



Our aid in numbers:

1,650,000

patients were treated in medical facilities supported by us.



17,000



malnourished children under the age of five were restored to health and given a chance for a better future.



49,000



children were born in 499 health centers.



192,000



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



202,000

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



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2017: No respite for humanitarian aid

2017 was characterized by continued concerns over increasing global humanitarian needs. As ongoing conflicts such as those in Iraq, Syria and South Sudan lingered, the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh became the world's fastest growing refugee emergency. With droughts and other adverse weather events also witnessed around the world, the year offered no respite for humanitarian aid actors.

Our teams worldwide worked tirelessly to alleviate human suffering wherever it was found – helping to stave off famine in East Africa, mobilizing support for people affected by successive hurricanes in the Americas, delivering aid to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and responding to the needs of persons displaced by conflicts in the Middle East and the Lake Chad region.

Although our relief efforts seek to save lives by providing rapid and effective help in acute crises, we are also committed to supporting vulnerable communities until they get back on their feet. A good example of this commitment is our program in Myanmar where we are partnering with local and national organizations to build and strengthen capacities as we seek to close the gap between emergency relief and long-term development.

We are delighted to report that our work benefited more than two million people in 27 countries around the world in 2017. Results like these would not be possible without the effective management of significant resources, and we are grateful for the support of our donors, partners and staff. In 2018, we will be doing even more to bring hope to the world's most vulnerable people.

In this review, we present a selection of some of our activities in 2017.



Examples of our work in 2017: Myanmar and Bangladesh

Our work in Myanmar goes back to relief operations in 1996. Although we continue to serve immediate humanitarian needs, our activities also focus on long-term sustainable development in remote and very vulnerable communities in the country.

In 2017 our aid in Myanmar included the following:

- Health care services for 57,594 people
- Medical equipment for 24 health facilities
- Training for 406 birth attendants and health personnel
- 1,103 new latrines

- A comprehensive disaster management program across 22 communities to reduce the impact of natural catastrophes.

In late August 2017, renewed violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State drove over 600,000 people of the Rohingya community across the border into neighboring Bangladesh. In response to the situation, Malteser International provided life-saving aid in the refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, a district in south-east Bangladesh where thousands of people, in many cases traumatized, faced extremely difficult living conditions.

Our work in two health centers on the camp enabled us to provide

- Medical treatment for 34,336 people
- Antenatal and postnatal care for 958 women
- Food supplements and therapeutic feeding for 563 undernourished children and women.

South Sudan

Droughts, widespread violence and involuntary displacement put over 20 million people in northeastern Africa at risk of starvation. In South Sudan alone, around five million people – almost half of the country's population – were severely food insecure due to an ongoing civil war that had displaced more than four million people. Our aid in the country in 2017 included:

- Providing daily meals for around 5,000 school children in the capital Juba to keep children in school, and help them concentrate during school hours
- Distributing 23,000 soap bars to internally displaced persons in Wau to avoid the spread of contagious diseases like cholera
- The construction of 18 boreholes to provide clean drinking water for 9,000 people – both refugees and local residents.



Iraq

The activities of the Islamic State (IS) and subsequent military operations to liberate occupied territories led to the displacement of around 3 million people in 2017. According to United Nations figures, eleven million became heavily dependent on humanitarian aid. In 2017, we provided life-saving health services, and distributed relief materials to displaced people. Our aid included:

- Carrying out 350,000 treatments in 13 medical stations with 6 medical teams
- 21 training courses for medical health personnel
- Reconstruction and rehabilitation of two health facilities
- Blankets, mattresses, water jerry cans, and kitchen utensils for around 20,000 people.

USA

2017 was a historic year of weather and climate disasters, with three big hurricanes – Harvey, Irma, and Maria – causing catastrophic damage and leaving families to rebuild for years to come.

Along with the U.S. Order of Malta network, faith-based organizations, and local humanitarian relief partners, Malteser International provided 20,500 vulnerable people in the most affected regions with the following emergency relief:

- Hot, nutritious meals, bottled water, and non-perishable food items for 5,000 people
- Household items, blankets, mattresses, cleaning supplies, and cooking utensils for 5,000 people
- 10,500 gift cards to purchase food, gas, and necessary items.