

One year after the tidal wave – Interim statement

Emergency relief and rehabilitation in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand

Emergency relief

During the acute emergency phase Malteser International has immediately provided one million euros. According to international standards for humanitarian assistance, Malteser International has implemented all relief measures in a sustainable way and has ensured the link between relief and rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation

Twelve months after the severe seaquake Malteser International is in charge of over 65 rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand – in cooperation with experienced local partner organizations. 80 percent of the altogether 30 million private and public donations have already been spent or included in the budget planning. In 2005 the budget volume of implemented projects has been 8.7 million euros, further rehabilitation and reconstruction projects with a volume of 20 million euros are in preparation for the next years. The close cooperation with local partner organizations and the local population as well as the governments of the affected countries guarantees successful humanitarian action on a long-term perspective. Malteser International considers assistance to be an offer for help. It seeks not only to reconstitute the pre-catastrophe situation but aims at improving the general living conditions of people. This approach helps to reduce vulnerability and to increase disaster preparedness.



Malteser International focuses on four scopes of activity in the rehabilitation process:

- Reconstruction of houses, schools, infrastructure and water supply systems
- Income-generating measures
- Assistance for children and young adults

Rehabilitation programs in the different countries



In Indonesia Malteser International supports particularly the rehabilitation of health care structures and fishing villages in four regions: in Banda Aceh, in Lokeseumave/east coast of Aceh and in the region south of Meulaboh/west coast. The largest project is the integrated village rehabilitation project for two villages in the region of Lhokseumave. The village community is fully integrated into the

rehabilitation process and the first families were already able to move in their new constructed houses.

Furthermore income-generating measures have been initiated, e.g. the production of salt by women in salt-huts. In Meulaboh Malteser International pays special attention to the local health structures, for example by the construction of three health centres which will be able to provide health care for 10,000 people.



In Sri Lanka Malteser International is running projects in the most affected areas on the north, east and south coast of the country. In order to assure a socially and regionally fair distribution of assistance and to reach all ethnic groups Malteser International has chosen partners with different societal background, who successfully implement the projects supported by Malteser International. The program focus is on reconstruction of houses, water and sanitation systems,

orphanages as well as homes for children and for disabled persons. Furthermore Malteser International implements income-generating and training measures, programs for the rehabilitation of livelihood for fisher families and psycho-social counselling for traumatized victims of the Tsunami.

In India in particular the scheduled caste people, widows and disabled persons suffered severely hardship after the Tsunami. Already before the disaster a lot of those societal excluded groups had to struggle for their survival. After the Tsunami they often did not receive distributed goods or were ruled out of state-run relief plans. Malteser International's aid programme directs special attention towards them.

Immediately after the first emergency relief measures Malteser International and its partner organizations started the rehabilitation in South India as well as projects at the southern east and west coast. Rehabilitation measures include health care for about 60 villages, psycho-social counseling for families and income-generating measures such as the production of lime, ropes etc.

Malteser International was able to provide help 1,000 families to achieve self-sufficiency. Furthermore Malteser International rehabilitated houses and schools, cleared up wells and set-up latrines and rain-water-harvesting systems.



The south of Thailand – especially the provinces of Krabi, Phang Nga, Ranong and Phuket – have been severely affected by the Tsunami tidal wave. Malteser International implements health care projects for disadvantaged minorities in 14 villages and supports Tsunami victims (e.g. by counseling programs for traumatized school-children, provision of orthopedic material).

Another component of the rehabilitation measures are income-generating measures, vocational training for the improvement of the livelihood of people, reconstruction of houses and set-up of water supply systems. About 80% of the homeless families moved in their new houses in their villages of origin or have been resettled in new villages.