



**Malteser  
International**  
Order of Malta Worldwide Relief



## **Malteser International Year in Review 2015**

*For a healthy life with dignity*

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# 2015: A year of challenges

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*2015 confronted our worldwide staff with challenges including a severe earthquake in Nepal and an unprecedented global refugee crisis of 60 million displaced people.*

*We extend our sincere thanks to all those who have given us their support during this difficult time. Together, we have made a real difference for people in need.*

Our emergency relief teams began providing aid immediately following April's severe earthquake in Nepal, while in the Middle East, our staff and partner organizations have been working under often extreme conditions to help people in need in the region. Malteser International aid workers and our partners are active at over 100 projects in 25 countries around the world to help give people the chance for a life in health and dignity, and they all deserve our special thanks.

None of this work would be possible without the generous support of our donors, who also deserve our special thanks. In this report, you can read more about what we achieved together in 2015.



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# Our focus in 2015

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## Nepal ▶

**On April 25th 2015, Nepal was shaken by the strongest earthquake to take place in the country for 80 years. More than 8,000 people lost their lives, around 22,000 were wounded, and around 2.8 million were left without a home.**

The day after the disaster, the first Malteser International emergency team responded to provide medical care to the survivors. In 2015, we provided almost 90,000 people in the rural districts of Khavre and Sindhu-palchok with aid. Together with our local partners, we distributed food, drinking water, hygiene material, tarpaulins and toolkits, and treated

thousands of sick and injured people at our field hospital. Around 15,800 people received blankets, stoves, lamps, insulation and warm clothing to help them through the cold mountain winter. Faced with an almost unimaginable scale of devastation, and a population in the gravest need, we will continue to support Nepal's rebuilding efforts in the coming years.



## ◀ Syria

**By the end of 2015, the Civil War in Syria forced more than 4.3 million people to seek refuge in neighboring countries. An additional 6.6 million Syrians live as internally displaced people – refugees in their own country. In total, an estimated 13.5 million people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian aid in Syria.**

Malteser International has been providing cross-border medical aid for Syrians affected by the war in cooperation with a local partner since 2012 – including both internally displaced people, who cannot, or do not want to leave the country, as well as Syrian refugees in the neighboring countries of Turkey and Lebanon. The dangerousness of the situation makes this work

extremely difficult. Despite this, in 2015, we were able to treat around 83,000 sick and wounded people in our field hospitals, health centers, and mobile clinics, and we helped more than 6,000 women during and after their pregnancies. We also provided around 4,500 Syrian children with warm meals after school, as well as offering language, IT, and technical training courses to almost 10,000 refugees.



## Iraq ▼

Iraq's Kurdistan region is host to around 2 million internally displaced people, and 200,000 refugees. Muslims are affected by displacement, as well as members of ethnic and religious minorities such as Yazidis, Christians and Turkmen.

As a response to these developments, Malteser International expanded its emergency aid for refugees and displaced people in the region. In 2015, our mobile medical teams in the Erbil region, and our two medical centers near Dohuk provided treatment to almost 85,000 patients, as well as psychological assistance to displaced people suffering from trauma. Our intervention gave 33,600 refugees and displaced people

access to clean drinking water. During the winter, 13,000 children and youth in camps for displaced people were happy to receive warm shoes, scarves, trousers and pullovers.

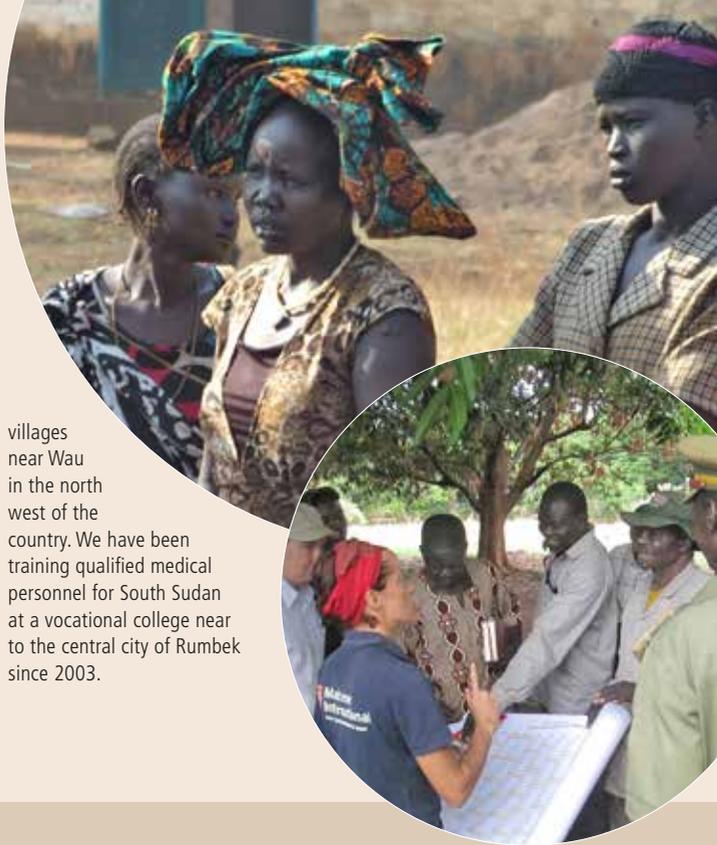


## South Sudan ►

**Violent confrontations have forced more than 2.5 million South Sudanese people to flee their homes. Almost half the population does not have enough to eat, and there is a danger that infectious diseases such as cholera and measles will spread.**

In Maridi, where many South Sudanese have sought refuge from the fighting in their home villages, Malteser International provided emergency relief for more than 15,500 displaced people, and distributing food, seeds, and tools to families in need. By helping to improve food production, we have made a long-term improvement to the nutrition of 850 especially needy families living in five

villages near Wau in the north west of the country. We have been training qualified medical personnel for South Sudan at a vocational college near to the central city of Rumbek since 2003.



## Colombia ▼

**Over 50 years of conflict have left their mark on Colombia, and more than 6 million people affected by violent displacement.**

In 2015, Malteser International widened its aid measures for the especially vulnerable and neglected part of the population living in the north of the country. We are working to improve the lives of 4,000 Afro-Colombian smallholders, and indigenous people in the rural areas of La Guajira and Magdalena. We trained more than 2,000 people in new methods of sustainable farming, while new community hygiene and sanitary facilities are helping to protect the health of over 1,500 vulnerable locals, and thanks to the construction of a new health center – now run by

a local partner, 1,300 members of the Arhuaco minority in the mountains of Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta have been given access to secure, long-term, medical help.



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# Our impact in 2015

Every contribution counts! Even small donations can add up to make a big difference. Here are some examples of what we achieved together in 2015\*:

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**540,000**

people received food, water, medication, clothing, hygiene articles and/or an emergency shelter.



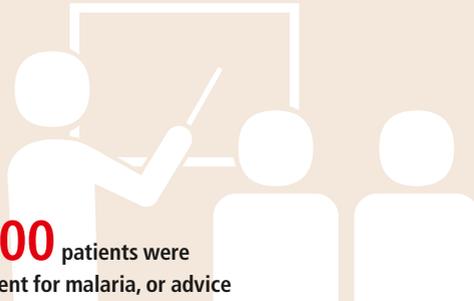
**970,000**

patients were treated in our medical facilities around the world.



**160,000**

patients were given treatment for malaria, or advice on preventing future infection.



**128,000**

people now have access to clean drinking water thanks to our projects.



**2,250**

malnourished children under five were restored to health, and given the chance for a better start in life.



\* Rounded numbers

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# 2016: A look ahead

## Working together for people in need

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*Since the beginning of January 2016, the effects of the El Niño event continue to be felt strongly around the world; the Syrian Civil War entered its sixth year, while 60 million people continue to live as refugees worldwide.*

Malteser International is reacting to the rising challenges of violent conflict, refugee crises, natural disasters and epidemics by strengthening its emergency relief capacity: boosting staff levels, modernizing equipment, and reinforcing our logistical base.

At the same time, we are deepening our cooperation with local and international humanitarian actors by continuing to build on our engagement with the WHO Global Health Cluster, and striving for a constant improvement in the capacity of our local partners. With their local knowledge and networks, these partners are a pillar of our work – allowing us to deliver rapid and effective humanitarian aid.

2016 will be a pivotal year for global humanitarian aid. The World Humanitarian Summit taking place in Istanbul in May – a personal initiative of the UN Secretary General – is expected

to give renewed impetus to the work of humanitarian organizations. As the Sovereign Order of Malta's international aid agency, Malteser International is taking an active part in the Summit process, tasked with examining the role that faith-based humanitarian organizations can play in conflict regions.

The world's so-called 'forgotten crises': where people in outlying and disadvantaged regions are engaged in a daily struggle, far away from the attention of the public and media, are a special concern for us. We will continue our work to make sure that they get the help that they need to live a life in health and dignity. Give us your support, and help us to build a future for people in need.



**Donate now!**

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