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1,650,000 patients were treated in medical facilities supported by us.

49,000 children were born in 499 health centers.

17,000 malnourished children under the age of five were restored to health and given a chance for a better future.

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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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 areas and very vulnerable communities in the country.

In 2017 our aid in Myanmar included the following:

- Medical treatment for 57,204 people
- Medical equipment for 24 health facilities
- Training for 406 birth attendants and postnatal care for 958 women
- Food supplement and therapeutic feeding for 1,103 undernourished children and women.

In South Sudan

Droughts, widespread violence and instability displaced 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 ensure dignity during school hours.
- Distributing 22,000 soap bars to internal displaced persons in an effort to avoid spread of contagious diseases like cholera.
- The construction of 16 handpumps to provide drinking water to 5,000 people – both refugees and local residents.

In Iraq

The activities of the Islamic State (IS) and subsequent military operations in the occupied territories led to the displacement of over six 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:

- Preparing 10,5000 treatment in 13 medical centers with 6 medical teams
- 21 training courses for medical health personnel
- Reconstruction and rehabilitation of two health facilities
- Shelter, mattresses, water, jerry cans, and kitchen utensils for around 20,000 people.

In USA

2017 was a fiery year of weather and climate disasters, with three huge hurricanes – Harvey, Irma, and Maria – causing cataclysmic damage and leaving families in need to start their lives over.

Along with the U.S. Order of Malta network, faith-based organizations, and local humanitarian relief partners, Malteser International provided 20,4000 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
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