

Mr. Erkki Heinenon,
UNHCR, Belgrade

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Dear Mr. Heinenon,

We'd like to give you some information on our organisation and its activities. We hope that we can share more in the humanitarian aid in your area.

International Emergency Help or Internationale Nothilfe (IEH) is a German NGO founded in 1997 after the late NGO called VRD (Voluntary Relief Doctors) was abolished.

Our main field of interest is medical help in disaster areas all over the world, this includes providing medicine, medical teams of Doctors and nurses, also have a very good experience in treating and rehabilitation of mine victims, this was done through VRD from 1991 till 1997 in Kurdistan (Northern Iraq), Bosnia and Angola.

In 1999 we started by sending medical teams of surgeon with some medicine and equipments to help victims of the Balkan war mainly in the Rep. Of Macedonia.

For the earthquake victims of Turkey we provide medicine, equipments and cash money, this was done with help from the city of Wuppertal and another German NGO called Action Medeor.

The medical association of Germany (Bundes Ärztekammer) announced us as a Medical expert and advisor for the Balkan area. In October 1999 we send some medical equipments for the Medical Center Hitne pmoci Kucnok Lecenya Svetozara Markovica 72, Belgrade. In December 1999 we send some medicine for the Kikinda Hospital.

According to our evaluation of the Health situation we found increase in the rate of infectious diseases mainly among children and that there is great need for providing medicine and modern equipments.

Tuberculosis is one of those infectious diseases, therefore we prepared a study, then a joined

programme with Action Medeor and the Medical Association with direct supervision of Prof. Zorica Zivkovic, head of the Hospital for pediatric pulmonology and TB, Belgrade.

Now we have a primary list of 20 children having Tuberculosis to start helping them.

The ministry of Health in Belgrade told us that they are ready for co-operation.

Our representative in Belgrade, Mr. Michael Trippic is in continuous contact with the local authorities.

Mr. Schmitt, the German attache in the Embassy of Japan in Belgrade has good information on our activities.

We are asking your kind help to recognize us as an implementing partner in your future programmes and we hope that we shall meet soonly.

Please accept our best regards.

Akram Naasan