Over 10,000 Allianz employees from 55 countries ran for a good cause at the 2017 Allianz World Run. Together, Allianz raised 500,000 EUR for emergency preparedness packages for 10 SOS Children’s Villages in high risk areas across the world. The program will benefit more than 1,100 children in the villages as well as their surrounding communities.
Resources we use in case of disaster

**Challenge**

Act more efficiently

- Enable recovery
- and reporting.

- Be better prepared
- and informed.

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- Enable quick action of local stakeholders by providing real-time information of the status on the ground (damages, evacuation route blockages etc.).
- Sharing of essential data among other (non-) governmental organizations
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**Challenge**

Basic supplies and psychological support need to be provided immediately after the disaster, and beyond.

- Our Response

- Assure necessary supplies like basic food and medicine through pre-positioned emergency preparedness packages.
- Stabilize children in the SOS Children’s Villages and community with psychological support and offer long-term projects
- Increase disaster resilience, e.g. by the revision of evacuation plans

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**Human Care**

One of the most vital resources of the emergency preparedness program is psychological support that local staff provides to the victims of a natural disaster. Children in the SOS Children’s Villages are under constant care of their SOS mothers. Family strengthening programs provide support to the local communities. In the aftermath of a disaster, SOS Children’s Villages serve as emergency hubs and child-friendly spaces for trauma relief.

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During an emergency, chaotic circumstances make it difficult to coordinate aid.

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As natural and manmade risks are dynamic, proactive risk management is a challenge.

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