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We thank all of our donors, supporters and partners who helped us provide health and dignity to people in need all over the world in 2014.

## Our impact in 2014

Every gift helps – even small donations can add up to make a big difference.  
 Our impact, thanks to your support:

2014 was a year filled with wars and conflicts, epidemics, hunger and displacement.

**374,603** people affected by crises and disasters received emergency relief.<sup>1)</sup>



Around 800 women die every day from preventable complications related to pregnancy and childbirth<sup>3)</sup>.

**206,847** pre- and post-natal examinations ensured a safe pregnancy and delivery for countless mothers.



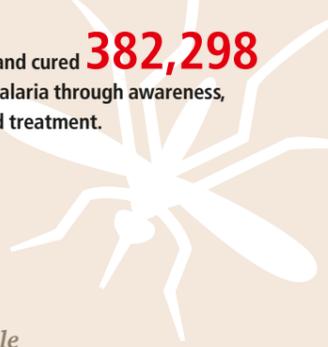
2.5 million people have no access to sanitary facilities. Dirty water and lack of hygiene cause diseases such as diarrhea, cholera, typhus and polio.

**95,000** people gained access to sanitation through the construction and repair of 4,682 latrines.



Around 1,600 people worldwide die from malaria every day<sup>2)</sup>.

We protected and cured **382,298** people from malaria through awareness, prevention and treatment.



748 million people lack access to clean drinking water.

**305,137** people now have a daily source of clean drinking water thanks to the installation of water filters, rain harvesting tanks and water supply systems.



<sup>1)</sup> Medical treatment and medicines, emergency and hygiene packages, food, emergency shelter, drinking water, winter relief  
<sup>2)</sup> WHO, Malaria Factsheet 12/2014, <sup>3)</sup> WHO Factsheet on maternal mortality, 05/2014

## 2015: A look ahead

Complex crises, harder missions

At the start of 2015, more than 50 million people worldwide were on the run – fleeing violence and desolation. That's the largest number of displaced persons since the Second World War. This situation is not expected to improve in the coming months. Quite to the contrary: conflicts such as Syria and South Sudan continue to increase both in intensity and complexity.

This presents enormous challenges to our everyday work. In many conflict regions, the security situation is very tense and the goals of the various actors are not transparent, making it difficult to make a proper assessment of the situation. The demands on the medical aspect of our work are also higher than ever: the Ebola epidemic in West Africa has shown how difficult quick and efficient aid in such a crisis situation can be.

In order to better respond to these challenges, Malteser International is investing on the expansion of its medical and emergency response capacities. An important part of our strategy is to strengthen our international networks and partnerships and to intensify co-operation with local partners on the ground. Our membership in the World

Health Organization's Global Health Cluster, as well as our participation in the World Humanitarian Summit\*, are the first results of this strategic direction.

Together, we will continue to transform our vision into reality in 2015: to allow people in crisis regions around the world to live a healthy life with dignity. For that, we need all of the support we can get. Your gift can make a difference!

\*An initiative of the UN General Secretariat in order to advance the discussion of urgent humanitarian questions. The World Humanitarian Summit will take place in Istanbul in May 2016.



**Malteser International  
 Year in Review 2014**

*For a healthy life with dignity*

## 2014: Year of crises and conflicts

*Refugee crises in Syria and Iraq, in the Central African Republic and South Sudan; the outbreak of the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. For the first time in history in 2014, the United Nations declared the highest emergency level for five humanitarian crises in a single year.*

In difficult times as these, we are called to come to the aid of those suffering from war and violence, disease and hunger. As the international relief agency of the Sovereign Order of Malta, we answered that call with all of our might in 2014 – in more than 100 projects in 24 countries.

Our work focused on emergency relief in crisis and conflict regions, as well as providing medical assistance to refugees and displaced persons – especially in the Middle East and in South Sudan. It is astounding to see how the families in those places continue to fight for a better future for themselves and their children. With the help of our donors, we work hard to improve their lives a bit more every day.

Amid all the tragedy, we find joy in the stories of people whose lives we have touched – stories that show that our work is making a difference: for instance, the families in the Philippines whose new homes were able to withstand the next typhoon; and the maternal and child unit in Haiti we rebuilt after the earthquake, now entirely locally run.

In our annual review, we hope you can find out more about all that we were able to achieve last year, together with our staff, partners and friends. A special thank you goes out to you – your support is what made it all happen!



## Our focus in 2014

### Syria crisis ▶

The people of Syria have suffered from the war in their country for four years. The conflict has left over 16 million people in dire need of humanitarian aid and caused the entire region to spiral down into chaos, in one of the worst humanitarian crises of our times.

Since 2012, Malteser International and its local partners have provided emergency medical care for refugees and the displaced in northern Syria, Turkey and Lebanon. Last year, over 15,000 patients were treated in our field hospitals, health centers and

mobile clinics. We also provided 110,000 people with survival packages and emergency relief goods such as food, household and hygiene articles, and winter clothing.



### ◀ North Iraq

Since early 2014, attacks by the jihadist rebel group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, formerly known as ISIS) forced nearly 1.8 million people to flee their homes. Many of them have now sought refuge in the Kurdistan autonomous region in northern Iraq.

Malteser International is committed to improving the health of displaced persons in the region. Since the summer of 2014, 23,000 patients received medical assistance, and over 260 women received pre- and post-natal care.

In and around Erbil, a mobile team visits families to provide health care. In Ainkawa, a district of Erbil largely inhabited by Christians, we have built a permanent health center. In Dohuk, near the Syrian border, we run a health center for 10,000 displaced persons.



### South Sudan ▼

A civil war which broke out in December 2013 has not only thrown Africa's youngest nation into a refugee crisis, but also caused a food emergency. According to the UN, nearly two million have fled the violence, while four million suffer from hunger.

In Maridi last year, Malteser International distributed corn flour, beans, salt and vegetable oil to around 7,300 displaced persons. An additional 1,400 refugee families received household items such as plates, cups and water canisters, as well as seeds and hoes to plant their own food. In the neighboring Uganda, where many South Sudanese have

sought refuge, we have installed new water tanks and distribution points in a camp which supply around 12,000 refugees with clean drinking water.

### Philippines ▶

Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall in recorded history, left a path of destruction in the Philippines in November 2013. In December 2014, Typhoon Hagupit hit the Visayas region once again with strong rain and winds; this time, the damages were not as extensive as feared.

The disaster preparedness measures taken after Haiyan helped communities avoid the brunt of the storm. All 374 houses which Malteser International had built on the islands of Samar and Bantayan together with Order of Malta Philippines were able to withstand Hagupit unscathed, and also offered several

additional families shelter as improvised evacuation shelters. Until May 2015, 326 additional families in need will be able to move into their disaster-resistant homes.



### Haiti ▼

Haiti is still one of the world's most vulnerable countries: from viral epidemics such as dengue and chikungunya to hurricanes and cyclones, every year presents a new challenge as the country still recovers from the deadly 2010 earthquake.

Malteser International focuses on supporting local partners so they can work independently in the long run. An example of this approach is the maternity ward in Darbonne, which opened in 2012 and is part of a health care center that we rebuilt after the earthquake. In 2014, we handed over the maternity ward to the local Episcopal Church, which now runs both facilities independently. The ward now delivers about 70 new-

borns every month; the center receives around 2,000 patients monthly.

