## Caritas in Germany – Tasks, staff and fields of work

### What is Caritas?

**Charity**
Caritas stands for an open, unprejudiced, and kindly disposition towards others.

**Organised Aid**
The Caritas services and facilities provide professional assistance for people in need.

**The Mission of the Church**
Caritas is alive in the parishes and wherever people support one another, with Jesus Christ as their role model.

### Caritas is...

- **Charity**
- **Organised Aid**
- **The Mission of the Church**

### Facts and Figures

- **693,082** professional employees, 81.9% women
- **Hundreds of thousands** volunteers
- **13 million** people in Germany per year

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Lawyer and partner for disadvantaged
Social policy maker
Impetus for training and professional development
Provider of social services

local

25,064
facilities and services

in the

German Caritas Association
- Confederation of 6,200 legally independent agencies (not a company)
- Catholic Charitable association
- Organises the social services of the Catholic Church (www.caritas.de and www.caritas-germany.org)

worldwide

Caritas is present in over 160 countries (www.caritas.org)

Overview of the fields (Data from 31/12/2018)

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<th>Institutions</th>
<th>Beds/Places</th>
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<td>Health-care</td>
<td>2,582</td>
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<td>Child and youth services</td>
<td>11,659</td>
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<td>Family-assistance</td>
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<td>Care for the elderly</td>
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<td>Assistance for people with disabilities/psychiatric programmes</td>
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