

## News/Updates from Johanniter Austria

### **Ambulance / Patient transport**

In 2018 Johanniter Austria faced a further reduction of patient transport esp. in Vienna. Public insurances favour cheaper taxis also for patient transports with stretchers and carrying chair. After lobbying action by Vienna's ambulance services an amendment of the Vienna law on rescue and patient transport clarifies that patient transport with stretchers and carrying chair needs ambulance organisations and is forbidden for taxi enterprises. Since April 2019 we have again raising demand of patient transports.

### **Ambulance services at events**

Johanniter Vienna provided also 2018/2019 ambulance services for traditional ball events in Vienna's Hofburg.

March/April 2019 Johanniter Austria was proud to again care for ambulance for the Cirque de Soleil (CdS). Johanniter in Austria are since many years partner of CdS for ambulance security not only during the performances, but also during setting up and tear down of the equipment.

### **Training**

Johanniter Austria's training centre do not only provide standard first aid courses for the public and courses for qualification of rescue staff.

Since last year Johanniter Austria provides also refresher courses for emergency doctors with very good feedback from the participants.

Since many year Johanniter Austria is also partner of the Austrian Resuscitation Council and offers ERC licenced courses for Paediatric Life Support.

### **Superhands**

With the service superhands Johanniter Austria provides service, information and help for children who care for ill parents or relatives. A campaign is run in 2018 and 2019 with radio and TV spots to raise the awareness for this group.

The superhands website was also rolled out by Johanniter Germany; an example for sharing resources between JOIN partners.

### **Research**

Participation in EU- or national-funded research projects becomes a more and more important task of Johanniter Austria. Currently Johanniter Austria is involved in 13 research projects. The funding of the currently running project is about 1,7 million Euros. It is mainly AAL-projects Johanniter participate in.

### **Home for homeless people**

During winter 2018 and 2019 Johanniter Austria raises its services for homeless people. Funded by the city of Vienna 350 places are offered from begin of November 2018 to end of April 2019.

Homeless persons get a bed to stay, sanitary rooms, a simple dinner and breakfast. They have to leave the rooms during daytime, except families, where service are also provided during daytime.

### **Christmas trucks**

In cooperation with Johanniter Germany Johanniter Austria participated in the Weihnachtstrucker – Project. Christmas parcels are provided by donators and distributed in Rumania (and other eastern countries in areas with poor population).

~1.500 parcels were donated by Austrian donators.

Volunteers and donators appreciate this way of direct support of people in need.

### **International cooperation**

Johanniter Austria applied in cooperation with St John for a project to train / qualify care staff of the St John Eye Hospital. The funding by the City of Vienna is of an expected amount of EUR 30.000,00. Answer is expected in the next weeks.

With the International Assistance of Johanniter Germany Johanniter Austria currently works on an application for funds of the campaign of the Austrian Broadcasting Association (ORF) Nachbar in Not (Neighbour in need).

An amount of 180T-200T Euros will be applied for projects in Mozambique for relief actions after the hurricane Idai.