



The Relief Organisation of the Order of Malta in South Africa

Activity Report 2025

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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

Antiretroviral Treatment



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

of the drugs.

**3331 outpatient consultations for
547 patients on ongoing life-long treatment.**

Adherence Monitoring

Our Therapeutic Counsellors make home visits to our patients on ARV-treatment to ensure that they adhere to the treatment. This enables us to discover adverse drug reactions early and to prevent treatment failure.



1890 home visits made.

Palliative Care Centre



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.

2475 social workers' consultations (mostly for the Hospice, but also for the Bursary Fund and Relief Fund)

1499 outpatient consultations

93 inpatients admitted

39 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**.



106 patients enrolled.

1988 sick visits made.

288 patients transported by ambulance.

176 patient assessment visits done.

Relief & Social Care

Relief Fund



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

**We provided relief in
206 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

Early Childhood Development Centre

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

58 children educated



Child and Youth Care Centre



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

77 children looked after.
16 of these were admitted in 2024.
27 of these were discharged in 2024.



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.

We provided

- 416** 400g packs of milk powder and
- 182** 1 kg packs of protein & vitamin enriched porridge
- in **114** consultations to
- 43** malnourished children with an average of
- 4** children per month.

Bursary Fund

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

33 school bursaries
11 tertiary bursaries
 granted.



Development in 2025

In 2025, the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard (BBG) institutional "family" solidified its role as a professional sanctuary of care in Mandeni, South Africa. Operating through its specialised subsidiary entities—Blessed Gérard's Care Centre (BGCC) and Blessed Gérard's Early Childhood Development Centre (BGECCDC)—the family provides a tiered response to the regional AIDS and poverty crises. The BBG serves as the parent NPO, providing the spiritual foundation, governance oversight, and global resource mobilisation necessary for its subsidiaries to function. 2025 was defined by a Strategic Alignment Process that transitioned the entire family toward a data-driven, sustainable operational model. Outcomes included a commitment to leaner management and the adoption of the "Pilgrims of Hope" framework to navigate a challenging international funding environment. A key milestone was the commissioning of a large-scale Solar PV system to ensure energy resilience across the campus. As a "Site of Excellence" in an underprivileged environment, the BBG family upholds the Order of Malta mandate of *Obsequium Pauperum*, recognizing our beneficiaries as *Domini Nostri Pauperes* to whom the highest standards of professional care are due. This report reflects a strategic stabilisation of our foundations, ensuring that our subsidiary entities remain effective conduits of mercy.

Our **mission** is to further the glory of God and strive with a common effort to foster a more perfect life of our members by devoting ourselves to the apostolate of the Church in works of charity to serve "the poor of our Lord Jesus Christ" extending God's loving care to them under the motto "tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperum" (Protection of faith and service to the needy).

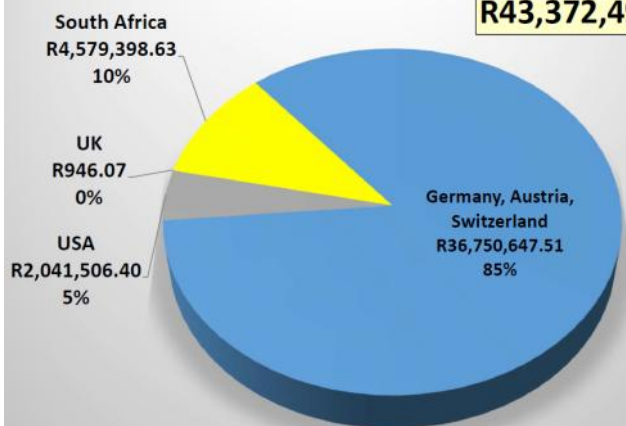
"**Vision**": May the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard in adopting its patron's charisma continue the ancient spiritual tradition of its roots to humbly serve the hungry and thirsty, estranged and naked, sick and imprisoned Lord and thus become a sign of Christian faith, cheerful hope and apostolic love to the people.

Member statistics (31 December 2025)

1645 active members (111 of these are employees)
 + **893** financial supporter members
 + **322** spiritual supporter members
 = **2860** members.
 + **923** benefactors
 = **2860** individuals who sustain our services

SOURCES OF INCOME JAN-DEC 2025

R43,372,498.61



EXPENDITURE JAN - DEC 2025

R 42,265,888.06

