

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



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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 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.

### VIRTUAL PLEDGING CONFERENCE:

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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

In total, **7.4 billion EUR** were pledged in assistance of **the joint development of vaccines** 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.

### 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 AID

Approx. **1.4 billion EUR**, a large part of the 2020 funds for humanitarian aid measures, to be disbursed early (so-called "frontloading") in order to strengthen the operability and responsiveness of the humanitarian system.

**300 million EUR** additional funds approved by the Bundestag (German Federal Parliament) to support humanitarian organizations in their COVID-19 programs. The funds will be made available as follows:

40 million EUR for WFP – 35 million EUR for UNHCR – 50 million EUR for non-governmental humanitarian organizations – 50 million EUR for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement – 30 million EUR for country humanitarian funds – 20 million EUR for WHO – 20 million EUR for UNRWA – 20 million EUR for IOM – 20 million EUR for UNICEF – 5 million EUR for OCHA

Through frontloading, NGOs and IOs are given great flexibility within government funded projects in order to adapt their operations to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 10 million EUR

to be disbursed (frontloading) 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.



## SUPPORT FOR THE WHO

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)



## ECONOMIC STABILISATION 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



## INTERNATIONAL AID REQUESTS

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

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



## 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 all faiths. Efforts focus on maintaining community support during the crisis through digital methods and emergency social aid.



## FOREIGN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL POLICY

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.

Financial support to ensure the livelihood of German schools abroad and thus contribute to stabilizing the education system in partner countries.

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