

COH EXCELSIOR

OVERVIEW

The Coalition of Hope Foundation, Inc. (COH) is a US registered 501(c)3. Since 2010, COH has provided substantial Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) support on a global basis. A “skills rich” organization, the COH Board of Directors and International Advisory Board is comprised of experienced senior leaders with expansive political, governmental, business, educational, military and philanthropic backgrounds.



COH is committed to equality, multicultural understanding and respect. Since our founding in 2010, our motto has been, “Vires in Diversitatem...Strength in Diversity.”



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Providing Humanitarian Assistance and Promoting Peace throughout the World

PROJECT EXCELSIOR



With limited warning, disaster strikes. Within minutes, thousands of lives are lost and thousands more people are critically injured. Infrastructure is destroyed, along with the capacity of government to effectively respond. Without fresh water, food, electricity and communications, shock and bewilderment turn to chaos and lawlessness.

There is an immediate need for emergency response in the form of humanitarian supplies, disease prevention, first-responders and heavy equipment, so that search and rescue teams can clear rubble, locate survivors and treat the injured. Time is short as survivors desperately search the horizon for hope, as death, disease and darkness envelop the affected areas.

The brutal reality is that cataclysm and suffering occur across the globe as a result of both natural and man-made disasters. The terrible truth is that until now there has been no emergency-response platform engineered to specifically alleviate the dire consequences caused by large-scale calamities such as earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, famine and war.

Grand human endeavors capture the attention of history. Coalition of Hope is bringing to life a historic project with global implications. The project is known as "Excelsior". The mission – to build unprecedented ship-based platforms, dedicated to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in the immediate aftermath of catastrophic occurrence. Project Excelsior will transform ships of war, into ships of peace.

C O H E X C E L S I O R

IMMEDIATE NEED: Utilizing two decommissioned USN LHA's, the COH Foundation (COH) seeks to provide ship-based humanitarian assistance and disaster-relief (HADR) platforms. The ships will incorporate state-of-the-art hospital facilities, an array of multinational, coalition medical personnel, extensive air-lift capability, heavy equipment and emergency supplies.

SPECIALIZED RESPONSE: Our specifically-engineered HADR ships will respond to unforeseen catastrophic events faster and better equipped than any other military or civilian element in existence. There is an immediate need for such capacity and it is estimated that the initiative will benefit upwards of 20 million lives per ship.

EXTENSIVE CAPACITY: The use of a reconfigured US Navy (USN) vessel with amphibious infrastructure provides optimized capability in support of HADR missions. The size and scope of on-board assets (helicopters, medical drones, and landing craft), in conjunction with substantive freshwater production capability, electrical power generation, the deployment of heavy equipment, short-term housing for as many as 4,000 displaced persons and emergency supplies diminish the need for inefficient and costly repositioning of US Department of Defense (DOD) support elements in times of catastrophe. We will be engaged in pandemic-prevention medicine, research and development in support of global population health initiatives. Education and therapies needed by our ships will also boast research & response labs, virology labs (BSL-4) and an extensive quarantine-capable deck.

SCALABLE: The Excelsior initiative contemplates the refurbishment of two former USN LHA's for HADR operations; the former USS Peleliu (LHA-5) and the former USS Tarawa (LHA-1). Each ship would service particular areas of the globe; particularly Atlantic and Pacific areas of operation. The project is ready to move forward and can be operational within 24 month of USG approvals.

TRANSPORTABLE & ADAPTIVE: An afloat Theatre Hospitalization Capability (THC) provides a unique capability to rapidly establish a fully functional, scalable, expeditionary medical capability in areas where access to shore facilities may not exist (or are limited). It also reduces the inherent (civil) force protection concerns and support considerations.

DISASTER AUGMENTATION: COH will act in coordination with the USAID (OFDA), UN, NATO, other NGOs and Partner Nations. The COH goal is augmentation, not elimination of existing humanitarian relationships and structure. COH mission guidelines contemplate the ability to support both CONUS and OCONUS operations in times of crisis. International awareness of Project Excelsior (supported by multimedia / TV) will bring positive attention to the United States and participating coalition nations.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT: COH mission guidelines contemplate the ability to support both CONUS and OCONUS operations in times of crisis. In the event of local crisis, the Excelsior ships can act as fully functional emergency facilities and provide first-responder elements that include skilled personnel and heavy equipment.

DIPLOMATICALLY ASTUTE: The project provides a valuable tool in support of various peace initiatives by actively engaging a variety of nations in leadership roles. The project is designed to be funded by coalition partners and is conceived by COH to be an inclusive coalition open to all.

RESEARCH & EMPOWERMENT: Additional operational focus includes Disease Identification and Tracking, Ecological Disaster-Relief, Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking, Women's Empowerment and Educational Initiatives, Technological Assistance, Oceanographic, and Scientific Research.

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