

# humanitarian forum exhibition overview

## ground floor

## **Akkon University of Applied Human Sciences**

Akkon University of Applied Human Sciences in Berlin, founded in 2009, is Germany's first university for human sciences and the first under the auspices of a humanitarian organization. The state-recognized university of Johannite r-Unfall-Hilfe e.V. (JUH) offers interdisciplinary courses of study in the fields of nursing and medicine, education and social work as well as humanitarian aid and civil protection.

#### **ARCHE NOVA**

arche noVa is a humanitarian organization that has been supporting people in emergency situations for more than two decades worldwide, as well as implementing long-term development cooperation and Global Education projects. We are committed to ensuring that all people have access to safe and clean drinking water and basic sanitation. This has been a recognized human right since 2010. We usually link WASH with other sectors such as education or income. For the supported people, this means better health, greater food security, new income opportunities and the perspective of a self-determined life. arche noVa is mainly active in rural areas, where the access to water and sanitary facilities is particularly problematic. Together with local partner organizations and the local population, we work according to the principle of helping people to help themselves. In doing so, we develop individual solutions together and rely primarily on local building materials as well as adapted and easy-to-maintain technologies. Humanitarian catastrophes are on the rise worldwide, and their effects are devastating. By treating and distributing safe drinking water and aid supplies, as well as carrying out rehabilitation work while respecting humanitarian principles, we assist people in situations of drought, floods, earthquakes or military conflict. With a high degree of commitment and a flexible approach that is adapted to the context, we implement our projects efficiently and transparently and thereby strengthen the resilience of the local population against recurring or ongoing crises.

## **CARITAS INTERNATIONAL**

Caritas Germany does not fly additional humanitarian workers into crisis and disaster areas - they are already on the ground. Following the principle of subsidiarity, we support the work of well-anchored autonomous local actors in the country such as Caritas associations, non-governmental organizations, or grassroots actors. They know what needs to should be done and ensure that the measures reach those who need them. People are not simply objects receiving humanitarian assistance; they are at the center of our locally-led action, i.e.. This ensures that people who come from the region determine the use of work directly how assistance is best provided on the ground. This allows them to They will consider their respective needs, which are not only material but also of a social and psychological nature.





















#### **GERMAN RED CROSS**

The German Red Cross rescues people, helps in emergencies, offers people a community, stands by the poor and watches over international humanitarian law - in Germany and all over the world. The DRK e.V. is part of the worldwide Red Cross and Red Crescent movement with 191 National Societies with a democratic structure and supported by voluntary commitment. It acts selflessly in accordance with its statutes, is a non-profit organisation and is officially recognised as the national Red Cross Society of the Federal Republic of Germany. Volunteers and full-time staff are committed to helping the disadvantaged and people in need at all levels. The DRK is deeply rooted in civil society. Its constitution is recognised and justified under international law. As part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the DRC benefits from the frameworks and experience of a worldwide network and, through its international cooperation, supports its sister societies in solidarity in crisis situations and in strengthening local capacities. Domestically, the DRK is the umbrella organisation of the non-statutory welfare organisations and a "voluntary aid organisation of the German authorities in the humanitarian field" with legally confirmed tasks. It thus has a wide range of services and offers under one roof.

#### **ISLAMIC RELIEF**

Islamic Relief Germany is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation with a humanitarian mission. It has been based in Cologne since its foundation in 1996. We see ourselves as a partner to the needy and distressed in the world and equally as a partner to our donors and funders in Germany. Islamic Relief serves communities in need regardless of race, political affiliation, gender or belief, working to provide lasting routes out of poverty and to empower individuals to transform their lives.

## MÉDECINS DU MONDE/ ÄRZTE DER WELT E.V.

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is a private and independent international medical aid organisation. Diversity, open mindedness and mutual respect are of particular importance in our organisation. MSF provides medical aid in more than 70 countries worldwide. The headquarters of the German section of MSF - Ärzte ohne Grenzen e.V. is in Berlin.

## MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES/ ÄRZTE OHNE GRENZEN E.V.

Ärzte der Welt is the German branch of the international humanitarian organization Médecins du Monde / Doctors of the World. The NGO offers medical aid for people with no or limited access to health care – worldwide and in Germany. Ärzte der Welt provides health services especially to the most vulnerable, independent of ethnic origin, gender, religion or political affiliation. Training of medical teams and cooperation with local partners ensure a sustainable development. Ärzte der Welt also draws attention to political deficits we encounter in our work. We strive to hold decision makers accountable and to raise awareness through advocacy activities.





















#### **OXFAM**

Oxfam is an international relief and development organisations. Together with around 3,000 partner organisations, we are active in 86 countries. Our vision is a world that is just and sustainable. A world in which women and girls live free from gender-based violence and discrimination. Where the climate crisis is contained, and inclusive and accountable governance systems allow for those in power to be held to account. We fight extreme poverty. We are supporting communities to build better lives for themselves, build resilience and protect lives and livelihoods also in times of crisis. Because we want lasting solutions, we fight the inequalities that keep people locked in poverty and injustice. We take on issues like land rights, climate change and discrimination against women and address politicians and business with creative campaigns, expert discussions and public campaigns for genuine, durable change.

## **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON**

UCL is ranked the world top 9 university (QS World Rankings 2024), with a rich history of delivering high quality global health and humanitarian research, policy analysis, and education. The MSc Humanitarian Policy and Practice, delivered by the UCL Institute of Epidemiology and Health Care, aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to understand the political economy of humanitarian crises. The programme draws from multi-disciplinary and practitioner-led perspectives to equip students with both the technical skills required to respond to humanitarian challenges to a high standard, while also ensuring students think critically about the space for, and place of, humanitarian response within complex political and social systems.

## THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE OPERATIONS

The Center for International Peace Operations was established in 2002 by the Federal Government of Germany and the German Parliament to strengthen international civilian capacities for crisis prevention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding. It is a non-profit limited liability company, whose sole shareholder is the Federal Republic of Germany, represented by the German Federal Foreign Office. On behalf of the Federal Foreign Office, ZIF provides services and expertise on and for peace operations and crisis management at the national and international level in a comprehensive approach that unites training, recruitment, deployments, policy advice, analysis, international capacity building and dialogue formats.

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### **CENTRE FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

The Centre for Humanitarian Action (CHA) is Germany's first think tank for humanitarian action. Initiated by humanitarian non-governmental organisations, CHA began its work in 2019 with a goal to strengthen and improve humanitarian action. CHA is an independent think tank that bridges the gap between the academic analysis of humanitarian action and the practical work in projects and programmes, as well as between international discussions and the debate in Germany. The results of CHA's work and the





















recommendations it draws up are available to all interested actors. CHA research focus areas are / have been: Humanitarian Policy and Strategy Capacities among German and European Actors, Climate Change and Humanitarian Change, Locally-led Humanitarian Action in Practice, Risks and Opportunities in Digitalisation for Humanitarian Actors, the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus in Practice, Shrinking Humanitarian Space and Anti-Racism in Humanitarian Action.

## DRÅPEN I HAVET

Dråpen i Havet / Stagona runs activities designed to help restore a sense of normality and dignity and to help build resilience and practical skills for displaced persons. We are an independently funded, humanitarian non-profit organisation, mobilising volunteers at all locations we are present. We are currently active at four different locations in Greece, and have been active in Poland, Norway as well as two locations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The organisation was established in 2015 at the onset of the refugee crisis on Lesvos. Registered on the special registry of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, cooperating and coordinating with UNHCR, IOM, the European Commission and NGOs to ensure efficient and effective interventions. Dråpen i Havet / Stagona (DiH) improves the daily lives of displaced persons. We provide direct and immediate support inside and outside refugee camps and advocate to increase the attention on the situation for people forced to flee their homes. Through our program approaches, we distribute necessary items and services. We provide non-formal education and integration support, and activities to support psychosocial well-being, build a sense of community and belonging. Our unique, agency-returning approaches, have led us to support today residents of Nea Kavala camp since the opening of the camp in 2016, and in Alexandria since 2022 with the full scope of our program approach, as well as running a community center focused on education in Athens since 2021 and WASH projects in Lesvos since 2020.

#### HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL

Handicap International / Humanity & Inclusion (HI) is a non-profit organisation for humanitarian action and development assistance, active in over 60 countries around the world. We aspire to a world of solidarity and inclusion. We strive at improving the situation of persons with disabilities in a sustainable way and support those in need of specific protection. Furthermore, we advocate for a world without cluster bombs and mines as well as for the protection of civilians in war. HI is a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Price of 1997. Handicap International e.V. is the German association of the HI.

### HEIDELBERG INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL HEALTH

The Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH) is one of the research institutes at the Faculty of Medicine at Heidelberg University, Germany's oldest university. Through its research, the institute aims to contribute to improving the health of some of the sickest and poorest populations worldwide, especially in Africa and Asia. Through its teaching, the institute aims to train the next generation of global health researchers and practitioners. The research projects at the institute focus on Identifying important disease risk factors and health care needs, discovering new approaches to improve population health,























establishing novel models of providing health care in Africa and Asia. The institute was founded in 1962 and currently has more than 200 members (2021). With its Master in International Health and Short Course Program the Teaching Unit of the HIGH is offering a broad range of possibilities for further education on university level.

#### **HELP**

Based on the principle of helping people to help themselves, Help - Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe has been providing emergency humanitarian aid since 1981 and at the same time is committed to the long-term fight against poverty, hunger and diseases. As an active member of the Humanitarian Aid Coordination Committee, the Association of Development and Humanitarian Aid NGOs (VENRO), the Aktion Deutschland Hilft alliance and the German WASH Network, Help has also been an integral part of humanitarian civil society in Germany for many years. Placing great emphasis on local humanitarian action and long-term partnerships with 70 regional and local partner organizations, Help is currently active in more than 20 countries across the globe, implementing projects in the areas of food security, health care, education, livelihood promotion, reconstruction as well as water, hygiene and sanitation.

#### **NOHA**

NOHA Network on Humanitarian Action is an international association of universities that aims to enhance professionalism in the humanitarian sector through education & training, research & publications, and projects. It is a network of 9 European and 14 global partner universities, with a joint Master's Degree in International Humanitarian Action, annual thematic schools with an undergraduate module, a journal of International Humanitarian Action, 150+ professors and lecturers and a network of over 3,500 graduates working all around the world



















