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## **US Military training increases Nigeria Air Force Personnel Medical Evacuation Capabilities**

The U.S. Military trained Nigerian Air Force medical personnel on Casualty Evacuation (CASEVAC) as part of a four phased Aerial Patient Movement Program. The rigorous two-week training, conducted at the Nigeria Air Force Base Hospital Abuja, will enable the air force to more effectively recover wounded soldiers from the battlefield.

The personnel acquired lifesaving first-aid skills to be used in the field, in addition to familiarizing themselves with techniques to both properly load patients on helicopters and care for them in-flight. Nigeria Air Force helicopter pilots were also trained by U.S. instructor pilots on how to effectively plan and execute a Casualty Evacuation Mission. The training, which is the second phase of the program, was conducted and funded by the United States Air Force and the California National Guard.

These trainings are to assist in the increase of the medical capability of the Armed Forces of Nigeria. The training provided patient evacuation tactics, techniques, and procedures to reduce casualty mortality rate at the point of injury and increase patient survivability during transport.

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