



Gaza Operation 2024

#UnconditionallyHumanitarianNOW

Cadus

international
disaster response

CADUS e.V.
Holzmarktstr. 25 | 10243 Berlin | Germany

info@cadus.org | www.cadus.org





Gaza Operation 2024

#UnconditionallyHumanitarianNOW

As the first German Emergency Medical Team (EMT), **CADUS has been providing medical aid in Gaza since February 2024.**

Following the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, which resulted in over 1,200 deaths and 239 hostages, Israel launched a ground offensive in Gaza.

Since then, according to the WHO (May 30, 2024), over **36,000 deaths and more than 81,000 injuries** have been reported.

Additionally, **125 Israeli hostages** are still held in Gaza. Thousands of people have fled to the south of Gaza, where there is a shortage of drinking water, food, and shelter. The same applies to medical care: according to the WHO, 727 people from the medical field have been killed and 113 ambulances damaged since the start of the offensive. Only 14 out of 36 hospitals are partially operational, with none being fully intact.

Since February 2024, CADUS has been sending teams to provide medical care in Gaza. The operation is coordinated through the WHO's EMT structure.

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

#UnconditionallyHumanitarianNOW



Challenge of War Zone

Our mission in Gaza is very challenging, especially regarding the safety of the team. We are in **an active war zone**, where **humanitarian workers**, medical personnel, and civilian infrastructure are also **affected by attacks**.

Logistics are also difficult to organize.

Strict rules apply for importing medical and technical equipment. Limited use of border crossings further complicates planning for transport and team rotations.

Financially, this mission also poses a significant challenge: we initially relied only on our funds and donations. Despite institutional support, we **can only work comprehensively with the help of donations**.



Gaza City is destroyed. The journey to the north, from where we conduct medical evacuations, requires considerable skill from our drivers. March 2024. Photo: CADUS

Medical Aid in Gaza

On February 5, 2024, the first CADUS team entered Gaza with a WHO mandate, coordinated through their Emergency Medical Team structure. Our task: providing emergency medical aid.

We work at a Trauma Stabilization Point (TSP) and/or support the emergency rooms of local hospitals. There, together with local teams from the Palestinian Red Crescent, **we provide emergency medical care** for severely injured and ill patients. Since March 2024, we have been regularly conducting **medical evacuations (MedEvac)** from the north to the south of Gaza. So far, we have treated over 2,100 patients and transported 35 patients in 14 evacuations.

The mission is initially planned to last until the end of August. However, we aim to extend the operation.

[Video Interview \(ger\)](#)



Joint work at the TSP with the Palestinian Red Crescent, March 2024.
Photo: Atallah Ghaiht

Mission planning at the Makerspace

The Preparation

CADUS

In the CADUS Crisis Response Makerspace (workshop) in Berlin, mission planning and preparation take place.

On the logistics floor, we not only pack the equipment but also conduct **briefings and security training**. The various departments of CADUS provide the teams with an **introduction to the mission materials**.

And it is not a small amount: **several hundred kilograms of medical equipment**, medications, tools, water filtration systems, and infrastructure for self-sufficiency must be taken and carried on foot across the border into Gaza.

[More about the Makerspace](#)

[How we work](#)



Mission planning at the CADUS Crisis Response Makerspace Berlin, January 2024.
Photo: CADUS

The Self-Sufficient Medic Team

Each team consists of eight people. Typically included are **two doctors, four paramedics, one technician/logistician, and one team leader**. The planned duration of a rotation is three weeks: two weeks spent in Gaza, with one week allocated for pre- and post-mission preparation 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, medications, and consumables in a modular system.

The team's self-sufficiency is also ensured with its own food supply, water filtration, and power generation.



CADUS Nothilfe-Team in Gaza, März 2024. Foto: CADUS

Our mission in the press

01.03.2024

[Stern](#) – Deutscher Kriegssanitäter in Rafah: „Wir sind de facto eingesperrt“

06.03.2024

[Stern](#) – Hungersnot in Gaza: Können Spenden aus Deutschland helfen?

08.03.2024

[FAZ](#) – „Es braucht nicht viel, bis die Stimmung in Rafah kippt“

10.03.2024

[Marin Independent Journal](#) – Fairfax nurse to provide medical aid in Gaza

17.03.2024

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

[Arab News](#) – Evacuation standstill leaves critically injured stranded in Gaza hospitals

21.03.2024

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

03.04.2024

[DW](#) – Nach Israels Luftschlag gegen NGO: Hilfslieferungen nach Gaza vorerst gestoppt

04.04.2024

[Monitor](#) – Rettung aus Gaza: Wenn Helfen lebensgefährlich ist

14.04.2024

[rbb24](#) – Gaza: Freiwillige üben für medizinischen Nothilfe-Einsatz

16.04.2024

[World Health Organization](#) – Emergency Medical Teams in Gaza: Saving lives and preserving health

17.04.2024

[ARD Weltspiegel](#) – Weltspiegel extra: Aktuelle Lage in Gaza

26.04.2024

[Zeit Online](#) – „Im Norden Gazas versteht man, was es heißt, wenn Menschen verhungern“

07.05.2024

[Stern](#) – Angst in Rafah: „Jeder weiß, dass etwas passieren wird“

Your Donation is Needed

CADUS urgently relies on your donation to carry out this mission.

A collection at a company event or a corporate donation are also great ways to support us.

CADUS is a non-profit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.

[Donate now](#)

Donation Account:

CADUS e.V.

Volksbank Berlin

IBAN DE55 1009 0000 2533 5240 04

BIC BEVODEBBXXX



Our ambulance waiting during a MedEvac to continue driving, North Gaza, March 2024. Photo: CADUS

Thank you for your attention and your support.

For more information, visit us at cadus.org and follow us on social media:

[Instagram](#) – [LinkedIn](#) – [Bluesky](#) – [X](#) – [Facebook](#)



CADUS e.V.
Holzmarktstr. 25 | 10243 Berlin | Germany
info@cadus.org | www.cadus.org

Vereinsregister: VR 31402 B
Registergericht: Amtsgericht Charlottenburg
Vertreten durch: Dr. Matthias Grott, Anna Sauerwein

