



# EUROPEAN MODULAR FIELD HOSPITAL (EUMFH)

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EUMFH-PROJECT

The project **European Modular Field Hospital (EUMFH)** aims to explore how the medical capacity of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism can be improved. Different Member States of the European Union combine their expertise and build a common deployable Emergency Medical Team (EMT) level 3.

## BACKGROUND



Nepal, earthquake, 2015

The European medical response system is currently comprised of first responder units that are operating in a quick and light manner. Recently the typhoon in the Philippines and the Ebola crisis, have clearly demonstrated the necessity for more enhanced and comprehensive health capacities for a longer duration.

In 2010, after the Haiti Earthquake and the Pakistan floods, the Global Health Cluster identified a need to ensure quality and standardise services provided by international medical teams. The EMT-working group under the lead of the World Health Organisation developed standards for EMT's and the variety of services they provide as well as a referral system.

The objective is to ensure a coordinated package of services accountable to the care-seeker and the local government. Moreover, a registration system was developed where medical teams can register themselves and declare that they will work according to the new standard.

Current developments show that there is a clear lack of active deployable level 3 Emergency Medical Teams i.e. referral hospitals in the field. Therefore, there is a need for a high level medical module that can be deployed for a longer term mission without putting the burden on one single Member State or organisation.

## PROJECT PARTNER / STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

The consortium is consisting of:

- The Italian Civil Protection Department
- The Belgian Ministry of Health
- The Danish Emergency Management Agency
- The Estonian Health Board
- The French DG for Civil Protection and Crisis Management
- The Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs
- The Johanniter, Germany
- The University of Leipzig, Germany
- The Association of Slovak Samaritans

with the permanent support of:

- The Greek National Centre of Emergency Care
- The World Health Organisation
- Handicap International

The stakeholder workshop will be organised in Antwerp, Belgium from March 6th to 8th, 2017.

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Philippines, typhoon Haiyan, 2013



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