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SOUTHCOM Helicopters deliver food supplies in Panama

Miami – Two US helicopters flew a humanitarian mission yesterday afternoon to ferry supplies to Boca de Cupe in the Darien province of Panama. The two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters are currently in Panama in support of New Horizons Panama, the first major exercise taking place there since the withdrawal of troops after the Implementation of the Panama Canal Treaties.

The humanitarian supplies were provided by the government of Panama with 10+ hours of flight time authorized by SOUTHCOM. The two Helicopters provided 3 lifts each of food supplies delivered to displaced refugees in Boca de Cupe.

New Horizons are the principal vehicle for the US Southern Command to execute Humanitarian and Civic Assistance in the region and has been placed since the 1980's, previously named "Fuertes Caminos". New Horizons Panama will build three schools and three clinics, and will also rotate military doctors and veterinarians to provide medical services in small indigenous communities in the western part of the country in Chiriqui province. The estimated cost of the 4-month exercise is of \$10.9 million dollars.