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EADRCC REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE
COVID-19

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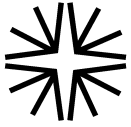
1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, the EADRCC has received a request for international assistance from the Czech Republic. The following information was provided.

2. **General situation**

Type of the Disaster : COVID-19 pandemic
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : 1 March 2020 and ongoing
Location of the Disaster : Czech Republic

3. **Initial assessment of the damage and description of the situation**

3.1. The epidemiological situation in the Czech Republic has significantly deteriorated and continues to develop in an unfavourable trend. As of 26 October, the Czech Republic is among the worst affected countries in the European Union in terms of 14-day notification rate of newly reported COVID-19 cases per 100,000 inhabitants and has one of the highest per capita death rate in the world. Despite new packages of crisis measures approved by the Czech government in response to the unfavourable development of the epidemic, all regions of the Czech Republic report community transmission.



3.2. Additional worrying aspect is the increase in the incidence of cases in health and social care facilities, which results in a higher number of diagnosed cases among health professionals and social workers, as well as in a high number of newly diagnosed cases in vulnerable / senior groups. This results in a higher number of hospitalized people, including hospitalizations in intensive care units, i.e. patients in severe condition, as well as in a higher pressure on the capacity of health professionals.

3.3. The Czech Republic is preparing various measures (especially significant restrictions on elective care, involvement of students and volunteers, etc.) for the peak of hospitalization, which we expect in mid-November (if the incidence does not increase further). Thanks to generous international assistance, we have sufficient medical devices (especially UPV), but an increasing threat to the health system is the lack of health professionals. We expect that the availability of health professionals in hospitals will be absolutely crucial for managing the peak of hospitalization in the coming weeks.

4. The following request for international assistance has been identified:

4.1. The Czech Republic requests a total of 261 medical professionals, specifically 47 physicians, 184 nurses, 5 laboratory technicians and 25 health care assistants to assist in hospitals managed by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic (MOD).

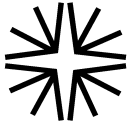
4.2. Required Specialization:

- Physicians: anaesthesiology and resuscitation, intensive care, pneumology, emergency medicine, internal medicine, infectious diseases or hospitalists.
- Nurses: anaesthesiology and resuscitation, ICU nursing staff and general ward nursing staff and/or any other nursing staff experienced in providing hospital respiratory care.

4.3. Places of deployment:

- Bulovka Hospital, Prague (managed by MoH): 8 physicians + 26 nurses;
- University Hospital, Brno (MoH): 8 physicians + 25 nurses;
- University Hospital, Ostrava (MoH): 8 physicians + 25 nurses
- Central Military Hospital (MoD), Prague: 15 physicians (9 anaesthesiology and resuscitation, 3 emergency medicine, 3 internal medicine) + 100 nurses + 5 laboratory technicians + 25 health care 4 physicians (2 anaesthesiology and resuscitation, 2 internal medicine) - Brno Military Hospital (managed by MoD)
- Olomouk Military Hospital (MoD): 4 physicians (2 anaesthesiology and resuscitation, 2 emergency medicine) + 8

4.4. Duration of deployment: Short-term deployment (2-4 weeks) to manage the acute crisis of hospitalization in November.



5. **Point of entry:**

5.1. To be determined.

6. **Delivery point:**

6.1. To be determined.

7. **Response co-ordination.**

7.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to Czech Republic its requirements, nations in a position to meet these demands, in full or in part, are invited to reply to the Operational Point of Contact of the Stricken Nation, with an information copy to EADRCC, by any of the communication means listed above and below.

8. The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached in the following ways:

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