



**Malteser  
International**

Order of Malta Worldwide Relief

**2018**

**Year in Review**

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# Thank You for 2018!

*In 2018, we continued to serve millions in the Americas and around the world who are homeless, sick, suffering, and hungry. Our work led us to the world's poorest and most vulnerable people, reaching them with life-saving assistance to alleviate their suffering. Through our relief and development work, we help people to live healthier lives with dignity.*





Emergency relief remained a key area of our work in 2018: We responded to the Venezuelan refugee crisis in Colombia, two tsunamis in Indonesia, the Ebola outbreak in DR Congo, and violent conflicts in the Middle East, South Sudan, and Nigeria. We also provided transitional aid in fragile environments like Iraq, helping vulnerable communities recover and rebuild their lives after years on the run. We are committed to bringing lasting improvements to people's lives through our

development aid programs. Our ongoing efforts to strengthen national health systems in Colombia, DR Congo, Uganda, and Myanmar are part of this commitment.

2018 was a landmark year for Malteser International. Our Emergency Medical Team (EMT) was certified by the World Health Organization (WHO), allowing us to become part of the WHO's global registry for coordinated operations during emergencies like natural disasters and epidemic outbreaks. **This certification means we are now able to provide medical aid to people affected in emergencies even more quickly and efficiently.**

Another milestone in 2018 was gaining special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). In the face of ever-increasing humanitarian crises and a greater number of people in dire need, the special consultative status with ECOSOC brings us to the forefront of discussions around humanitarian aid issues.

These achievements would not have been possible without your help. We thank you for standing with us and ask for your continued support!

**"Every cent you give today will have a lasting impact on the lives of people in our projects for many years to come."**

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Thierry de Beaumont-Beynac  
President, Malteser International

# See what we accomplish

## We reached vulnerable communities in North, Central, and South America:



Medical care for refugees



Food and nutrition security, and agriculture



Access to clean drinking water



Emergency relief after natural disasters

## The region's largest migrant crisis in recent history

Venezuela's political and economic crisis devolved further in 2018, with more than three million people fleeing the country to escape hunger and starvation. In Haiti, vulnerable populations continued to face acute poverty, worsened by political instability and a severe hunger crisis.

## In Africa, we combined our work in relief aid with practical and innovative development programs:



Safe childbirth for refugee women



Emergency relief supplies of water, foodstuffs, therapeutic supplementary food, and cash aid



Ebola and cholera prevention



Employment opportunities through carbon-neutral construction



Development of national healthcare systems

## Complex humanitarian situation

Armed conflicts accounted for several humanitarian crises in Africa in 2018. Millions suffered from the consequences of unrelenting violence in countries like South Sudan, Nigeria, and DR Congo: **displacement, hunger, and the spread of epidemics like Ebola or cholera**. Structural issues such as **youth unemployment** and **unsustainable agriculture** continued to stem the growth of many countries.

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## In the Middle East, our aid brought hope to populations affected by conflict and helped displaced families return home:



Healthcare services for refugees and displaced persons



Psychosocial support for women and girls suffering from the trauma of war and violence



Labor market reintegration for refugees



Reconstruction and assisted return of displaced persons in Iraq

## Millions displaced by conflict

Violent conflicts in Syria and Iraq have forced millions of people away from their homes. In 2018, we provided support for displaced people within Syria and Iraq, as well as refugees in Turkey and Lebanon. In Iraq, we assisted displaced families to return to their homes.

## In Asia, we responded to natural disasters and strengthened vulnerable communities:



Emergency relief after natural disasters



Healthcare for refugees and host communities



Inclusive community-based disaster risk reduction



Access to clean drinking water



Improved nutrition and employment opportunities



Action against communicable diseases

## Natural disasters and protracted crises

Natural disasters continued to plague Asia in 2018; typhoons lashed the Philippines, floods ravaged communities in India and Myanmar, and two devastating tsunamis in Indonesia left a trail of destruction behind them. Protracted crises such as the Rohingya emergency in Myanmar and Bangladesh presented further challenges for humanitarian aid workers.

# 2018: Our aid in numbers

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**5,600**

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**62,000**

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**214,000**

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**355,000**

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**1.5 million**

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**2 million**

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\*rounded figures

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**malnourished children under the age of five received supplementary nutrition and a chance for a healthy and better future.**

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**people were able to fundamentally improve their nutritional situation thanks to our school gardens and our programs on sustainable farming.**

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**people received emergency supplies including water, toiletries, and household items.**

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**people were given access to clean water thanks to our projects.**

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**refugees and displaced persons benefited from our projects worldwide.**

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**sick people received medical treatment from our health facilities and partner organizations.**

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# There's still so much to be done!

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