



**Malteser
International**
Order of Malta Worldwide Relief



Activity Report 2009

Highlights

Our motivation is to alleviate human suffering.

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Malteser International is the worldwide relief service of the Order of Malta for humanitarian aid.

Malteser International's mission:

Relief, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

provide relief to major emergencies in the world and implement reconstruction and rehabilitation measures with a community focus;

Health and Nutrition

establish and promote primary health care services and contribute to better health by providing nutrition related programmes;

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

contribute to better health and dignified living conditions by providing access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH);

Livelihood and Social Programmes

implement livelihood measures and social programmes to ensure the access of people to income security and reduce their vulnerability and poverty;

Disaster Preparedness

establish and promote disaster preparedness and risk reduction activities, especially at community level.

Editorial

Dear Reader,

This Activity Report presents highlights of Malteser International's work in 2009. It is a short pre-release of the more detailed Annual Report which will be published by the summer of 2010.

At the end of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all supporters, donors and friends of Malteser International for their important support which makes our work possible.

We would also like to draw your special attention to the partnerships between support groups and Malteser International programmes in the south — a new form of support that we encourage and highly appreciate.

The overview on the following pages is structured along the lines of our five sectors of work: 1. Relief, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation; 2. Health and Nutrition; 3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; 4. Livelihood and Social Programmes and 5. Disaster Preparedness. We hope to give you a good impression of what our work is all about.

Enjoy the reading! With renewed thanks and best wishes for 2010,

Ingo Radtke
Secretary General
Cologne, December 2009

Project locations in 2009

Malteser International implemented projects in 18 countries in Africa, Asia and the Americas. In Europe, Malteser International coordinated an emergency relief operation after the earthquake in L'Aquila/Italy in April 2009 in cooperation with CISOM, the Italian Malteser relief service.



Partnerships

Strong Partnerships for the future

Support relief projects through a long-term partnership!

Starting in 2009 Malteser International offers a new way to engage in helping people in need around the world: Associations and groups can enter into a partnership with Malteser International programme regions in Africa and Asia.

A partnership comprises mutual exchange, information on the projects from first hand as well as the possibility of a project visit on the ground. The partners commit themselves for a minimum phase of one year of support through a variable amount of funds. Long term partnerships are particularly encouraged and will allow Malteser International to plan its relief projects with a view into the future.

More and more Malteser groups discover this new form of effective support to people living in poverty or hit by natural or man-made disasters. Malteser Germany in the archdiocese of Cologne was the first group to start such a partnership. In September 2009, three representatives took the chance to visit their partner region South Sudan and to see the work on the ground.

Malteser International welcomes these new partnerships as an important contribution to secure a long-term basis for projects worldwide.



Photo: Dr. Andreas Archut/Malteser

A new partnership: Volunteers from Malteser Germany visited projects in South Sudan in September 2009.

Partnerships with programme regions:

Paderborn for Maracha

Malteser Germany in the archdiocese of Paderborn is the second group to initiate a partnership with Malteser International programmes in Africa. The partnership includes exchange with and funding for the Malteser International nutrition unit in the hospital in Maracha/Uganda. Malteser International has been supporting the hospital in Maracha in the fight against under- and malnutrition of children since 1996. The partnership with Paderborn enables continued support of the project in Uganda and secures a more sustainable long-term perspective.

Spotlight Uganda

Start a partnership with Malteser International!

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2009 — Review and future prospects

We look back on the year 2009 and ahead on 2010 with Secretary General Ingo Radtke and Programme Director Sid Peruvemba:

Mr. Radtke, what was your personal highlight for Malteser International in the year 2009?

Ingo Radtke (IR): In 2009, we coordinated a special mission in Italy's earthquake region. Immediately after the quake on 6 April, Malteser International offered the Italian Association to support them in their efforts to help the affected people. This became possible thanks to the network of European Malteser relief services. Volunteers from Austria, Switzerland and Germany supported CI-SOM, the Italian Relief Corps of the Order of Malta, during seven months. This was an excellent cooperation that showed how effectively the Malteser network operates.

In 2009, a new form of partnerships between support groups and Malteser International programme regions was started. How can supporters become engaged?

IR: The partnerships are a wonderful possibility to enable direct contact between the beneficiaries in Asia and Africa and supporters in Europe. The resulting human relationships enrich our humanitarian activities. When assuming a partnership, the partners are kept up-to-date about developments in their partner region and - if desired - even a project visit can be organised. We encourage support groups to contact us to find out more about such partnerships.

Mr. Peruvemba, you have just returned from a project visit to Asia. What impressions did you receive from the work of Malteser International on the ground?

Sid Peruvemba (SP): I had the chance to meet many staff members and I think one cannot but admire their expertise and commitment. It was a pleasure to see how balanced the teams are - comprising men and women of all ages with different professional backgrounds. I was also happy to see that our teams are fostering equal relationships with national and local partners. This is vital for our work and



Photo: Malteser International

Programme Director Sid Peruvemba and Secretary General Ingo Radtke

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Ingo Radtke bears the operational responsibility for the worldwide Malteser International activities. He is in charge of the working relations with the Order of Malta's worldwide network and represents the organisation to external actors in the international humanitarian aid.

Sid Peruvemba coordinates the organisation's relief projects worldwide and its emergency aid. In May 2009, he was elected board member of VOICE, a network representing 85 European Nongovernmental Organisations in humanitarian aid.

we also contribute to strengthening civil society in the respective countries.

How can supporters contribute best to the work of Malteser International?

SP: Generally, it is important that humanitarian aid remains well appreciated by the public. Humanitarian aid and development aid – despite the critics that are often voiced in the media – positively influences the lives of people. This is what we are working for. We are grateful for positive feed-back from supporters and appreciation of our work.

What will be the main focus of Malteser International's project activities in 2010?

SP: It will remain a particular challenge of our work to build the essential bridge between emergency aid and long-term development work. In some selected regions, we also plan to extend our programmes to implement the entire range of our five focus sectors of assistance – in particular with regard to disaster risk reduction and in response to the rising incidence of climate-related disasters. This will

contribute to the impact delivered by our programmes. As a cross-cutting issue to all of our programmes, promoting the humanitarian principles of impartiality, independence and neutrality is still high on the agenda.

Mr. Radtke, what are the strategic objectives for 2010?

IR: First we will continue the process to consolidate the base for Malteser International's efforts. In addition, we want to strengthen the integration of Malteser International in the international network of the Order of Malta. We have made excellent experiences in the cooperation with national associations whose countries suffered from natural disasters like in Mexico, Peru or Italy - we want to continue to intensify these activities. This network is a unique chance to bring effective help to people in need almost everywhere in the world, and we are proud to be a part of it.

Mr. Radtke, Mr. Peruvemba, thank you very much for the interview!

Start of new cooperation after typhoons

In October typhoons Ketsana and Parma hit the Philippines and flooded millions out of their homes. This marked the start of a new cooperation between Malteser International and the Philippine Association of the Order of Malta and its local partners. In October, Malteser International staff from Thailand and Myanmar supported the emergency relief of the Philippine Association on the ground. A workshop to enhance the emergency response capacity of the local partners is planned for early 2010 and the organisations will continue to closely cooperate in this disaster-prone region.

Spotlight Philippines

Relief, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

Emergency relief in 2009

Malteser International reaches out to people in need worldwide. Its mission is not only to provide emergency relief, but also to assist people as they strive to restore their lives after a disaster. Malteser International supports reconstruction programmes in China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. In 2009, the organisation reacted among others to the following major emergencies:

Aid for displaced in Sri Lanka

From March to September 2009, Malteser International provided aid for more than 30,000 internally displaced persons affected by the civil conflict. With support from the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Malteser International ensured drinking water supplies, sanitation and sewage measures, hygiene promotion and hygiene kits distribution as well as daily food rations and vitamin supplements for children in overcrowded camps.



Photo: Malteser International

Malteser International active for displaced civilians in Sri Lanka: A local partner organisation distributes relief items in April 2009.

Displacement crisis in Pakistan

Since June 2009, Malteser International has joined efforts with the humanitarian community to provide medical care and hygiene kits for about 2.5 million internally displaced persons in North-West Pakistan. Medical teams are being deployed to reach more than 25,000 patients temporarily living in schools, residing with host communities or on return to their home areas. 4,000 families received standardised hygiene kits.

Food relief in the DR Congo

In July and August 2009, Malteser International provided further food distribution to about 150,000 displaced people in the DR Congo's South Kivu province. Persistent insecurity and regular attacks by warring factions have forced thousands in the region to leave their homes, land and livestock.

Earthquakes, storms and floods in Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines

After a series of disasters in October 2009, Malteser International supported its partners in Southeast Asia in their disaster response. In Sumatra, 2,400 families received relief items. In Vietnam, Malteser International distributed hygiene sets to 4900 families in 16 communities and 620 families received iron sheets to fix their house roofs. The German Federal Foreign Office and Germany's Relief Coalition supported the emergency relief. In the Philippines, access to safe drinking water as well as access to appropriate sanitation facilities was ensured in evacuation centres and 840 families received essential household and hygiene materials.

Drought relief in Kenya

In December 2009, Malteser International provided 19,000 people with supplementary food and equipped six health centres, two hospitals and one hospital dispensary in the north of Kenya with drugs and medical consumables for the treatment of malaria, diarrhoea and bacterial infections. A severe drought in the Horn of Africa region affected around one third of the population in Kenya through hunger and diseases related to malnutrition and lack of drinking water.

Health and Nutrition



Health education for school children in Myanmar.

Basis for a better life

Traditionally the sector of health is the core competence of Malteser International.

In close cooperation with local authorities and partner organisations, the worldwide relief service establishes and promotes primary health care services covering curative care, communicable disease control, health management, medical emergencies and the rational use of medicines.

Special attention is given to reproductive health and health education as well as to the fight against HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis. As the nutritional status within a population is closely related to its general health, Malteser International integrates programme components to prevent and to treat malnutrition and to improve food security.

Malteser International runs projects related to health and nutrition in Cambodia, DR Congo, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Pakistan, North and South Sudan, Thailand, Uganda and Vietnam.

Fighting HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis in Nairobi's slums

Spotlight Kenya

Malteser International runs programmes to fight HIV/AIDS in many countries in Asia and Africa. The projects cover a range of measures from health education to the long-term treatment with antiretrovirals. In the slums of Nairobi the fight against HIV/AIDS is particularly urgent: In the shanty towns about ten percent of the adult population is infected by the HI virus. Since August 2001, Malteser International has been working in eight slums of Nairobi with a catchment area of 600,000 people. The diagnosis and treatment, the training of local staff in the health centres, the set up of laboratories and the education of slum residents are essential parts of the programme. Annually, about 24,000 people are provided with counselling and are tested for HIV through Malteser International.

Strengthening community based health services

Spotlight Myanmar

The northern regions of the Township Maungdaw on the border to Bangladesh are amongst the poorest regions in Myanmar. Malnutrition and infectious diseases such as diarrhoea, malaria, tuberculosis and respiratory diseases are widely spread. Access to basic health care services is very limited due to a lack of infrastructure, lack of health staff and long travel distances leading to delays in treatment seeking and care giving. The mortality rate amongst children is extremely high. The focus of Malteser International's work is to improve access to primary health care services at community level for 132,000 people in Maungdaw Township, to strengthen the existing health care structures and to increase health awareness. In addition, 32 mother and child centres provide healthy nutrition and early childhood education to malnourished children.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Sanitation is dignity

The health condition of people is closely interlinked with the water they use, their access to sanitation and the prevailing hygiene conditions. Malteser International therefore works to provide people with safe water, appropriate sanitation facilities and to inform about important hygiene measures.

For World Toilet Day on 19 November 2009 activities in project locations were conducted to remember the fact that 40 % of the world's population lack adequate sanitation. This accounts for an estimated 2.5 billion people.

In June 2009, Malteser International organised the third regional workshop on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) — Malteser International teams from Myanmar and Sri Lanka discussed with external guests the link to primary health care, best practices in community facilitation and safe sanitation.

Malteser International runs projects related to water, sanitation and hygiene in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.



A litter bin in Cambodia: Waste management as key to a more hygienic environment in Asian cities.

Photo: Malteser International

Clean Samrong market project

Spotlight Cambodia

Waste management is a problem in many countries and especially in large cities with insufficient infrastructure. In Samrong in the northwest of Cambodia, Malteser International has started a project to deal with this complex problem: On one day of action about 200 participants cleaned the market place in Samrong, removed years of congealed waste and cleared the drainage system. Juliana Helmerich, project assistant in Cambodia, reports: "During a preparation phase of six months, we organised trainings for the local market committee, local waste disposal companies and government officials on the topics of waste and health, behavioural change, waste disposal and mobilisation. We were able to motivate all stakeholders and could sustainably raise awareness amongst local decision makers." The results of the project motivated participants to continue and clean further places in Samrong.

Water, sanitation and hygiene in refugee camps

Spotlight Thailand

Refugees from Burma/Myanmar have been fleeing to Thailand to seek refuge from human rights abuses for more than 20 years. Approximately 150,000 refugees live in nine refugee camps along the Thai-Myanmar border. The refugees are fully dependent on international support. Income possibilities for the refugees are very limited. Since 1993, Malteser International has been providing the affected families in two camps with basic health care, drinking water and latrines. Among the refugees, supervisors are selected who oversee the water and sanitation programme in each camp. Community health workers carry out hygiene promotion and school health activities.

On the occasion of World Refugee Day on 20 June 2009, Malteser International produced a photo exhibition about this programme for the refugees to spread awareness of the refugees' situation in Thailand. The exhibition was funded by the Humanitarian Aid Department of the European Commission ECHO.

Livelihood and Social Programmes

Caring for people's well-being

People hit by crises or disasters can take over responsibility to care for themselves and their families when enabled to generate a stable income. Malteser International's objective is to provide people in need not only with material and economical relief, but also to care for their social well being. Often projects care for people on a very individual level in order to make them strong to master their future.

Malteser International runs livelihood projects and social programmes in Cambodia, DR Congo, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Myanmar, Peru, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.



Photo: Malteser International

Production of chili: A livelihood project in Indonesia.

Income generating activities for communities

Spotlight Mexico

Malteser International has been supporting projects of the Order of Malta in Mexico since the heavy flooding in the state of Tabasco in November 2007. As part of the rehabilitation of the region, Malteser International still supports income generating projects for the affected population. At the end of October 2009, a fish breeding plant was handed over to the community of Nacajuca. The fish producers sell the fishes as well as the fish breed on the local market and secure the income of about 100 families. Malteser International will continue to assist the Mexican association of the Order of Malta in various small-scale projects in 2010.

Start-up aid to leprosy patients

Spotlight South Sudan

In South Sudan, Malteser International ran a workshop for ten former leprosy patients in June. The workshop aimed at improving their living conditions and their integration into society through strengthening their economic independence. For most people affected by leprosy, it is impossible to earn an income with agricultural activities due to the effects of leprosy. The workshop thus provided the participants with the means to start a small shop: In the workshop, the former patients were trained in business skills and were handed over units of tea, salt, soap and matches as well as a small shop as a starting point for their new economic activities.

Disaster Preparedness

Helping to prepare for disasters

Preparing communities for disaster situations becomes more and more crucial in regions highly vulnerable to reoccurring natural disasters. Malteser International therefore increasingly seeks to integrate community-based approaches of disaster risk reduction into its programmes.

The new focus receives more and more attention: In May 2009, a training for staff members on disaster risk reduction took place. The Annual Meeting of key staff in Siem Reap in Cambodia in December 2009 highlighted as well the importance of disaster risk reduction.

Malteser International implements disaster preparedness projects in India, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines and Vietnam.



Photo: Malteser International

Communities in India are trained to set up their own disaster preparedness plans.

Disaster risk reduction and sustainable development

Spotlight Myanmar

Since 2006 Malteser International has been implementing community based disaster risk reduction projects in Rakhine State at the border with Bangladesh, the region with the highest vulnerability to natural disasters in Myanmar. In the target villages a risk analysis is conducted with the communities and village disaster preparedness plans are developed. Committees are formed which take responsibility to implement the plans, educate community members and facilitate transport to evacuation centres in case of emergency. Since October 2009 Malteser International establishes additional cyclone proof and flood resistant evacuation centres. Besides, activities to improve the health, water and sanitation situation are implemented to improve the living conditions and reduce people's vulnerability.

Innovative disaster prevention work awarded

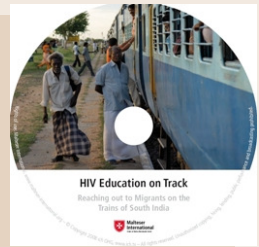
Spotlight Pakistan

In Pakistan, the project work combines innovative early warning technology with disaster preparedness-, search-and-rescue- and first-aid-trainings. In October, the Malteser International field office in Muzaffarabad was awarded for its efforts to work for disaster prevention: The award of the State Disaster Management Authority was handed over on the occasion of the District Disaster Awareness Week, an event in remembrance of the fatal earthquake that shook the region in 2005. In October four innovative earthquake warning systems set up by Malteser International were inaugurated in the presence of the ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Publications

Film on HIV/AIDS prevention in India: “HIV/AIDS on track“

The documentary film introduces an HIV/AIDS education project in Tamil Nadu in the south-east of India. The project targets migrants and day labourers in trains that migrate to the big cities of Mumbai and Chennai.



Film on humanitarian aid in the DR Congo: “New ways of success“

Since 2000, Malteser International has been providing humanitarian assistance in South Kivu in the fields of health, nutrition, food aid, food security and road rehabilitation. The film documents the past eight years of humanitarian projects of Malteser International.



These and more films can be viewed on www.malteser-international.org.

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