

# Factsheet Research Project KOPHIS

## Project:

**Strengthen the context of care and help dependencies  
– Linking care infrastructure, involved authorities and organizations as well as  
civil society**

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Project partner:

- German Red Cross National Headquarters and GRC state association Nordrhein (consortium lead)
- Free University Berlin, catastrophe research unit (KFS)
- University Stuttgart, Institute for Technology and Management
- University Tübingen, International Center for ethic in research
- Centre for Telemedizin Bad Kissingen GmbH

## Motivation

Due to the demographic change, the amount of care and help-needed persons rise. Approximately about 70% of these people are cared of at home, by professionals as well as by relatives. Despite their need for help in all situations, currently no central information about care-needed person does exist. In situations with extreme weather, in other crisis situations or in evacuations rescue forces face the questions which persons are in need of special help and which persons are able to support the evacuation and care.

## Proceeding and Purpose

To enable an appropriated support of care needed persons in crisis, a network between authorities, care industry, relatives and actors from civil society should be initiated and strengthened. Therefore, the demand of affected people should be ascertained. The planed survey will take place in the model region Willich. In cooperation with the care industry and authorities concepts for the care of needed persons in catastrophe situations will be developed. To support the interaction between the involved actors, a demonstrator will be established and approved in the project. To protect the privacy of affected persons, ethnic and legal consultancy will be ensured.

## Innovation and Perspectives

The analysis of network and communication structures of privately cared persons will enable a new concept to ensure their protection and support in crisis situations. The results will aim in guidelines and trainings to raise the resilience of the involved actors, especially in the area of care industry and authorities. The generalization and use in other regions is ensured.

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