

Factsheet: AUIK Research Project

Project:	AUIK – Maintaining home care infrastructure in disasters
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Project Partners:

- International Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities at the University of Tübingen (IZEW)
- Institute for Health and Nursing Science at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- German Red Cross - National Headquarters
- Vincentz Network

Location

Tübingen
Berlin
Berlin
Hannover

Motivation:

People in need of care who are treated at home are often particularly vulnerable in crisis events, and the number of people who rely on outpatient care providers has increased over the years. Outpatient care structures such as private nursing services are responsible for patients' everyday treatment and play an essential role for their wellbeing. At the same time, disaster management and outpatient care structures are often insufficiently prepared for emergencies, such as a power failure and are therefore not sufficiently coordinated in their response. AUIK takes up this point and aims at enhancing the safety of people treated at home in crises and disasters.

Goals:

Within the AUIK research project, concepts and educational materials are being developed on how civil protection and outpatient care providers can work together more closely, in order to provide needs-based support for people cared for at home in crisis situations. The AUIK research project aims to ensure close and sound cooperation between civil protection and outpatient care services for needs-based support of people treated at home in emergencies. The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the resilience capacity of outpatient care structures in emergencies, following a two-step approach: Firstly, the maintenance of domestic home care by strengthening outpatient care structures. Secondly, the possibility of a temporary centralisation of previously decentralised outpatient care structures in an emergency scenario in which affected persons are instructed to be evacuated.