



The Relief Organisation of the Order of Malta in South Africa

Activity Report 2019

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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.

52 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.

697 patients on ongoing life-long treatment
26 new patients admitted

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.



3053 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.

6655 social workers' consultations (mostly for the Hospice, but also for the Children's Home, Bursary Fund and Relief Fund)
4919 outpatient consultations
669 new outpatients enrolled
102 new inpatients admitted (re-admissions not counted)
44 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**.



2102 home visits by our home care teams
398 patients transported by ambulance
395 patients looked after at their homes
225 patient assessment visits done
164 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 56 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 under-privileged pre-school children.

98 children educated



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.

482 children treated

35736 specialised food servings provided



Children's Home

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

4 children were admitted

13 children were discharged

55 children lived here

on 31 December 2019



Bursary Fund

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

156 bursaries given



Special events in 2019



23-24 January 2019:

A **TV crew from Austria** (ORF) visited us with our benefactor Gery Keszler and produced a very nice short TV report on our work for AIDS patients.

4 April 2019:

Our **government** had delivery problems again and therefore **could not promise us** for the time being **that we would**

always get the antiretroviral drugs, that our AIDS patients need to survive, on time and in full. We had to guarantee the provision of treatment to our patients again and had to buy a good amount of the medicines ourselves.



20 April 2019:

Father Gérard **baptised fifteen children of Blessed Gérard's Children's Home** at the Easter Vigil Service.

19-20 October 2019:

Father Gérard was invited to Budapest/Hungary to give a presentation on our work. The Order's ambassador to Hungary, Imre von Ugron, arranged a meeting with the state secretary of the prime minister which will result in **support of our work by the Hungarian Government**.



17 November 2019:

The children of our Children's Home marked the **World Day of the Poor** by spoiling our Hospice patients—and all of them are really poor—with gifts, dancing and

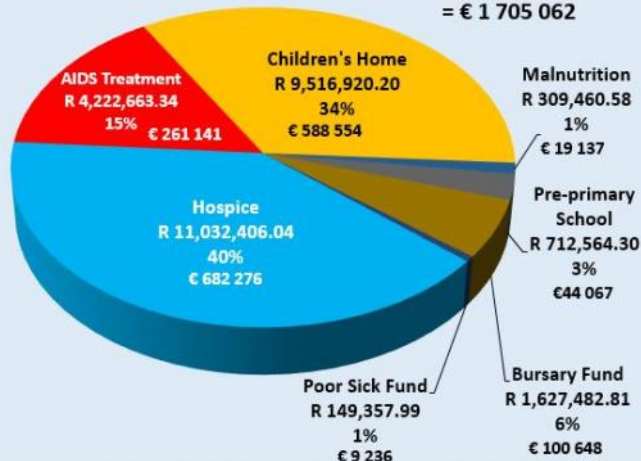
singing.

30 November 2019:

Benefit Concert at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna/Austria.



CASH EXPENDITURE ON OPERATIONS 2019 : R 27,570,855.26
= € 1 705 062



Member statistics

(31 December 2019)

Active members	1585
Financial supporter members	712
Spiritual supporter members	360
Total	2657

