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Subject: TB situation in Yugoslavia

Dear Mr. Nunn,

we'd like to give you some information on our organisation and its activities. International Emergency Help or Internationale Nothilfe (IEH) is a German NGO founded in 1997. 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.

In 1999 we started by sending medical teams of surgeons 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 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.

As we are a small NGO with limited budget therefore we are asking your kind help in providing Updated information on TB situation, statistics and treatment all over the world.

Also we would like to know if there is any chance to provide us with Medicine and equipments, including a mobile x-ray unit for our programme.

Hope to hear from you soonly, we remain,

Sincerely yours

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