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The Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Germany is a part of the EU funded research project "Bridging the Gap". Under the umbrella of the "SOLIDAR"-Network and in close partnership with the Italian NGO "Centro Regionale d'Intervento per la Cooperazione" (CRIC) and the Spanish NGO "Movimiento por la Paz el Desarrollo y la Libertad" (MPDL), a comprehensive research study in the field of involuntary population movements and reconstruction strategy will be developed.

The study is requested by the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO) in order to fill the gap between refugee research and resettlement research as well as between displacement and reconstruction. Target areas for the study are the Balkans and the occupied territory of Palestine, in which the joint research team will assess the current methodologies and strategies of intervention.

The aim of the project is to develop guidelines for worldwide humanitarian aid activities in order to enhance the quality of humanitarian aid and to improve the impact of humanitarian assistance.

The results of the research project will be presented in a reader, on the internet as well as on a conference, which will be held in Brussels in Summer 2003.

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