

CALL FOR PAPERS

Humanitarian Supply Chains **To be issued June 2010**

The reported number of disasters has increased from 1,000 in 1970 to 3,000 in 2002. The number of people affected by these disasters has risen to 2.5 billion in 2002. Due to the changing nature of the disasters and improving early warning systems the number of people killed has reduced by 75% to just over half a million in 2002 (IFRC World Disaster Report 2006/7). This means that more people than ever before are in need of local, regional and global humanitarian assistance.

Logistics is central to providing humanitarian assistance. The way that supply chains are operated has a massive impact on the speed and quality of the assistance that can be provided. In addition logistics activities (from purchasing to the last-mile delivery of items) account for a very large share of the cost in a disaster relief operation. Any improvement in the way logistics provides humanitarian assistance has the potential to deliver a huge positive impact for people affected by disasters. As a research area, however; humanitarian logistics and supply chain management remains largely underestimated even if the Asian-Pacific Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Pakistan made researchers as well as the public in general more aware of logistical challenges and opportunities in disaster relief. There is also an increasing awareness as to the link between preparedness, response and recovery in that the better logistics preparedness, the better and quicker response and the better response, the earlier recovery back towards a normal state can occur.

Given these challenges, Supply Chain Forum is happy to call for papers on humanitarian supply chains. The guest editors would like to invite and encourage you to submit your research to this special issue of SCM:IJ entitled 'Humanitarian Supply Chains'. Submissions may address, but are not restricted to, the following topics:

- *Intra- and inter coordination*
- *Assessments of needs and supplies*
- *Logistics and supply chain measurements*
- *Challenges of different types of funding: financial vs. in-kind, tied vs. untied, short- vs. long-term*
- *Logistics Preparedness*
- *Logistical aspects of recovery*
- *Sourcing*
- *Fleet management*
- *Communities of practice*
- *Capacity building*
- *Cluster thinking*
- *Security, risk and safety*
- *Environmental aspects of humanitarian supply chains*
- *Involvement by civil, military and private companies in humanitarian aid and its implications for logistics and supply chain management*

Please note that the above is not an exhaustive list. We want all types of papers – conceptual, reviews as well as different kinds of empirical studies. In particular we encourage authors to submit papers contributing to theory development based on in-depth case studies. Authors are also reminded of the interest of the readers of the journal and should focus on logistical and supply chain aspects of humanitarian aid.

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Notification of acceptance by September 1st 2009

Final version of papers due April 1st 2010

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Manuscripts should follow the [submission guidelines](#) of the journal which can be found at www.supplychain-forum.com

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