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NEWS ALERT

First UNHCR jumbo of relief supplies for Timor-Leste arrived in Darwin today

ABC Pool footage is available from ABC in Darwin- 08 8943 3173. Still pictures are also available from UNHCR.

UNHCR's emergency airlift of shelter supplies for Timor-Leste is well underway with the arrival of the first jumbo jet in Darwin this morning. Another B-747 is scheduled to depart Amman, Jordan on Thursday and arrive in Darwin on Friday.

Today's plane delivered approximately 56 tonnes of goods that will be transferred to Dili. This is part of the total 400 tonnes of supplies from UNHCR's stockpiles in Amman to be sent to Dili. Supplies include lightweight family tents, mosquito nets, plastic sheeting, jerry cans, blankets and kitchen sets.

UNHCR will use the supplies to ease congestion among the more crowded spontaneous sites that have sprung up in Dili and those with the poorest conditions.

UNHCR's emergency response team is now on the ground. **For more information contact Dili on +67 073 212 76 or +61 (0) 409 501 355.**

Australia for UNHCR has launched an appeal to raise funds the Timor-Leste operations. To donate contact Australia for UNHCR on 1300 361 288 or visit www.unrefugees.org.au

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