

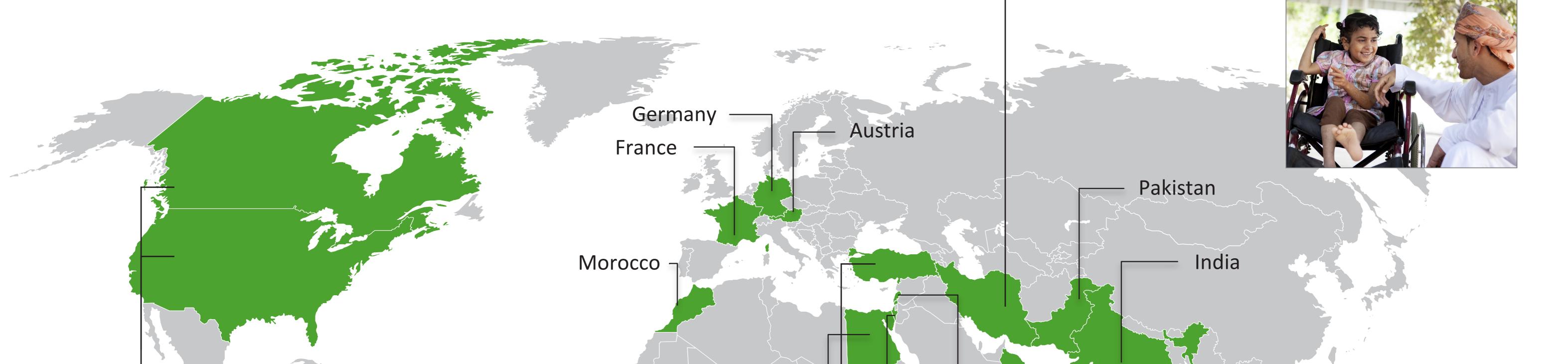
THE INTERNATIONAL CARE-FOR-RARE ALLIANCE

The Care-for-Rare Alliance is a global network of doctors and research scientists who are devoted to the foundation's vision: To cure all children with rare diseases worldwide. It is the first and only foundation of its kind, it supports children cross-borders in order to give them hope for treatment - no matter what nationality, ethnic origins and financial background they present.

More than 7.000 rare diseases have been recognised up to date – and the

Iran: Academy Program Within our DAAD network supported by the German Academic Exchange Service – we enable young doctors and scientists acquire skills in the interdisciplinary care of children with rare diseases. During extended research stays in our laboratories they become acquainted with the latest research technologies and thus how to shape the future of medicine.

number continues to grow. Even though each disease in itself is rare by definition, in sum they represent a considerable socioeconomic burden. *Current estimates indicate that 350 million people are affected worldwide.* In order to tackle these diseases international and interdisciplinary research activities are of utmost importance.



Egypt

Israel

Lebanon

Oman

USA & Canada: VEO-IBD Alliance

Ecuador

In order to improve the situation for children with inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) the Care-for-Rare Foundation has initiated an international alliance with experts from Boston and Toronto. With the support of the Helmsley Charitable Trust New York we have established a new platform to discover the origin of the pathomechanisms of the genetic defects of IBD and to develop novel therapeutic strategies.

Turkey: Photo Exhibition In order to raise awareness for the orphans of medicine the Care-for-Rare Foundation has initiated a photo exhibition about children with rare diseases in Turkey and Germany. With these moving portraits we aim to touch the public as well as the world of medicine and to point out the importance of international collaboration.

Thailand: SEAPID Network

Malaysia

The Care-for-Rare Foundation laid the foundation of the newly established South-East Asian Primary Immunideficiencies society (SEAPID). Representatives from Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines comitted to cooperate for the benefit of patients with immunodeficiencies in South-East Asia.



Colombia









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