

Specialized military healthcare



Always

Everywhere

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Objectives



Humanitaire acties tijdens militaire zendingen,
veiligheidsaspecten en humanitaire ethiek

To Inform

To Explain

To Convince

Our Values

**Our
References**

Our Mission

**The military
environment**

**Principles for
Cooperation**

**My
Recommendations**



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Our Values ...

As a Military



As Healthcare Professionals

Medical Ethics

- Autonomy
- Beneficence
- Non Maleficence
- Justice-Equity



Medical Deontology

- The Patient
- The Family
- Healthcare workers

Collegiality

- Be an example
- Be collaborative
- Be forgiving
- Be involved



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Our References ...



International Humanitarian Law

Geneva Conventions

Law of Armed Conflicts

Military Medical Ethics



UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs



NATO Civilian-Military Cooperation



HealthCare in Danger





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Our Mission ...

Point of Wounding



Back To Operation



Forward Medevac



Role 1 Emergency



Tactical Medevac



Field Hospital Care



Strategic Medevac



Homebase Hosp



Unit Re-Integration



**Continuum of care
+
Timelines**





What are we doing for the populations?



According to the mission ...

Comprehensive Approach

Confidence Building

Capacity Development

Education & Training

Disaster Relief

Emergency Healthcare





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« The Military environment » during missions



A lot of « military » forces ...



Belligerents

**International
Military Forces**

**Humanitarian
Environment**

**Police
Forces**



**Private
Companies**

**Non-State
Armed Groups**



Principles for collaboration



What does OCHA say?

Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

- 1.** Militaries can contribute to humanitarian action through their ability to rapidly mobilize and deploy unique assets and expertise in response to specifically identified requirements.
- 2.** Military action supports political purposes, but humanitarian assistance is based solely on need, and is provided neutrally without taking sides in disputes or political positions on the underlying issues.
- 3.** Interaction between humanitarians and the military can range from cooperation to coexistence. OCHA manages coordination within these differing relationships through the UN-CMCoord framework and the application of related guidelines.
- 4.** Humanitarians must be observant when working with the military to ensure their work does not compromise the impartiality, operational independence, neutrality and civilian nature of humanitarian assistance.
- 5.** Effective and consistent humanitarian civil-military coordination is a shared responsibility, crucial to safeguarding humanitarian principles and humanitarian space.



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Ideal relationship



Based on common understanding and agreements ...

Medical Military Mission

- Emergencies
- Disaster
- Public Health
- Exchange of MEDICAL information
- Situation Awareness

Humanitarian Mission



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A reference to read ...



UN-CMCoord

UNITED NATIONS HUMANITARIAN
CIVIL-MILITARY COORDINATION

Facilitating the right assistance, to the right people,
at the right time, in the most appropriate way

UN-CMCoord

Field Handbook

Version 2.0 (2018)



Chapter 1: Humanitarian Action

Chapter 2: Humanitarian Ecosystem

Chapter 3: Key Concepts of UN-CMCoord

Chapter 4: Understanding the Military and Other Armed Actors

Chapter 5: UN-CMCoord in Disasters in Peacetime

Chapter 6: UN-CMCoord in Complex Emergencies

<https://www.unocha.org/publication/un-cmcoord-field-handbook>

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My Recommendations



- **Identify and Know the military environment**
 - Their Missions / Their Ressources / Their Procedures
- **Define rules for collaboration**
 - Why? How?
- **Identify domains for cooperation**
 - What? When?



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As conclusion ...

Prepare

Understand

Respect

Victims

- Mutual Comprehension
- Mutual Respect
- Efficacy and Efficiency

Know each other => Build Confidence => Educate & Train



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