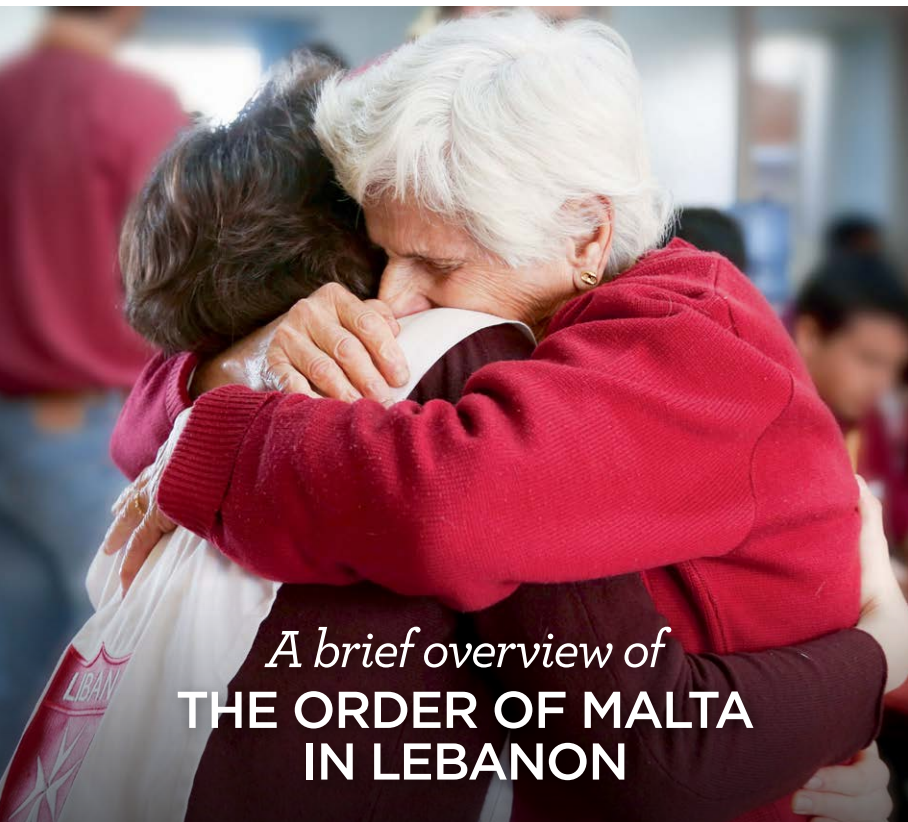




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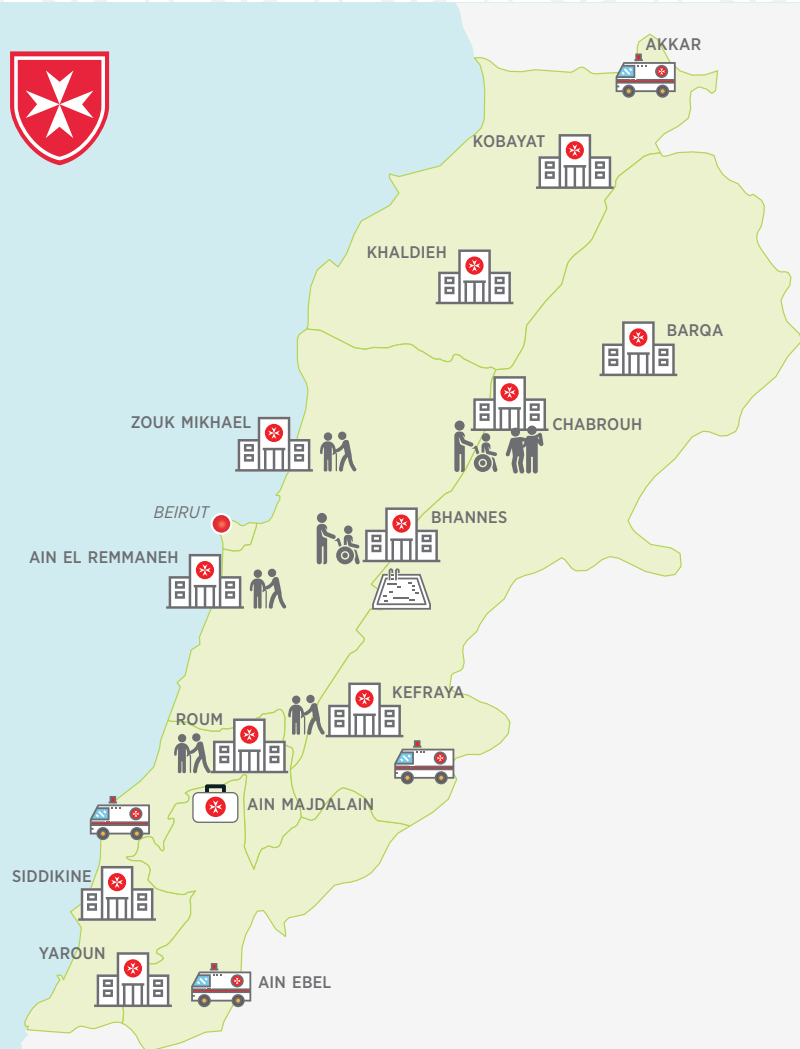


A brief overview of
**THE ORDER OF MALTA
IN LEBANON**

*"I ask not about your race, your color, nor your religion,
but tell me what your suffering is."*

- Louis Pasteur

CATCHMENT AREAS




KEY FIGURES


200 000 
SOCIAL MEDICAL ACTS
per year

340 
PERSONNEL
(medical, paramedical and administrative)

9 
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

1 
HOSTING CENTER
for Persons with Disabilities (Chabrouh)


1 
THERAPEUTIC EDUCATIONAL CENTER
for Children with Cerebral Palsy
(Bhannes)

1 
BALNEOTHERAPY CENTER
(Bhannes)

2 
DAY CARE CENTERS
for the Elderly

5 
"WARM HOMES"
for the Elderly

4 
MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS
(MMUs)

1 
FIXED MEDICAL ANTENNA
(FMA)


ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
to the Syrian and Iraqi Displaced Population


INTERNATIONAL PILGRIMAGE
to Lourdes


MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES
OF THE YOUTH OF THE ORDER


CARAVAN PROJECT

24 
ANNUAL CAMPS
in Chabrouh

405 
GUESTS
per year

530 
VOLUNTEERS
per year

8 
NATIONALITIES
in Chabrouh

WHO WE ARE



Constantly striving for the best quality in its services for more than 40 years, the Order of Malta Lebanon currently manages a network of 30 different operations through which it assists and supports, all over the Lebanese territory, those whom life did not favor, with love and dignity all the while respecting their differences, implementing humanitarian programs in cooperation with all the religious communities, thus becoming, by means of its action, an actor of Love, Peace and Coexistence.

The Order of Malta Lebanon is part of the Sovereign Hospitaller Order of Malta founded in Jerusalem more than nine centuries ago. Subject of international law, it is a religious order led by laymen, it benefits from diplomatic relations with more than 105 states and the European Union, it has 18 official representations and a permanent observer status with the United Nations, and many international organizations. It is neutral, impartial and apolitical.

The Order of Malta in Lebanon subsists on donations.





COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS



Our centers welcome everyone, without any distinction, offering a wide range of medical consultations, as well as medical and paramedical services according to the standards set by the Ministry of Public Health for the Primary Health Care Program recommended by the WHO. These are provided by healthcare professionals, at symbolic fees, in regards to a social work assessment for each individual. Every Center has a pharmacy linked to a central one, which ensures the continuity of medications. Social services are also provided, not only in the Centers, but also at home, creating strong bonds between the population and the staff. The activities of these Centers are supplemented by 1 Fixed Medical Antenna and 4 Mobile Medical Units.



MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS

Vital program of the Order in Lebanon, these Mobile Medical Units have been designed to reach people in remote villages who are unable to access our Centers. Originally created in the South for an emergency mission following the 2006 war, the first two MMUs of the Order of Malta cover about 20 villages.

The other two were recently implemented following the Syrian crisis, the first one in Akkar (North) and the second one in Kefraya (West Beqaa). Affiliated to our centers and the hospitals in the region, they provide free healthcare services for the displaced and the deprived host communities.





SYRIAN AND IRAQI DISPLACED POPULATION

Since the start of the Syrian crisis in 2011, the Order of Malta Lebanon has launched a humanitarian aid initiative by ensuring that all its Medical Centers receive and provide necessary care and medications to any displaced person who attends the Centers as well as through its Mobile Medical Units whose program also guarantees medical tests and hospitalization. During targeted campaigns, along with its international partners, distribution of humanitarian kits often takes place for the benefit of displaced Syrians or Iraqis. These include food and sanitary products, baby products (milk, drinking water, diapers, wipes), blankets, mattresses, sheets, children's clothes, etc.



DAY CARE CENTERS FOR THE ELDERLY

The exodus of young people unfortunately prevails in some rural areas, sadly leaving behind elderly people who are often alone, without financial and social support, not to mention medical care.

In order to address this particular problem, the Order of Malta Lebanon has launched a free healthcare and social service program that is crucial for the well-being of these elderly persons. This much-appreciated program, was launched in 2004, helping senior citizens become active members of their communities by creating a better environment and responding to their medical and social needs.

Five Warm Homes complement these Day Care Centers, they offer seniors a place to meet and exchange pleasant moments, two to three times a week.





THERAPEUTIC EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY



Located within the Bhannes Hospital, this center of the Order of Malta can accommodate up to 100 cerebral palsy children, boarders and day students, aged between 2 to 15 years. These children suffer from severe cerebral motor disabilities, due to a lack of oxygen at birth, all the while remaining smart and clever. They are surrounded by a large team of therapists and specialists who provide them with care as well as school education. The main objective is to try to reintegrate them into the civil society.

A Balneotherapy specifically adapted for disabilities and the cases of cerebral palsy children in Bhannes was specially built. This pool is unique in the Middle East.



THE CHABROUH PROJECT

Throughout the year, young people of different nationalities meet at our Center in Chabrouh, specially designed for the disabled, foregoing their holidays to take care of our “guests” (persons suffering from severe mental/motor disabilities but also underprivileged children and elderlies) during camps led by different delegations from all over the world. The main goal is to offer them nothing more than simple joy and true love. This continually growing project is more than a recreation center for these forgotten communities, it is a message of humanism based on faith and the strength of love. It is a school to learn how to love.

With its recent renovation, the Center could host up to 1,000 guests per year.



CARAVAN PROJECT

Every year ten to twelve young people of different nationalities, spend 10 months in Lebanon, serving the disabled. They learn to serve the «Other» regardless of his religious affiliation, and in parallel, take courses specially designed for the Order of Malta, at the St Joseph University, aiming to further their knowledge of what it means to be Christian, Muslim or Jewish living in this Holy Land. They also learn the Arabic language. Upon their return home, they become young ambassadors of this “civilization project” based on coexistence and the dignity of man.



THE YOUTH



“The Youth” of the Order of Malta in Lebanon was created in 2006 by a group of dedicated volunteers who took part in the various activities organized by the Order of Malta Lebanon. With the aim of helping those whom life did not favor, the Youth organized themselves into a team of more than 150 dynamic young Lebanese of all confessions aiming to give love, hope and respect for the dignity to “Our Lords, the Poor and the Sick”.

Activities are organized weekly for the elderly, the underprivileged children and persons suffering from disabilities.





Every year during the first weekend of May, members and volunteers of the Order of Malta from all over the world travel to Lourdes to accompany the sick and the disabled and to pray for Our Lady.

During this international pilgrimage, approximately 20,000 participants will learn the true meaning of the Order of Malta's mission: faith, devotion, service and fraternity.

Along with its social aspect, the pilgrimage brings spiritual benefits that are unique to each person. Knights, Dames and volunteers are assigned to small teams that help their patients every day, from morning until evening with the support of a physician if necessary.

For more than 30 years, the Lebanese delegation has been taking part in this pilgrimage, which began in 1983 with only 5 participants and 3 "guests" (suffering persons), increasing year after year and reaching today 200 participants, including 25 "guests".





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