

Emergency & Crisis Response Task Forces

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ACTIVITIES

During 2023 the Task Force met at least once per quarter and completed the following projects:

- Drafted a suggested process for identifying crisis or emergency situations that may require a response from ILAE
- Assisted in the transfer of emergency or crisis response information from the Ukraine portion of the ILAE website to the crisis response section
- Reviewed material on the crisis response webpage for completeness or correction
- Developed and presented a seminar on emergency response during the 35th International Epilepsy Congress in Dublin, Ireland
- Worked with Dr. Cross to reach out to contacts in Sudan, Turkey, and Gaza to determine needs and possible ways that ILAE could respond to these situations

- Supported the initiatives for the WHO to update the Essential Medications List and Interagency Emergency Health Kit to include additional options for the treatment of epilepsy

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

- Develop a complete seminar on epilepsy to be delivered to first responders, nongovernmental organizations and other groups involved in responding to emergency situations
- Continue to develop and refine materials available on the crisis response webpage
- Explore ways to better evaluate emergency and crisis situations that can improve the response that ILAE provides
- Develop additional seminars to be presented at regional or international congresses