

# We secure survival, we build futures, we prevent suffering.

For 60 years Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe has been providing **help world-wide, wherever the need is greatest.**

**We support people** who have become victims of natural disasters, war or displacement and who are unable to overcome their hardship on their own.

**We provide help regardless** of religion, skin colour and nationality – **quickly, reliably and effectively, with minimal red tape.**

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## Humanitarian Aid Worldwide



## Emergency relief



## Reconstruction



## Disaster prevention



We support people in need and our local partners – from **emergency relief** to **reconstruction** and **disaster prevention**.

Earthquakes, storms, floods, droughts, violent conflicts – Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe is on site to help wherever we are needed. We especially support the victims of ‘forgotten disasters’ that no longer receive the attention of the media or public. On average we support 150 help initiatives every year.

Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe is a member of the worldwide church network ACT Alliance. This enables us to provide help in countries where we do not have our own partners or offices. Worldwide. Our own partners and the partners of ACT Alliance are part of the local society. They know the language and culture as well as the economic, political and social circumstances.

This is the reason why we are already on location whenever help is needed. And we stay as long as we are needed. Our help is solely geared towards the needs of the victims. Respecting human dignity is our supreme goal. In conflict regions we observe strict neutrality. Our help is designed to promote reconciliation.

Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe is part of the Bread for the World - Protestant Development Service within the Protestant Agency for Diaconia and Development. This collaboration ensures the transition from acute need in disaster situations to normality and long-term support. Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe secures rapid help with survival, Bread for the World guarantees sustainable development.

**We secure survival** Immediately after a disaster, people's primary needs are **food, medicine, water, blankets and tents**. As far as possible we buy the relief goods locally. This saves costs thanks to short transport distances and **strengthens the local economy**.

**We build futures** Disasters often destroy the whole basis of people's livelihoods. We help them to take their lives back into their own hands again. We assist with **the reconstruction of houses, schools and health centres** and ensure a **functioning water supply**. **Through seeds and tools as well as agricultural and professional training**, we enable people to earn their livelihoods. Depending on the scale of the disaster, reconstruction can take several years.

**We prevent suffering** Climate change has caused an increase in natural disasters like storms, floods and droughts in recent years – not only in terms of frequency but also magnitude. This is why it is important to **reduce the consequences of future disasters** and make sure people are better prepared for them. Together with our partners, we make **houses earthquake- and storm-proof, construct new houses with integrated protection, reforest coastal regions, distribute suitable seeds or improve the irrigation systems**. We also develop early warning systems and disaster management strategies and train people for evacuations.

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