



ORDER OF MALTA KEY FIGURES 2019/20

Europe:

- **France:** 15 medical specialised centres (handicapped, Alzheimer sufferers, medical facilities for migrants, facilities for asylum seekers, care for the homeless, including two barges on the Seine in Paris).
- **Germany:** 10 Hospitals, social work with over 51,000 trained volunteers, programmes in health care and medicine; for the elderly – hospices and home care, emergency ambulance service, support for young people with mental and drug problems, three high schools, help for needy families, 30 facilities for asylum seekers and immigrants.
- **Ireland:** 81 ambulance units; additional focus on community care; care for the homeless.
- **Italy:** St. John Baptist Hospital, Rome, 290 beds, specialist post-coma unit. Volunteer Corps of 3,500 which assists in crises and natural catastrophes; care for immigrants arriving on Italian shores (southern Mediterranean); 11 diabetes centres; permanent first aid post, St. Peter's Square, Rome.
- **United Kingdom:** 72 homes for older people in four counties – Lincolnshire, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire; soup kitchens – Colchester, London (2), Oxford; programme for lonely elderly (London); breakfast club for the homeless (London); prison ministry.

Middle East

- **Bethlehem:** Maternity hospital 4,500 infants born in 2018, the only neo-natal facility with Western standards in the region.
- **Lebanon:** 11 healthcare clinics and dispensaries, medical aid for Syrian refugees. Medical and psycho-social care for refugees in two northern clinics. Special programmes for disabled.
- **Syria:** emergency aid for stricken families, together with local partnerships.
- **Turkey:** aid for Syrian refugees – field hospital and support for schools in Kilis and Istanbul.

International

Malteser International – the Order of Malta's worldwide relief agency. Currently engaged in some 100 projects in over 20 countries:

- **Burma/Myanmar:** reconstruction after cyclone Giri.
- **Haiti:** earthquake – ongoing reconstruction, disaster prevention programmes.
- **Iraq:** medical aid in refugee camps in the north, mobile medical clinics.
- **Madagascar:** aid after cyclone Enawo.
- **Nepal:** reconstruction/rehabilitation after 2015 earthquakes.
- **Philippines:** after storm Washi, homes reconstruction, disaster risk reduction.
- **South Sudan:** construction of 14 healthcare centres; care for IDPs; clean drinking water facilities, sanitation, special aid in famine crisis.

Companionship: International summer camp for young disabled, UK



Cover image:

*Integration: Small Syrian refugee, now schooling in Turkey
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ORDER OF MALTA BACKGROUND

The formal name, reflecting its long history, is **Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta**:

- founded in the 11th century in Jerusalem
- one of the oldest lay religious orders
- a mission to serve the poor and the sick
- a sovereign subject of international law
- neutral, impartial and non-political.

ORDER OF MALTA TODAY

The Order of Malta today is a global institution offering professional medical, social and humanitarian aid

- activities carried out by over 140,000 members, medical and social care personnel and volunteers
- member Associations, Volunteer Corps, and Foundations in 60 countries
- central government in Rome since 1834.

HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMATIC NETWORK

The diplomatic activities of the Sovereign Order of Malta are closely linked to its humanitarian work

- bilateral diplomatic relations with 108 countries
- 17 Permanent Observer Missions – including to the United Nations, UNESCO, World Health Organization, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Survival: Basics distributed in El Salvador, after recent earthquake



- 16 diplomatic representations to international organisations including to the African Union, Council of Europe, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Organization for Migration
- Relations at Ambassador level with the European Union
- 55 International Cooperation Agreements
- 57 Postal Agreements.

MEDICAL AND HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

The Order of Malta has medical and humanitarian activities in over 100 countries on five continents:

- Volunteer and ambulance corps in 33 countries.
- 20 Hospitals (Africa – Benin, Cameroon, Senegal, Togo; Asia – Cambodia; Europe – Germany, Italy, Poland).
- Approximately 1500 clinics and dispensaries are run or supported on five continents: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.
- Specialised institutions for the handicapped in France, Germany, Hungary, Lebanon, United States.
- Homes for the elderly; focus on dementia and Alzheimer's disease in France, Germany, UK.
- Mother and child care (maternity hospital in Bethlehem), clinics and kindergartens in the Americas (Brazil, Dominican Republic, Mexico), in Europe (France, Germany, Hungary); in Africa (Cameroon, Madagascar, South Africa).

KEY CURRENT PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD

The works of the Order of Malta are both frontline and ongoing:

Special: programmes for integration of migrants and refugees in host countries; contribution of faith based institutions and organisations in humanitarian aid.

Africa:

- 5 Hospitals, over 300 dispensaries, AIDS hospice
- **Cameroon and South Africa:** HIV/AIDs care
- **DR Congo:** care for victims of gender violence



Medical support: Village clinic, Dominican Republic

- **Horn of Africa:** measures against acute food shortage
- **Kenya:** health and hygiene training, aid in hunger crisis
- **Senegal:** leprosy care.

Americas:

- **North America:** care for the homeless, free medical clinics (USA: Los Angeles, Oakland, Miami), community care projects: parish nurse programmes, clinic programmes (distribution of medicines to the needy), eye clinics (Canada: Vancouver), prison ministry, reconstruction and rehabilitation support in Haiti, soup kitchens.
- **South America:** projects include leprosy care, health centres /surgical care, eye and dental clinics, home visits for sick and elderly housebound, soup kitchens, basic health care training, drug treatment programmes, homeless care, agricultural programmes.

Asia:

- **Cambodia:** Leprosy hospital and clinics, emphasis on early detection and rehabilitation
- **India and Indonesia:** Ongoing earthquake reconstruction
- **Nepal:** care for earthquake victims
- **Pakistan:** medical care in refugee camps, care for IDPs, disaster risk reduction measures.