



The Relief Organisation of the Order of Malta in South Africa

Activity Report 2017

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We render a **health care service** to poor and needy persons, including the care for people living with HIV/AIDS at the hotspot of the AIDS pandemic in the world, the North Coast of Zululand in South Africa.

Our **AIDS treatment (HAART) Programme** comprises



Voluntary Counselling and HIV-Testing (VCT)

We offer free and confidential HIV Tests to the general public.

72 patients tested

Antiretroviral Treatment

We provide free **Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Treatment (HAART)** as comprehensive medical care including regular medical examinations, blood monitoring, ongoing prevention or treatment of opportunistic infections, medical and psychosocial counselling and dispensing of the drugs.

712 patients on ongoing life-long treatment

17 new patients admitted in 2017



Adherence Monitoring

Our Therapeutic Counsellors make home visits to our patients on ARV-treatment to ensure that they adhere to the treatment and so to prevent treatment failure. This

enables us to discover adverse drug reactions early and to prevent problems.

3827 home visits

Hospice & Palliative Care

We provide **residential Palliative Care** for terminally ill patients in our **Inpatient Unit**. We can admit up to 40 patients, which makes us the largest inpatient hospice in South Africa.



10740 social workers' consultations

(mostly for the Hospice, but also for the Children's Home, Bursary Fund and Relief Fund)

5825 outpatient consultations

434 new outpatients enrolled

191 new inpatients admitted (re-admissions not counted)

76 inpatients accompanied when they died

We send out mobile home-nursing teams, which supplement and support the family's home based care through hands-on-training and additional aids in the home situation of the respective patient.



This includes the assessment of patients at home and proper medical **home care**.

1178 home visits by our home care teams

719 patients transported by ambulance

299 patients looked after at their homes

262 patient assessment visits done

162 new home care patients enrolled

Relief & Social Care



Relief Fund

We provide poverty relief by helping people in genuine cases of immediate need.

We provided relief in 51 social emergency cases.



Poor Sick Fund

We provide poverty relief by helping sick people from our local community, if they cannot afford urgently needed medical treatment.

Child Care



Pre-Primary School & Crèche

We provide "edu-care" and an early childhood development service for underprivileged pre-school children.

81 children educated in 2017

Children's Home

We look after, counsel and give a home to sick and healthy "Orphans and Vulnerable Children" (OVCs).

84 children were **admitted** in 2017

55 children were **discharged** in 2017

1 child **died** in 2017

54 children lived here on **31 December 2017**



Malnutrition Clinic

We provide a health care service to poor and needy persons by running a clinic, where we examine, treat and feed malnourished infants and

teach their parent/carer in proper baby care and nutrition.

986 consultations in 2017

41 children (average occupancy)



Bursary Fund

We provide poverty relief by giving bursaries to poor pupils and students of our local community.

242 bursaries were given in 2017

Special events in 2017

Re-certification of Blessed Gérard's Care Centre (which runs Blessed Gérard's Children's Home) as a **Child and Youth Care Centre (CYCC)** by the Department of Social Development resulting in more than doubling our Children's Home's occupancy.



24 - 29 October 2017

Official visit of His Excellency, the Grand Hospitaller



28 October 2017: Jubilee

„25 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard“



His Excellency, Dominique Prince de La Rochefoucauld-Montbel, delivered the keynote speech.



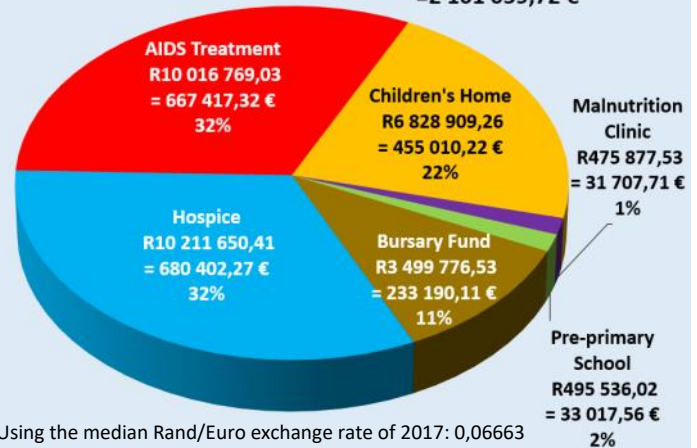
29 October 2017:

Investiture of four of our members as Dames/Knights of Magistral Grace of the **Order of Malta**



Preliminary Expenditure Report for 2017

EXPENDITURE ON OPERATIONS 2017 : R31 533 239,12
= 2 101 059,72 €



Member statistics

Active members	1521
Financial supporter	694
Spiritual supporter	366
Total	2581

