

COVID-19: THE GREATEST LOGISTICAL CHALLENGE THE WORLD HAS EVER FACED

With our global footprint, network of trusted suppliers and expertise in getting crucial health commodities to challenging destinations, we were uniquely placed to assist our clients with their COVID-19 response when the pandemic began. Over the last two years, Greenshields Cowie has supported major donors, governments and NGOs in their COVID-19 emergency response activities, with operations including:

Delivering 250 tons of PPE cargo, including swabs, test kits, and hand sanitizer

Handling over 980 shipments, with 24 still in progress

Loading 1,300,000 hygiene products on trucks destined for Syria

Our parent company, Crown Agents, has purchased over half a million items of PPE and over 100,000 test kits



As the world moved into the vaccine delivery stage of response, we once again stepped up to support governments and donors. Greenshields Cowie, as the logistics arm of Crown Agents, was entrusted by the UK Government Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to distribute their very first round of COVID-19 vaccines to the UK's 14 Overseas Territories, many of which are located in the most remote and hard-to-reach regions of the world. Despite an unprecedented supply chain environment and global transport disruptions, our experienced team was able to navigate the complex logistical challenges and safely deliver the vaccines without spoilage or delay. In November 2021 we were awarded a Supply Chain Excellence Award for this work.

We were subsequently appointed by the FCDO to deliver 4.8 million vaccine doses to 17 countries, helping them to tackle soaring COVID-19 rates and protect the most vulnerable from the virus. In an effort to support global vaccination efforts and reduce global vaccine inequality, the Government distributed the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine to Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Cambodia, Guyana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Thailand, Vietnam, Kenya, Dominica, Grenada and Nepal. Undoubtedly our greatest trial to date, our team worked around the clock to get these vaccine doses over a total of 85,500 miles in just eight days!

We have recently been contracted by the FCDO to deliver a further 16 million doses to countries in need. We're proud to be supporting the UK Government to deliver vaccines to populations around the world, and to uphold our commitment of tackling vaccine inequality.

We have now supported the UK Government to deliver vaccines to every continent on earth, even delivering jobs to Antarctica to reach the isolated British Antarctic Survey team.



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Whatever the emergency, our people are the key to our success and always go the extra mile to ensure products reach the people who urgently need them.

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GREENSHIELDS COWIE'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXPERTISE

Greenshields Cowie is an industry leader in final mile logistics. We are renowned for delivering a variety of commodities, including health-related goods, humanitarian aid, vehicles, hazardous goods and construction equipment to some of the most challenging, remote and volatile regions in the world, including Iraq, South Sudan, Nigeria and Syria.

With our extensive experience in managing complex logistical requirements on large-scale projects, we can respond to emergencies quickly and effectively, finding innovative solutions to support our clients' needs.



RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES
AROUND THE WORLD

REACTING TO CRISES ACROSS THE GLOBE

When a crisis strikes, we deliver health products, cold chain pharmaceuticals, emergency relief items, vehicles, hazardous goods and construction equipment into the most challenging areas of the world.

Complex and volatile regions demand exceptional project management skills and grass roots knowledge. This is where Greenshields Cowie's unique project management approach really excels. Our dedicated team ensures that multi-modal transport deliveries remain on schedule, and that clients are kept fully informed throughout the process.

In recent years we have responded to crises across the globe.

We have responded to crises in 53 different countries:



A proactive, project-managed approach is critical to deliver performance in fragile or conflict affected environments and developing countries where generic automated approaches will not work. Our method is therefore to deliver optimal performance through a knowledge-based, predictive and agile approach. We offer a vital understanding of the administrative, environmental, and infrastructural challenges of less developed countries and we have developed a reliable network of national authorities and service providers, global transport suppliers and cargo airlines.

For over 25 years, Greenshields Cowie provided humanitarian and emergency response logistics to the UK Government, using our life-saving expertise and capacity to respond globally to disasters and crises through the quickest possible mechanisms:

Bangladesh

Sectarian violence has forced over 680,000 Rohingya refugees to flee to Bangladesh. In response to this urgent humanitarian crisis, we despatched shelter kits and blankets from India and negotiated with major international airlines to assist with deliveries into Chittagong Airport where the International Organization for Migration distributed the cargo.

Caribbean

In response to a devastating series of hurricanes which struck the Caribbean in 2017, Greenshields Cowie delivered 210,065 kgs of emergency relief items including shelter kits, hygiene kits, jerry cans, water treatment tablets, hardware lighting towers and corrugated roof sheeting to Antigua and Trinidad and Tobago. We also shipped and delivered vehicles and trucks fitted with fire extinguishers into the Virgin Islands.

Haiti

In 2016, when Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti, we delivered emergency new housing and safe structures, including 30 containers of corrugated roofing into Port Au Prince to protect over 100,000 displaced people.

Nepal

Within four hours of the devastating 2015 Nepal Earthquake, Greenshields Cowie began transporting 10,095 kgs of emergency shelter kits on air charters from Karachi to seven districts within Kathmandu.

Turkey, Greece and Romania

We delivered emergency shelter kits including tents, blankets and floor mats to Turkey and Greece to mitigate the turmoil caused by the refugee crisis, as well as transporting emergency relief items to a central warehouse in Romania to be distributed locally, supporting refugees to retain their dignity and basic human rights.



RESPONDING TO EBOLA IN SIERRA LEONE

When the Ebola epidemic took hold in Sierra Leone in 2014, we flew 2,111 tonnes of emergency aid into Freetown on charter flights landing every 48 hours. The team worked throughout the outbreak to make sure that the treatment centres received everything they needed when they needed it, from their initial construction all the way through to the steady decline and eventual suppression of the virus.

By keeping open this vital supply line we ensured that life-saving treatments could reach the Emergency Treatments Centres throughout the country. In 2015, we won a Global Freight Award in recognition of our outstanding services on this project.

