual understanding of our ally nation's tactics, techniques and procedures," said DLA Distribution Europe commander United States Army Lt. Col. Steven Keller. "We look forward to continuing support to AFRICOM exercises in the future."