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## **INFORMATION NOTE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX**

### **Southeast Asian Tsunami Relief Update.**

Twelve months after the tidal wave hit Southeast Asia, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta is operating over 65 rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand. During the acute emergency phase, the Order of Malta invested resources and funds in areas that would ensure a successful transition from emergency relief to rehabilitation. In the past year, the Order of Malta utilized 8.7 million Euros in relief efforts while further projects will involve an additional 20 million Euros. The Order of Malta's rehabilitation activities include four main areas of focus: basic health care and psychological counselling; reconstruction of homes, schools, infrastructure and water supply systems; income generating measures; and assistance for children and young adults. The Order of Malta has implemented their relief measures in a sustainable way, following all international standards for humanitarian assistance.

### **South Asian Earthquake Relief Update.**

The Order of Malta is continuing its rehabilitation programs for the areas affected by last year's severe earthquake in South Asia. Currently active on the ground in Pakistan and in the Indian part of Kashmir, the Order of Malta is engaged in winter relief programs and basic health care projects. Within the next days, the Order of Malta will work closely with a local NGO to execute a helicopter delivery mission, bringing vital materials to a target group of 1,000 families (up to 8,000 people) in the remote Pallas Valley in the Himalaya region. The families will receive 10,000 corrugated iron sheets and insulation material in order to set up winterized shelters, as well as food items, fuel, stoves and fodder for their livestock.

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