

# Logistics & other Challenges – Experiences made by THW during the COVID-19 Situation

THW, the German Agency for Technical Relief, with its ~80.000 volunteers was continuously involved over the course last months.

The main field of activity was logistics with distribution and supply mainly of PPE, but also disinfectants and the transportation of medical equipment.

Therefore, new structures have been installed, like a dedicated coordination group and distinct logistic and distribution centers.

# Example zKiL:

## Central coordination authority for logistics



- THW was tasked by the German Government to install zKiL
- The mission was to coordinate the distribution of PPE and disinfectants for the ministries and organisations of the federal government

## Logistics achievements

THW / zKil collected from

- several forwarders and
- delivered

from 22.03.2020 until today

+ 45.000.000 pieces PPE

+ 430.000 ltr. disinfectants

to ~100 destinations



# Challenges



- Quality of PPE is not always as per European regulations
- Uneven supply chain with daily changing volumes and items
- Not all ministries are equipped to receive certain volumes of PPE and disinfectants



# Advantages of THW coordination



- Short communication with all ministries and departments
- Combined utilisation of commercial transports and THW equipment
- High flexibility due to availability of ~80.000 volunteers on short notice

