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Symposium

# Minorities in crises

08:45

Registration

09:30

Beginning

09:30 – 09:45

Welcome Note:  
German Federal Foreign Office  
  
Welcome Note:  
Aktion Deutschland Hilft

Christian Heldt  
Ambassador, Special  
Representative for Relations  
with Jewish Organizations,  
Antisemitism issues, Interna-  
tional Sinti and Roma affairs,  
Holocaust remembrance

09:45 – 10:00

Welcome

Gal Rachman  
CEO OlamAid

Aron Schuster  
Director ZWST

10:00 – 10:15

Keynote

Deidre Berger  
Board of Directors - OlamAid

10:15 – 11:30

Panel 1: (english)  
"Addressing Minority Needs in  
Crisis Regions - International  
field Insights"

This panel will look at the challenges faced by minorities and among vulnerable groups and communities in current crisis areas. Experts will share their experiences from the field, address specific needs and talk about practical approaches. The session will focus on how to better support minorities during crises, combining real-life examples with expert knowledge.

Limor Levi  
Society for Advancement of  
Education in Israel

Christoph Waffenschmidt  
former CEO of World Vision

Lukas Welz, Managing  
Director of the Federal  
Association of Psychosocial  
Centers for Refugees and  
Torture Victims e.V (BAfF)

Mirjana Maksimovic  
EU Delegation member  
Serbia

15 min Coffee Break



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11:45 – 12:45

### Workshop Slot 1:

Workshop 1A  
(ukrainian, english, german)

Title: Affected Communities supporting themselves and each other - 2 examples from Ukraine

Maksym Melnikov,  
Masoret Kyiv, Head of organization

Yuliana Harbar,  
Avalyst, Head of the organization

Yevheniia Afonina,  
Avalyst, MHPSS Program Manager

Intro from  
Svitlana Vershynina,  
Project Coordination Ukraine (OlamAid)

Workshop 1B  
(english)

Title: Navigating layers of vulnerability and resilience: MHPSS with minority populations

In this workshop we will explore the psychosocial needs of people from minority groups, with a specific focus on intergenerational transmissions of both trauma and resilience. To understand these topics, we will look at creative expressions of these topics among minority populations and discuss their possible implications on MHPSS services for these populations.

Intro:  
Dr. Michal Sela,  
Head of professional Department of OlamAid

Nehama Grenimann Bauch  
Art Therapist, PhD student and MHPSS consultant of OlamAid

Workshop 1C  
(german)

When people with disabilities are affected by global crises: Insight into the work of an art studio

The Berlin art studio OMANUT in Berlin is visited by Jewish people with disabilities, often with a migration biography, and has been run by ZWST since 2009. The director, Judith Tarazi, provides insights into the realities of the visitors' lives and how they deal with crises in the studio.

Judith Tarazi  
Art therapist and head of art studio Omanut Berlin, ZWST

Followed by an exchange with Judith Tarazi and Maria-Victoria Trümper (Interessenvertretung Selbstbestimmt Leben e.V.).

12:45 - 13:45 Lunch Break

13:45

### Opening Part 2

Welcome Note  
Senate Department for Labor, Social Affairs, Equality, Integration, Diversity and Anti-Discrimination Berlin

Max Landero  
State Secretary for Integration, Anti-Discrimination and Diversity of the State of Berlin

14:00 – 15:15

Panel 2: (german)  
"Germany in the event of a disaster: how minorities and vulnerable groups are not forgotten"

This panel will address the special needs of minorities in Germany in times of crisis, including natural disasters. Based on experiences from current emergency relief and rehabilitation projects, effective strategies for inclusion, empowerment and participation will be discussed. Particular attention will be paid to the challenges faced by marginalized groups, who are often affected by exclusion and discrimination on multiple levels.

Aron Schuster  
Director ZWST

Celal Hakrash  
Yazidi and former Employee of OlamAid

Albrecht Broemme  
Former. President of THW and Coordinator of Refugee matters in Berlin

Maria-Victoria Trümper  
Interessenvertretung Selbstbestimmt Leben e.V.

Elise Rüter  
Consultant for warning effectiveness  
German Federal Office of civil protection and disaster preparedness



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15 min Coffee Break

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15:30 – 16:30

### Workshop Slot 2:

Workshop 2A  
(english)

Title: Interactive workshop:  
Learning from success and  
good practice exchange

Idan Tobias  
Organization Development  
and Transformation Expert

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Workshop 2B  
(german)

Title: Rumours, misinformation  
and instrumentalization in  
disasters from a psychological  
perspective

Dr. Pia Lamberty  
Co-founder Center for  
Monitoring, Analysis, and  
Strategy - CeMAS

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Workshop 2C  
(english, ukrainian)

Title: Involvement of  
volunteers and affected  
people in humanitarian aid  
(short film followed by a  
discussion)

Projektteam "Ukraine  
Germany", OlamAid

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16:30 - 17:00 Presentation of workshop results

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17:00 - 17:30 Closing remarks Networking

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All Day: Presentations of project activities from OlamAid and ZWST:

- Interactive art exhibition "Vivid Visions" for and with ukrainian refugees
- Presentation of "Info Magazine" from refugees for newcomers in Frankfurt (Project Brückenbau)
- Presentation of PSS children book "In the land of feelings" (Project Horizont International)