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Sudan/Darfur.

The Order of Malta has developed a malaria prevention program in North Darfur as part of its refugee healthcare project in the region. 2,800 pregnant women and 6,265 children under the age of five were given intermittent preventative treatment and insecticide-treated nets, as malaria poses a particular threat to those groups. The Order of Malta strategy focuses on information, education, and communication which allows the affected population to exercise control over their own health. Basic health care services are also provided to the internally displaced persons in North Darfur. At least 23,000 internally displaced persons out of 420,000 displaced persons receive basic healthcare and malaria prevention from the Order of Malta.

Tsunami Relief Update.

Progress is continuing in the rebuilding of areas ravaged by the tsunami nine months ago. In Seenaveli, a small coastal town on the northeast coast of Sri Lanka, foundation stones have been laid for 20 new homes. The house building is part of the general effort of the Order of Malta to help rebuild in the wake of the tsunami. The town was completely obliterated by the tsunami in December 2004, although all the residents survived. Also in Galle, in southern Sri Lanka, a home for disabled people is being restored with the Order's help.

Romania Flood Relief.

Severe flooding in Romania has destroyed 350 homes and flooded another 2,000 in the town of Odorheiu Secuiesc and six neighboring communities. The Order of Malta is responding to the situation by aiding in the rebuilding and restoring of the affected communities. Other efforts include helping maintain the local economy by providing livestock and tools for farming.

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