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For over 10 years, CADUS has been providing humanitarian emergency aid exactly where it is needed most - in crises, wars and disasters all over the world.

For us, one thing is certain: solidarity, innovation and sustainability through close partnerships are the cornerstones of successful emergency relief. Together, we want to get to the root of the problems and offer help to everyone who needs it.

In doing so, we are dependent on your support and not only want to ask you for help, but above all to convince you of our mission.

We therefore invite you to find out more about us and how we understand humanitarian relief.

Whether you donate or support us with your network and skills - your support is a contribution to sustainable change and a positive impact on the lives of people in need.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us, and become part of our mission.

With best regards
Your CADUS TEAM



Our Vision

We go where few other organizations are active due to the tense situation and provide medical and technical support where it is urgently needed.

Saving lives, alleviating suffering and preventing further hardship - everyone should have access to help when they need it. And also the opportunity to become independent by building up their own capacities.

That is why we work together with local partners to find creative, needs-oriented solutions. We share our knowledge through training and are committed to providing sustainable, respectful humanitarian aid.



CADUS as part of a medical convoy, North Gaza, October 2024

The four pillars of the CADUS mission

MISSION

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Emergency Relief



Humanitarian emergency relief must arrive

CADUS provides medical and technical emergency support, mobile and modular, especially where there are gaps in care. Because people in need - no matter where and for what reason - have a right to be supported.

Cooperation & Collaboration



Strong partnerships

CADUS relies on cooperation and collaboration, training and interdisciplinary networks. After all, sustainable humanitarian aid is only possible together with those affected by crises, war and disasters.

Innovation



Humanitarian emergency support needs creativity

In the CADUS Crisis Response Makerspace, operational experience, ideas and the tools to implement them are right next to each other. Here we create creative solutions and share them according to the open source principle.

Information



The question of causes

Understanding crises in order to overcome them: CADUS asks questions, creates publicity, stands up for those affected. In doing so, it also dares to take a critical look at the field of humanitarian relief and its own actions.

Emergency Medical Team (EMT) of the WHO

Especially in times when the world is being hit by so many crises, disasters and wars at the same time, it is important to maintain quality standards and offer the best possible support to the recipients of our humanitarian aid.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has established a new standard to improve the coordination of global humanitarian aid, especially during disaster relief operations: since 2016, international organizations can be certified as an Emergency Medical Team (EMT).

CADUS has been in continuous operation since 2017 and has responded to various crises.

At the same time, we have continuously worked on aligning our medical and technical teams, equipment and work processes with the WHO EMT standard. Since September 2024, we have been officially classified as EMT Type 1 fixed and mobile.



How we work

CADUS e.V. is a non-profit association registered with the Charlottenburg District Court in Berlin, Germany in summer 2014, officially represented by the board members Dr. Matthias Grott and Astrid Barrea. The management is in the hands of Sebastian Jünemann and Lysann Kaiser. Head office: Berlin, with a branch office in Ukraine. Former branches in Erbil/Iraq and Hassakeh/Northeast Syria.

The [statutes](#) and the [CADUS Code of Conduct](#) form the framework for the association's activities. In addition, CADUS has signed the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief and is committed to internationally recognized humanitarian principles. As part of the EMT structure of the WHO, CADUS is committed to the minimum standards defined there for medical response teams.

The activities of the association, which can be read about in our [annual reports](#), are based on full-time staff and volunteers alike. A broad network of different trades, combining creativity and critical thinking, has made CADUS what it is today: an exceptional humanitarian emergency aid organization. In the Makerspace, CADUS develops innovative solutions and concepts while carrying out humanitarian missions in highly complex crises.



Mobile workshop, Motyzhyn school, Ukraine, 2022,



Patient transport (MedEvac), eastern Ukraine, 2023
Photo: Raphael Schuhmacher



Rescue workshop, Nordost-Syrien, 2015



Mobile Hospital, Erbil, Iraq, 2017

CADUS in Emergency Response

CADUS is an organization for humanitarian emergency and disaster relief, also known as Emergency Response.

Our aim is to provide rapid and direct support in acute crises in order to save lives and alleviate suffering. We bridge gaps in supply until local structures can take over (again).



CADUS patient transport (MedEvac) deployment in Lviv, Ukraine, 2022

Our work is not just aimed at providing short-term help. Emergency response must be both forward-looking and sustainable. Prevention and local capacity building in regions affected by war and disasters are key objectives of our work. As far as possible, we work directly with those affected and focus on their needs. In doing so, we strictly adhere to internationally recognized humanitarian principles.

CADUS missions often take place in highly complex contexts and sometimes even in active war zones. Every step we take is carefully considered. The protection of aid workers and those seeking help has equal priority. Time and again, we go where other organizations are unable to operate due to the unstable situation.

>4000

patients treated and transported in Gaza in 2024

>90.000

kilometers covered in Ukraine in 2024 for 800 patient transports

Emergency response missions (selection)

Gaza



Period: since Feb 2024

CADUS is on the ground in Gaza with a medical team. The mission is coordinated by the WHO EMT structure. We are the first German Emergency Medical Team to help in the current humanitarian disaster in Gaza. We provide support in emergency rooms of local hospitals and carry out complex patient transports from North Gaza.

Ukraine



Period: since March 2022

We support rescue teams, civil society initiatives and healthcare facilities with materials, vehicles, equipment and training. We have our own medical team on the ground and carry out patient evacuations, known as MedeEvacs, in eastern Ukraine. We are involved in reconstruction with projects such as the mobile makerspace, a mobile workshop.

Northeast-Syria



Period: 2014-2023

For nine years, CADUS was active with various projects in north-east Syria, including a clinic for family medical care in Rakka. Our largest project was the field hospital with an attached emergency call center in Al Hol camp, which at times housed 70,000 people, from 2019-2023. Our former local employees have since founded their own NGO and are continuing the project.

Iraq



Period: 2017-2023

During the liberation from the so-called Islamic State (IS), we operated a Trauma Stabilization Point (TSP) in Mosul, among other places. Patients were given initial treatment there and prepared for transport to hospital. In the following years, we supported several hospitals with training and equipment, as well as providing first aid training for ambulance drivers in Duhok.

The first German makerspace for humanitarian relief

The CADUS [Crisis Response Makerspace](#) in Berlin is in fact Germany's first humanitarian creative workshop. The space is used for mission planning, preparation and the implementation of mission support work in the technical and medical fields.

In the past, we have volunteered to equip vehicles such as the [Primary Health Care Unit](#) and the [Mobile Intensive Care Unit](#) to support the healthcare system in eastern Ukraine. We also build and repair necessary equipment for our own teams.

We also make the Makerspace available to other (humanitarian) organizations in order to promote cooperation within the humanitarian world. This cooperation is at the heart of our vision.

The CADUS Crisis Response Makerspace networks with other makerspaces in our countries of operation and worldwide to enable cooperation across borders.



CADUS Crisis Response Makerspace, Berlin, Holzmarktstraße

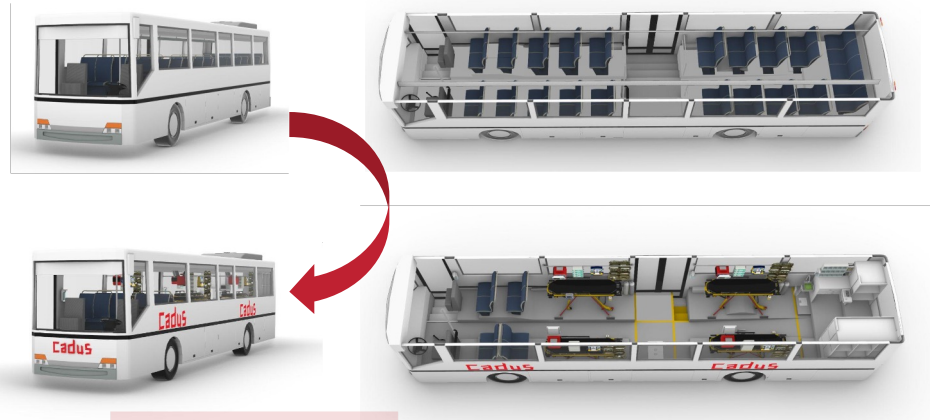
Crisis Response Makerspace: Ideas, that help

The problem

MedEvac operations, i.e. medical evacuations, are normally carried out with an ambulance plus driver and at least one paramedic.

“If transportation was requested for several patients from the same location, an ambulance and crew had to be sent out for each individual patient. This means a lot of manpower and stress for the vehicles over long distances in a huge country like Ukraine.” says Tankred Beume, Head of our Emergency Response, summarizing the problem.

The solution approach



From coach to intensive care unit on wheels

Idea



To make the missions more effective, we decided to convert a coach into a mobile intensive care unit. The advantage: more patients are transported with fewer staff. A vehicle is used that is particularly suitable for long-distance journeys.

Conversion



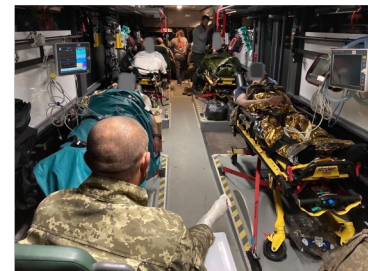
A number of features were installed to transport patients over long distances. Six seats, four securely fixed intensive care treatment places with stretchers were installed. There were also four additional spaces for staff. There is also sufficient storage space at each seat for fixed equipment such as monitors, ventilators, perfusers and suction pumps, as well as two defibrillators at each seat.

Spatial planning



Not an easy task for the construction crew. Installing the electrics, oxygen and water supply and medical equipment in a very confined space and still having enough room to work and maneuver the stretchers was a real challenge for everyone involved.

In action



Three transports with a total of 25 patients were carried out just after arriving in Ukraine in October 2022. The MICU bus is now in regular use in the Dnipro region under the direction of the local rescue service.

More infos about the conversion [here!](#)

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If you have any further questions about donations and their processing, please feel free to contact us at any time: spenden@cadus.org.



CADUS team at deployment in Dnipro, Ukraine, 2023
Foto: Chris Grodotzki

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