



„SAVING LIVES IS OUR DUTY!“

Around the world, millions of people are seeking refuge because of human rights violations in their homelands (war, murder, rape, discrimination, prosecution...). They must cross borders in an attempt to find a safer place to live.

Many people depart from Turkey or Libya because they are promised a crossing over the Aegean or Mediterranean seas to the European mainland. The refugees often don't realize the danger of the situation until it's too late. They arrive at the transport facilities only to discover cramped, overcrowded and unsafe rubber dinghies that rarely have enough fuel to make the crossing and contain no food - breaking the prearranged agreements with the smugglers.

This is the point of no return. Once the journey has been paid and prepared for there is no way out. The exception is to be executed by the smugglers. Refugees hope to escape the human rights violations of their homelands and transition states. Many see themselves as forced to go through this deadly odyssey. A ship wreck is, in most cases, inevitable.

The result: Mass deaths in the Mediterranean².

MISSION LIFELINE states:

“On a daily basis, people try to make the deadly crossing using unsafe dinghies. We can't inactively watch them dying in the Mediterranean Sea while waiting for political and humanitarian solutions – we look forward to your participation in a realistic possibility to save many lives.”³

¹Source: UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe (10.06.2017): Zahlen & Fakten, In: <https://www.uno-fluechtlingshilfe.de/cdn/trk/lp/v01/>; UNHCR (19.06.2017): Statistiken, In: <http://www.unhcr.org/dach/de/services/statistiken>

²Source: Spiegel online (06.01.2018): Neues Flüchtlingsdrama. Zahlreiche Menschen sterben im Mittelmeer, In: <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/fluechtlingsdrama-zahlreiche-menschen-sterben-im-mittelmeer-a-1186562.html>; RP online (29.01.2018): Bootsunglück vor Libyen. 31 Flüchtlinge sterben im Mittelmeer, In: <http://www.rp-online.de/panorama/ausland/boots-unglueck-vor-libyen-31-fluechtlinge-sterben-im-mittelmeer-aid-1.7227084>; Pro Asyl (23.05.2017): Schweigen für die Toten im Mittelmeer, In: <https://www.proasyl.de/news/sc-hweigen-fuer-die-toten-im-mittelmeer/>

³Source: Mission Lifeline e.V. (2017): Willkommen bei Mission Lifeline. Unser Ziel, In: <https://mission-lifeline.de/de/start>



THE PROJECT “SEARCH AND RESCUE”

Our Duty

To search and rescue people in distress and prevent them from drowning.

Where We Operate

The Mediterranean Sea along the Libyan coast.

Our Concept of Action

Our ship, the LIFELINE, has an important function in the dangerous zone in front of the Libyan coast. LIFELINE is a “First Responder” and therefore is specially used to search for boats in distress and to provide First-Aid. For this reason, we have a high performance radar and various medical and hygiene sectors on board.

Due to particular safety reasons for everyone onboard and to remain an effective “First Responder”, the transportation of rescued people to the north not apart of our concept.

And this has essential reasons:

Other boats have inherited the important task of bringing the rescued people to the mainland. This takes a few days until they are out of the dangerous rescue zone. LIFELINE remains in the zone after the rescue to ensure the aid was sufficient and to search for potential other castaways.

Our ship has the capacity to rescue over 1000 people - despite her seemingly small construction.

We collaborate with other search and rescue organisations, as well as governmental authorities.

The Crew

Our crew consists of diverse action teams who are mainly volunteers.

These positions include the following: Head of Mission, Captain, Machinists, Ships Electricians, doctors, nurses, RHIB-Driver, rescuers, deckhands, cultural mediators and cooks.

**We need your support to ensure that
future missions are possible.**

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