

tection Mechanism, queries and provision of experts and resources; National Focal Point for other international notification procedures

- The coordination office of the Federal Government for Aftercare, Support for Victims and their Relatives (NOAH): psychosocial services for German citizens who were affected by serious accidents and terrorist attacks abroad; in collaboration with the Federal Foreign Office

#### Education:

- EU – Training courses of the European Union for international operations of civil protection and disaster management in cooperation with European partners are being held since 2004
- NATO – Since 2012, the Academy for Crisis Management, Emergency Planning and Civil Protection (AKNZ) is used as a regional CBRN Training Centre by NATO for the conduction of courses for CBRN-experts
- UN – Courses in the area of civil-military cooperation are carried out since 2012: United Nations Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination (UN-CMCoord)
- International summer academy – Since 2009 a two-week summer school programme for international civil protection is offered to students from a wide range of disciplines from Germany and other countries
- Needs-based approach towards further international cooperation and projects

The Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (BBK) is a supreme federal office within the remit of the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI). It supports and advises other (federal) state authorities in fulfilling their assignments in the area of civil protection.

The BBK considers all aspects of civil safety precaution across different sectors and links them towards an effective protective system for the population and its livelihoods. BBK is your responsible and qualified partner in the area of emergency preparedness, response and self-help.

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## International Cooperation



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# International Cooperation: The Expertise of the BBK in Disaster Management

## Consultation – Development – Training – Net- working

The BBK, as a national hub in the area of civil protection and disaster assistance, possesses a comprehensive portfolio that is carried out internationally. The BBK applies the framework of the general cycle of risk- and crisis management in all international activities.

It acts therefore according to the principles of disaster prevention, disaster preparedness, crisis management, response as well as lessons learned.

### *The BBK Expertise:*

- Conceptual and advisory development of solutions for CBRN protection of the population
- Advice and development of methods and guidelines for risk analysis & risk managing in civil protection
- Development of concepts and guidance for the protection of critical infrastructures
- Specific training and education, development of concepts for national and international public bodies
- Strengthening of crisis management structures / crisis management training modules
- Promotion and empowerment of volunteer structures

### *The strategic importance of international cooperation:*

- Shaping international processes by offering and mediating national expertise, exchanging experi-

ences, jointly enhancing competencies and promoting, demanding, and facilitating assistance / support and solidarity

- Fostering expertise through international exchanges, deepening existing competencies through new projects and partners, and contributing to policy development and technical enhancement
- Linking the whole of the German system of civil protection to an international audience by involving German relief organizations of the German Länder and local authorities
- Protection and assistance for German citizens and interests abroad, e.g. during international mass events or in the event of severe disasters

### *Target groups / -regions:*

- National representatives within the political and economic area
- Regional decision makers
- Specific international experts

## Examples

### *Third-party funding of special projects in:*

- China – 2009 to 2012, crisis management training and development of methods, risk analysis / emergency planning, funded by the German Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ); partially developed within the global initiative of the German Federal Government
- Tunisia – since 2012, provision of equipment and crisis management training in collaboration with the fire brigade of Frankfurt, funded by the Federal Foreign Office as a part of the partnership for transformation
- Brazil – Assistance during the FIFA WM 2014, with emphasis i. a. on crisis management, mission plan-

ning for mass events, CBRN protection, in collaboration with the AG der Leiter der Berufsfeuerwehren (AGBF), funded by the Engagement Global GmbH

- Jordan – since 2013, reinforcement of Jordan Civil Defence in the field of CBRN protection, funded by the Federal Foreign Office

### *International conferences and meetings of experts:*

- Conference with the neighbouring states of Germany regarding the consequences of severe weather conditions for civil protection, 11-22-2012, in Bonn;
- In 2011, 2013 & 2015: thematic international forum accompanying the two days exercise phase for LÜKEX, the joint strategic crisis management exercise of the German Länder; previous priorities in 2009 / 10: terrorist threats related to CBRN, in 2011: cyber-attacks, in 2013: biological crisis scenario in 2015: storm tide
- Planning and realisation of an international exchange of experts

### *Annual exchange formats:*

- Coordination meetings of German actors involved in the EU disaster management in Brussels
- Joint exchange of experiences for German experts of EU procedures, in collaboration with the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW)
- Trilateral exchange with Austria and Switzerland (D-A-CH) for a range of topics, including risk analysis and Critical Infrastructures

### *Institutionalised procedures:*

- The Joint Information and Situation Centre of the Federal Government and the Länder (GMLZ): national and international monitoring of the situation within the scope of the EU Civil Pro-