

## **Johanniter Austria in 2021**

### COVID-Pandemic

Mastering the COVID-Pandemic was the dominating task of Austrian Johanniter beside our usual services in 2021. Only in Vienna Johanniter ran 13 vaccination centers; some in office-buildings of the Community of Vienna but also in a boat based in a Danube billabong or in containers in central places in Vienna. In a well running shopping center Johanniter managed a vaccination station and even in Vienna´s Stephansdom vaccinations were offered together with the Maltese.

COVID-Testing was already since 2020 a major service: Johanniter ran antigen testing for different companies, such as the Vienna State Opera.

Johanniter vaccinated ~210.000 doses, ~385.000 COVID-antigen-tests were completed. Covid-services were also the reason why Johanniter raised the number of employees with almost 70% in two years. Whilst at the beginning of the COVID-crisis Johanniter could cover its crisis management well with its volunteers for several weeks, later on payed staff was needed to cover the enormous personal resources 24/7.

With almost 100.000 hrs of volunteers service Johanniter Austria reached a maximum since its begin in 1974 in Austria.

### Rescue Services

~32.000 emergency patient transports were carried out and 94.000 patient transports. So the demand on patient transport grew again in 2021, whilst was reduced in 2020.

### First Aid Courses

Participants of first aid course were not only in 2020, but also in 2021 reduced due to the lockdowns and people being cautious participating in courses with other persons with possible infections.

### Research

The research department is growing steadily: Meanwhile 14 researchers are employed. Johanniter were involved in 26 research projects in 2021. All projects are linked to services Johanniter are providing, disaster preparedness, virtual trainings, developing App to support care persons etc.

### Homeless shelter

270 homeless persons can stay in Johanniter shelters that cover basic needs of homeless (bed, basic food, support).

### New building

By the end of 2021 Johanniter could buy a building just at the opposite side of Johanniter headquarters in Vienna 21st district. The building is going to be adopted now. It will solve the lack of office rooms and storage Johanniter have. The ground has 4.200 m<sup>2</sup>, 2.300 m<sup>2</sup> office rooms, 2.500 m<sup>2</sup> storage.

### JOIN

Since the very beginning of the cooperation through Johanniter International, Johanniter Austria see no alternative to the cooperation between the partners, the exchange of ideas, sharing resources and supporting each other.