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CADUS is the first German Emergency Medical Team (EMT) to provide medical aid in Gaza.

After the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, with over 1,200 dead and 120 hostages, Israel launched a ground offensive in Gaza. Since then, according to the WHO (25.03.2024), 32,000 people have been killed and 74,000 injured.

Thousands of people have fled to the south of Gaza. There is a lack of drinking water, food and shelter. Medical care can also no longer be provided. According to the WHO, 364 medical personnel have been killed and 104 ambulances affected since the beginning of the offensive. Only 2 of the hospitals are still fully functional.

CADUS is now taking action and has sent a medical emergency response team to Gaza. The mission is coordinated by the EMT structure of the World Health Organization (WHO).

When people are in need, we must act. There is no time to wait for the outcome of political discussions.
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Challenges of a war zone

The challenge

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Our mission in Gaza is very challenging. Especially in terms of the team's safety & security: we are in an active war zone where humanitarian aid workers, medical staff and civilian infrastructure are affected by attacks.

Furthermore, logistics are difficult to organize. Particularly strict rules apply to the import of medical supplies and technical equipment.

Financially, this mission is also a major challenge for us: we started it solely from our own funds and donations.



Gaza City is destroyed. The drive up north, where we conduct medical evacuations from, asks a lot of our drivers. March 2024. Photo: CADUS

Medical Emergency Response in Gaza

The mission

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The first CADUS team arrived in Gaza on February 5. With a WHO mandate, coordinated via their Emergency Medical Team structure. Our task: providing [emergency medical aid](#).

We work in a Trauma Stabilization Point (TSP). There, together with a local team, we provide emergency medical care for the seriously injured and sick. We were recently able to carry out the first medical evacuations (MedEvac) from the north to the south of Gaza.

The mission is initially planned to continue until end of May. We are considering an extension.



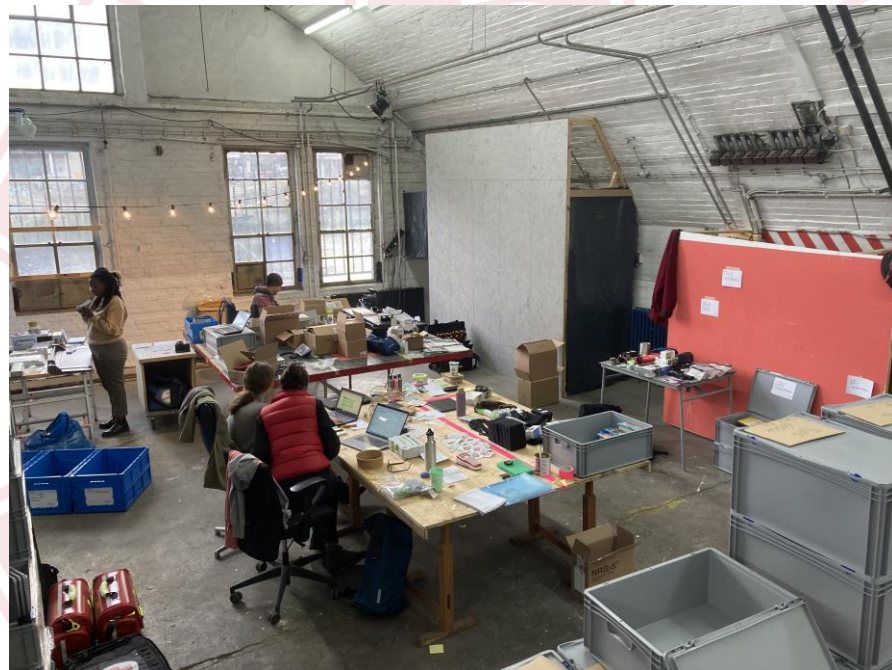
Joint work at the TSP with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society. March 2024.
Photo: Atallah Ghaith

Mission planning at our Makerspace

Operational planning and preparation take place in the CADUS [Crisis Response Makerspace](#) (workshop) in Berlin.

The logistics area is not only used for packing equipment. We also conduct briefings and safety training. The various [CADUS departments](#) give the teams an introduction to the equipment.

And that is by no means a small amount: around 750 kg of medical equipment, medicines, tools, water filtration systems and infrastructure for self-sufficiency have to be taken along and transported across the border to Gaza without an own vehicle.



CADUS Crisis Response Makerspace Berlin, January 2024. Photo: CADUS

The self-sufficient medical team

Eight people are planned for each team. There are usually two doctors, four paramedics, one technician/logistician and one operations manager. The planned duration of a rotation is three weeks. Two of these are spent in Gaza, while one week is reserved for preparation, follow-up and travel time.

The medical team is equipped with two transport and care units for intensive care patients, each including an intensive care ventilator, defibrillator/monitor, four syringe pumps, an electric suction pump, wireless ultrasound, medication and consumables in a modular system.

The team is self-sufficient regarding its own supplies too with own food, water filtration, and power supply.



CADUS Emergency Response Team in Gaza, February 2024.
Photo: CADUS

Our mission in the press

The press takes a big interest in our Gaza mission. Here is a selection of the reports of the German press:

21.03.2024

Freiwillige retten im Krisengebiet Menschenleben
[Deutschlandfunk Nova](#)

17.03.2024

Severely injured patients trapped in Gaza's hospitals as evacuations are halted
[The Guardian](#)

25.02.2024

Mit Notärzten im Gaza-Einsatz [Weltspiegel](#)

22.02.2024

Berliner Helfer nach Gaza-Einsatz: „Viele sterben, die nicht sterben müssten“ [Berliner Zeitung](#)

15.02.2024

Experte: In Rafah gibt es bereits eine humanitäre Katastrophe [NDR Info Radio](#)

Berliner Helfer im Gazastreifen: „Manche wollen lieber sterben, als so weiterzuleben“
[Spiegel online](#)

Israels mögliche Bodenoffensive in Rafah
[Tagesspiegel](#)

13.02.2024

Deutscher Helfer in Rafah [ntv](#)

Sebastian Jünemann live aus Rafah, Gaza
[RTL](#)

11.02.2024

Sebastian Jünemann live aus Rafah, Gaza
[heute journal](#)

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Logistical tasks in Rafah, Gaza, 09.02.2024. Photo: CADUS

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