The Emergency Committee in Brussels

Created in 2007, it sets up and also coordinates projects in response to acute (conflicts, natural disasters...) or chronic (reoccurring conflicts, insecurity...) humanitarian crises. It has been an integral part of the DAU since July 2012 and is based in Brussels.

The current projects and the expertise of the Emergency Committee target the monitoring of its beneficiaries as well as the training and informing of patients and their families. It also has the goal of setting up a system of registering and reinforcing local skills through the recruitment and training of local staff.

While still present in Haiti and Afghanistan, since 2007 the Emergency Committee has developed activities in many other countries: Ivory Coast, Congo, Myanmar, Vietnam, Cuba and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Technical Recruitment Pool

The Emergency Committee in Brussels is in the process of updating and formalising its “Recruitment Pool” for paramedical professions (principally physiotherapists, ergo therapists and ortho-prosthetists).

The “Recruitment Pool” in a few words: natural disasters, armed conflicts or major accidents are unpredictable and call for rapid assistance. To meet the needs which appear following these events, the DAU regularly send paramedical professionals on short-term emergency missions (generally for a few weeks), but also on long-term missions (several months) with the aim of transitioning from emergency and development.

The main goal of our pool is, therefore, to be able to better target potential candidates by contacting them as a matter of priority when positions on an emergency project become available.

We also plan to organise events to lead this pool and inform/train its members (through newsletters and news from the field/headquarters, training and information sessions before departure, forum...).

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