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In close cooperation with the member organisations, the CHA decided on its second work programme at the end of 2021. According to this programme, the four main research areas until the end of 2024 are:

- Policy and strategy capacity of German humanitarian actors
- Opportunities and risks of digitalisation for German humanitarian actors
- Localisation in practice: partnership in humanitarian project and risk management and
- Climate Change and Humanitarian Change

Topics:

An overview of all topics can be found [here](#).

Publications:

An introduction to the international humanitarian system [German]:

<https://www.chaberlin.org/en/publications/introduction-to-the-international-humanitarian-system/>

Further scientific publications:

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