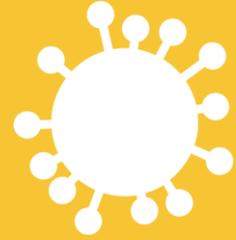


## GERMAN MULTILATERAL EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



#MultilateralismMatters

Confronting the **unprecedented worldwide challenge** posed by the COVID-19 pandemic requires a **joint effort by the multilateral system**. Without **collective action, solidarity, and empathy**, it would be impossible to tackle this global challenge. Germany is therefore actively engaged in various multilateral responses, including the weekly transatlantic coordination calls on COVID-19, the Ministerial Coordination Group on COVID-19 (MCGC) initiated by Canada and the G7/G20 efforts to forge a coordinated response.

Germany is committed to **efficient crisis management, credibility, transparency and basic democratic values**. To this end, the German Federal Government has initiated and implemented the following **measures to strengthen and support international cooperation in the global fight against COVID-19**:



### EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY

The European Union can only master this crisis if it works together as **#EuropeUnited**. We want the EU to emerge strengthened from the crisis and help shape the global order to ensure greater sustainability, justice and solidarity.

Together, **#TeamEurope** should provide a strong European response to the current global challenges – through coordinated relief measures which are delivered quickly and where they are needed.

### GERMANY IS HELPING EUROPEAN PARTNERS:

It has delivered medical supplies to particularly affected countries:



Italy: **7t of supplies**



France: **25 ventilators**



UK: **60 ventilators**



Spain: **50 ventilators**



It has admitted patients from particularly affected countries:



Italy: **44 patients**



France: **130 patients**



The Netherlands: **54 patients**

Germany has **repatriated more than 6,000 EU citizens** (and 3,300 from third countries) during its repatriation campaign of the Federal Foreign Office.

It supports building **RescEU capacity** for shared medical supplies to deal with cross-border health risks.



## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

In reaction to the **UN COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan**, Germany has announced **300 million EUR** in additional funding. The funding is aimed at containing the pandemic, mitigating its impact on people in vulnerable situations by stabilizing health systems and maintaining food security, strengthening operability and responsiveness of the global humanitarian system, i.a. by underpinning humanitarian logistics.

Approx. **1.4 billion EUR** (85 % of the total humanitarian funds budgeted for 2020) will be disbursed earlier than originally scheduled. By this means, humanitarian partners are given **greater flexibility** in order to adapt their operations to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The additional funds are disbursed as follows:

55 million EUR for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement	20 million EUR for UNICEF
50 million EUR for non-governmental humanitarian organizations	20 million EUR for UNRWA
40 million EUR for WFP	20 million EUR for IOM
35 million EUR for UNHCR	20 million EUR for WHO
30 million EUR for Country-Based Pooled Funds (CBPF)	5 million EUR for UN-OCHA

While fighting COVID-19 within its own borders, Germany is committed to a globally coordinated and multilateral response to the pandemic. Providing substantial and needs-based humanitarian assistance is not only a **moral imperative**; it is also an **epidemiological necessity** – given that the pandemic can only be eradicated on a global level.



## SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS



Germany increased WHO funding by **55 million EUR**

- 52 million EUR for the **Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP)**, including EUR 2 million for short-term aid to Iran as part of an E3 initiative
- 3 million EUR for the **Contingency Fund for Emergencies (CFE)**

**500.000 EUR** for the highly precise **IAEA nuclear lab methods** to test for COVID-19.

Germany supports the **OSCE Special Monitoring Mission Ukraine (SMM)** with protective equipment.

Germany announced a substantial pledge of **525 million EUR** during the **virtual pledging conference** co-hosted by Chancellor Merkel, the EU Commission and many others on May 4th, 2020. In total, **7.4 billion EUR** were pledged in assistance of the **ACT initiative** (Access to Covid-19 Tools Accelerator) to jointly develop vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and a global and fair distribution mechanism – this outcome is a strong signal of solidarity and paves the way towards a global response to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.



## STRENGTHENING BIOSAFETY AND BIOSECURITY

Within the German Federal Government's preventive security policy, the Federal Foreign Office has since many years assisted selected partner countries and the UNSGM with the aim to **minimize risks associated with biological substances and highly dangerous pathogens**:

- **German Biosecurity Programme** (2013 – 2022: 63 Mio EUR);
- **Enable and Enhance Initiative** (2016 – 2020: 12 Mio EUR – financed jointly by the Federal Foreign Office and Federal Ministry of Defense);
- **UNSGM-assistance**: (2018 – 2021: 3.3 Mio EUR).

Structures, partnerships and networks established in this framework have proven **robust in the current COVID-19 pandemic** situation, in which German partner institutions (Robert Koch-Institute, Bernhard-Nocht-Institute for Tropical Medicine, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute, Bundeswehr Institute of Microbiology and GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) were able to adapt some of their activities very short term at the demand of their international partner institutions to cope with the current crisis. All three programmes have been or will be extended.



## INTERNATIONAL AID REQUESTS

**5 million EUR** activated to fulfill more than 100 international aid requests received.

**15 tons** of aid supplies delivered to **China**.

Germany has activated the **NATO Crisis Response Measure "Rapid Air Mobility"** allowing for prioritized distribution of disaster relief material throughout Allied air space. By using **NATO's Strategic Air Lift capabilities** Allies have transported **hundreds of tons of medical supplies**.

For about **500.000 EUR** German diplomatic missions abroad have financed **small grant projects** for COVID-19 related poverty-reducing measures.



## CRISIS PREVENTION AND STABILIZATION EFFORTS

**22 million EUR** to be disbursed for countries in contexts of fragility, such as the Sahel region, Lake Chad basin, Middle East, and Afghanistan in order to support stabilization efforts by integrating Covid-19 measures into existing projects. The aim is to **strengthen civil society and state structures**.



## FOREIGN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL POLICY

*"International cultural relations are indispensable for a foreign policy, which, despite the corona crisis, should continue to meet and network"*

*(German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas)*

Assistance for **German cultural institutes and German schools world-wide**:

up to **70 million EUR** each for the **Goethe Institute's network (145 locations in 97 countries)** as well as the **140 German schools abroad**.

Supporting exchange students and scholars affected by the crisis by giving our exchange organizations (among others the DAAD and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation) **flexibility to extend or postpone grants and travel**.

Reallocation of **cultural preservation measures** and especially capacity building measures into the **virtual space**. The aim is to improve access to knowledge by **expanding e-learning offers** and creating **Open Access Databases**.

Making **digital cultural offers** internationally visible and tangible through the Goethe-Institute's online platform [www.kulturama.digital](http://www.kulturama.digital)



## ECONOMIC STABILIZATION EFFORTS

**87 million USD** in bilateral contribution to the **IMF's Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust**.

Up to **233 million EUR** deferred in 2020 as part of the **G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative**.



## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

**1 billion EUR** reallocated within German development cooperation (focus on operations to strengthen health systems in African countries).



## RELIGIONS AND INTER-RELIGIOUS STRUCTURES

With a **200,000 EUR** "Aid Against Isolation" fund, German diplomatic missions abroad support **German communities of different faiths**. Efforts focus on maintaining community support during the crisis through **digital methods** and **emergency social aid**.