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Bridge Foundation Delivers Assistance to Flood-ravaged North Korea

PYONGYANG, DPRK -- Bridge Foundation, the New Canaan, Connecticut-based humanitarian relief organization announced it is sending an air shipment to Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

The medical supplies will be shipped from Bridge Foundation's warehouse in Amsterdam to Beijing for onward carriage to Pyongyang. The unprecedented torrential rains and subsequent flooding has wreaked havoc on that nations' corn and rice crop and have washed away bridges and housing.

According to the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), "data showed that torrential rains since early July have caused extensive flooding and landslides across the impoverished communist country, killing 33 people and injuring 2 others with 18 still missing. An estimated 4,000 families have lost their homes and 50,000 have been displaced."

Bridge Foundation will be on the ground to oversee distribution to three northern counties: Kwaksan, Unsan and Thaechon. Bridge supplied three "Interagency Emergency Health Kits (IEHK) -- with each kit providing enough essential drugs and supplies to treat a population of 10,000 people for 90 days. In addition, more than one-million tabs of multi-vitamins, various antibiotics and antifungals were provided.

"At the request of the DPRK's United Nations Mission in New York City, responding to their request for assistance is the direct mission of the Bridge Foundation," said Gary

Galanis, Managing Director. "And we are proud to be able to deliver these critically needed supplies to aid the people of the DPRK during this difficult time."

The shipment is scheduled to depart on Friday August 23, from the Netherlands.

Bridge Foundation will be partnering with the Korean American Private Exchange Society (KAPES). Bridge Foundation is also working on additional shipments to assist the people of North Korea as their struggle continues during these uncertain times.

About Bridge Foundation:

Bridge Foundation, an IRS registered 501c(3) organization, has been a vital asset to people in need around the world delivering medical and nutritional aid in times of natural – and manmade – disasters. Bridge Foundation provides humanitarian assistance directly to people in need, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or political affiliation. Bridge Foundation provides immediate humanitarian response -- including support to community medical practitioners with much-needed essential drugs, medical supplies and nutritional supplements along with training and health education. With their long-standing global relationships, Bridge Foundation is able to accomplish its missions by acquiring vast human resources, material and medical supplies available from developed nations -- and "bridging" with community-based healthcare and aid providers in developing countries and regions *everywhere* around the world. Because of Bridge's extensive global humanitarian experience, relationships, logistical network and understanding of specific country protocols, Bridge Foundation knows how to navigate through time-wasting red tape allowing them to be on the ground first to administer assistance -- from Darfur to Afghanistan to Haiti – to the Jersey Shore, Long Island and the Gulf Coast – Bridge Foundation and their partners continue to make a difference.

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