Johanniter International Assistance

In our international humanitarian work, we are committed to act responsible and fair. Together with our donors, colleagues and project partners, we approach different cultures and populations with respect, integrity and commitment. Our highest priority is to act according to the needs of disaster-affected people.

We mainly focus on three areas of work: primary health care, disaster response and preparedness, as well as rehabilitation programmes for people with disabilities. Sustainability is of particular importance to us: We aim to improve the living conditions of people in distress in the short, mid and long term. To this end, we use our resources carefully and with foresight and we consider the social, economic and ecological consequences of our assistance.

We are committed to the principles of accountability and transparency towards our donors and partners. We continually assess whether our structures and processes can be improved. Our consistent quality standards as well as regular monitoring and controlling ensure the professionalism of our work and make it verifiable.

Statutory tasks include:
- First-aid and medical services
- Rescue and ambulance services, as well as post-emergency follow-up care
- Civil protection and disaster preparedness
- Youth work and work with children
- Management and involvement in social welfare stations
- Additional social services, such as meals on wheels
- Additional charitable services
- International assistance

Johanniter

Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe was founded in 1952, and is represented by over 300 national, regional, and local associations throughout the Federal Republic of Germany. Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe is a chapter of the Johanniter Order and a registered association in accordance with German legislature. Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe is a professional association of Diakonisches Werk of the Evangelical Church in Germany, and is recognised as a voluntary relief organization in accordance with the first Geneva Convention (article 26) dated August 12, 1949. Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe is supported by around 17,000 fulltime employees and 31,000 volunteers, and more than 1.2 million people are sustaining members.

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Johanniter – for the love of life.

Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe has been active in a broad range of social and charitable fields since 1952: from outpatient care to child and youth services to international development assistance projects. In every area of our work, we place the individual at the heart of what we do. Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe follows the tradition of the Protestant Order of Saint John, which for centuries has had at its centre the principle of people helping one another and which still today upholds this Christian tradition of compassion. With around 17,000 employees, more than 31,000 active volunteers and more than 1.2 million supporters, Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe is one of Europe’s largest charitable organisations.
Health as a human right.

Hundreds of millions of people around the world have no access to basic healthcare. That’s why everyday people still die of diseases that are actually curable – like diarrhea, malaria or tuberculosis.

To alleviate this problem our medical programmes improve health care units and hospitals worldwide, provide them with medical equipment and medicines and train their staff. In order to support basic health needs and prevent diseases especially in Africa and Asia, we fight malnutrition, improve water supply and sanitation and inform the local population about important health issues, hygiene and nutrition. Through this work, hundreds of thousands of lives are saved every year.

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Johanniter Locations Worldwide

Emergency assistance.

After major disasters, Johanniter disaster response teams arrive on site as quickly as possible to provide medical emergency response to the affected population. Most important in this activities are the volunteers of Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe. Through realistic exercise simulations and training courses between emergencies, we ensure that these teams are as prepared as possible for these assignments.

Education saves lives.

We provide training in First Aid and disaster preparedness around the world in order to prepare people in the most disaster-prone regions for future possible emergencies. It is often possible to save lives and limit damage through the simplest measures before the disaster happens – if people understand the dangers associated with earthquakes, tsunamis, floods or cyclones.

Mobilising people.

More than 800 million people with disabilities live in the developing world. They are among the poorest of the poor and excluded from working, or taking part in society. Our aim is to improve and maintain their health and mobility for the long term so they can take control of their own lives. Our rehabilitation programmes along with our training and education measures significantly contribute to the social inclusion of people with disabilities. To this end, we set up fully equipped prosthetics, orthotics and wheelchair workshops and train the national staff.

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