

On the SPOT



**Malteser Foreign Aid Department
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0. ECOM



Iran earthquake: Malteser assessment team in Bam

On 26 January, a Malteser assessment team with Mr Sid Johann Peruvemba, Deputy Director of Malteser Foreign Aid Department, and Mr Wolfgang Herdt, the regional director of Malteser Germany in the Balkans, has left for Iran. Their mission is to get into co-operation with the Iranian authorities and the Red Crescent as well as with ECHO, Technisches Hilfswerk and other institutions and NGOs on spot. The aim is to identify areas of relief and rehabilitation which can be implemented by Malteser Germany on behalf of ECOM. Against the background of the rather exposed situation in Iran, the main issue is to get facilitation of the Iranian authorities.

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1. ASIA



Afghanistan: Community Stabilization Programme prolonged until December 2004

The community stabilization programme in the provinces Paktia and Paktika in the south-east of Afghanistan ending last December has been prolonged by UNHCR until the end of this year. In view of the great success of the project, UNHCR wishes to continue the good cooperation with Malteser Germany.

The success of the project is especially thanks to Mrs Carola Mühleisen, programme coordinator in Paktia and Paktika, and her team. After having resigned as head of the programme in December last year, she has handed over her duties to Mr Thomas Marx as new project coordinator and Mr Florian Kopp. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Carola Mühleisen for her extraordinary work and her great commitment. The Order of Malta has awarded the Malteser Germany's Anniversary Medal to Carola Mühleisen in acknowledgement of her great achievements in community stabilization programmes in Afghanistan and on the Balkans.

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Vietnam: Malteser Germany and social workers of "Thanh Nien" newspaper bring relief goods in flood areas



Emergency aid for flood areas in Vietnam was delivered by Malteser Germany in cooperation with social workers of "Thanh Nien" newspaper. About 6.000 families received packages containing 20 kilos of rice, 2 litres of edible oil, half a kilo of dried fish as well as blankets. The teams also brought corrugated sheets to 440 families so that they could repair their destroyed houses. The German Federal Foreign Department has financed this emergency aid with 103,500 Euro. The flood in Vietnam cost more than 60 people's lives and destroyed about 37,000 houses.

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Thailand: Move of refugees' camp in Mae Kong Kha



The Malteser refugees' camp has to be moved from Mae Kong Kha near the Thai Burmese border to Ban Mae La-U since Mae Kong Kha is situated in a nature reserve. By moving the camp, Malteser Germany responds to an initiative of the Thai government. Since 17,000 people have to move to the new project area of Ban Mae La-U, local Malteser staff has to face a huge logistical and medical effort. More than 3,000 bamboo houses and the corre-

sponding watering and sanitation systems have to be built. The complete medical infrastructure, with hospital and outpatient clinics, has to be re-established. Since 1993 Malteser provide basic health care for 28,000 refugees in two refugee camps in Thailand.

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Turkey I: Malteser Germany supports rehabilitation centre for mentally challenged people

After the devastating earthquake in the Marmara region in Turkey in 1999 which cost 27,000 people's lives, Malteser Germany has provided funds to the Izmit Mentally Challenged Rehabilitation and Training Centre. In the new Centre which was inaugurated in the beginning of December, about 170 mentally challenged people receive training. In the ateliers adults produce handiwork products, gifts, ceramics and plastic hygienic covers and sell their products in the main exhibition centre. The profit they make goes to their families as income. Children of the poorest families aged from 6 to 23 are educated and children with physical disabilities get physiotherapy in the centre. Two minibuses purchased by Malteser carry the children from their homes to the centre.

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Turkey II: 168 new houses for people hit by 1999's earthquake in Duzce

Malteser Germany and the International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) have built 168 new houses for families being especially affected by the severe earthquake in 1999. In the beginning of December, Mr Sid Johann Peruvemba took part in the ceremony when the houses were handed over to the families. The housing project had been completed within two and a half years. Beneficiaries had taken part in building the houses by watering the concrete, gathering nails and painting the walls.

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2. AFRICA



“Water for Ariwara”: 281 water reservoirs for more than 70.000 people

Malteser's anniversary project “Water for Ariwara” is continues to be successful. With 70,250 Euro, Malteser groups of nearly all German dioceses have collected the money for 281 water reservoirs in Ariwara/Democratic Republic of the Congo. One basin costs 250 Euro. Each basin provides about 250 people with fresh drinking water near their homes.

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3. CENTRAL/ EASTERN EUROPE



Successful pilot course for executives in volunteer foreign aid work

For the first time in the history of German Malteser foreign aid work, Malteser Germany carried out a course for executive personnel of volunteer foreign aid groups, taking place in Ehreshoven near Cologne from 16 to 18 January. Within this pilot seminary the participants were informed about the basics of foreign aid work, questions of Malteser visibility in foreign civilizations, organization of foreign aid groups as well as topics concerning the main ideas on international partnership work and operational matters. The seminar group also took the time to discuss the course's objects and methods with regard to future regular educational offers for Malteser executives. Everyone estimated the course as successful and pointing the way ahead; the first basic course open for all honorary foreign aid executives will eventually follow within this year.

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Order of the Federal Republic of Germany awarded to Theodor Große-Starmann

Mr Theodor Große-Starmann, head of the Malteser projects in Kaliningrad on a voluntary basis, has been awarded the Order of the Federal Republic of Germany in acknowledgement of his great humanitarian commitment. Already since 1991, Malteser Osnabrück support several projects in Kaliningrad, supplying people with clothes, meals, social care and giving meals to street and school children. The 62-year-old Große-Starmann is head of the projects since the beginning. Before, from 1981 to 1991, he had organized various relief programmes in Poland. Our congratulations and our thanks go to Mr Große-Starmann; he gives an outstanding example for honorary commitment in favour of people in need.

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4. STAFF**Dr. Elmar Pankau follows Heinz Himmels as new Secretary General of Malteser Germany**

After 27 years of more than full-time commitment in the executive board of Malteser Germany and seven years as secretary general, Mr Heinz Himmels has resigned from his duties in December last year, handing them over to Dr. Elmar Pankau. 36-year-old Pankau had been commercial deputy chairman of two Malteser hospitals. Our gratitude for the outstanding support of Mr Himmels cannot be expressed; our best wishes accompany him for this new period of his life.

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Happy welcome to Andrea Setota in Ethiopia

Our congratulations go to Mrs Hanna and Mr Thomas Reuter, head of our programmes in Ethiopia, on the birth of their first daughter Andrea Setota who was born on Christmas day, 25th of December last year. Happy welcome, Andrea, and all the best for you and your parents!

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