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Ethiopian Finalizes Distribution of Jack Ma's 2nd Round Donation to Africa

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Ethiopian Airlines completed the flight and delivery of the second round shipments of life saving medical supplies to fight COVID-19 donated by Jack Ma to all African countries.

Ethiopian Airlines expresses its complements and the highest appreciation to the Jack Ma Foundation, our Prime Minister H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed, WFP and the African CDC for giving us the opportunity to serve Africa, our beloved continent and our African brothers and sisters during this unprecedented global health and economic crisis. As a truly and indigenous Pan African airline which has been serving Africa by Africans, there is nothing more pleasing for the 17,000 strong work force at Ethiopian Airlines than coming to the rescue of our African people specially in delivering lifesaving COVID-19 medical supplies.

The GCEO of Ethiopian Airlines Group, Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, said *"It is a special honour for the entire Ethiopian Airlines family to be selected as logistics partner and distribution hub for Africa by the Jack Ma foundation, our Prime Minister, WFP and the African CDC. This project which is running its second round of shipment delivery showed the true African integration in line with the AU Vision 2063. It is a role model for what Africa can achieve in its quest for continental integration. We are also happy to see the fruits of our multi hundred Million Dollars investment in Cargo infrastructure now coming to save Africa from the COVID-19."*

It is to be recalled that Ethiopian successfully delivered the first round of donation of Jack Ma and Alibaba Foundation to African countries, which was initiated by Ethiopian Prime Minister, Dr Abiy Ahmed.

Thanks to the established capacity of Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services in terms of dedicated staff, state-of-the art facilities and young fleet, Addis Ababa has recently been designated as Humanitarian Air Hub by WFP and WHO to dispatch critical supplies across Africa.



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About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seventy plus years of operation, Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success. Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the Pan-African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to 127 international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian fleet includes ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Airbus A350, Boeing 787-8, Boeing 787-9, Boeing 777-300ER, Boeing 777-200LR, Boeing 777-200 Freighter, Bombardier Q-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of five years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate these aircraft.

Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2025 that will see it become the leading aviation group in Africa with Seven Strategic Business Units: Ethiopian International Services; Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services; Ethiopian MRO Services; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian Ground Services, Ethiopian Express Services and Ethiopian Airports. Ethiopian is a multi-award winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the past eight years.

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