

# **SOVEREIGN ORDER OF MALTA LEBANON**

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES  
AND THE EMERGENCY PROJECTS SUBSEQUENT  
TO THE WAR OF JULY-AUGUST 2006

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## BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE GLOBAL CONTEXT.

Between the 12<sup>th</sup> of July and the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2006, Lebanon has been the theatre of violent hostilities opposing the Israeli army and the Hezbollah.

Military operations that lasted more than a month took diverse forms and were cruel and murderous. The resulting dramatic situation on the humanitarian level is so traumatizing that, even after the cessation of hostilities and the beginning of the implementation of the UN resolution, fear of the unknown still prevails.

July/August 2006 hostilities led to:

- 1200 deaths;
- 4060 wounded and/or handicapped;
- 1 million internally displaced people (IDP) during the worst of the war;
- 630 Km of roads destroyed;
- 25 fuel and gas distribution stations destroyed;
- 78 bridges destroyed;
- 15, 000 houses destroyed;
- 900 businesses destroyed;
- A minimum of US \$ 3.6 billion in destruction:
  - Transportation Sector:
    - Roads (US \$ 429 million);
    - Airport (US \$ 55 million);
  - Electricity Sector:
    - Production (US \$ 80 million);
    - Transport and distribution (US \$ 164 million);
  - Telecommunication Sector (US \$ 116 million);
  - Water Sector (US \$ 80 million);
  - Government Schools and Hospitals (US \$ 34 million);
  - Housing and businesses (US \$ 2,406 million);
  - Industries (US \$ 220 million);
  - Fuel and Gas Stations (US \$ 12 million);
  - Military equipments (US \$ 16 million).

Besides above-mentioned war damages, the economic growth of Lebanon has been seriously compromised. The country, torn as much in its infrastructures as in its economic structures, whether private or public, is on a razors' edge.

As a consequence of this dramatic situation, a general pauperization of all socio-economic categories is noted.



## **PLEA FOR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT.**

Faced with this catastrophe and this humanitarian dramatic situation, the Lebanese Association of the Knights of Malta appealed to the Order's Grand Magistry, the Grand Pories and the National Associations of the Order of Malta. To that day, seventeen Grand Pories and National Associations as well as members of the Order individually have **responded to that call for an amount totalling US \$ 449.708.**



## **ACTION OF THE ORDER OF MALTA IN THIS SITUATION.**

Faithful to its vocation to assist the most deprived with no religious or political discrimination, in a country where such issues are very sensitive, the teams of the Sovereign Order of Malta have proven to show great reactivity and a rapid adaptation capability. They persistently helped and assisted the needy population during all the different stages of the war consequently creating a dynamic of new orientation in the approach and the spirit of the Sovereign Order of Malta's action in Lebanon.



## **HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS SUBSEQUENTS TO THE WAR.**

The different phases relative to humanitarian problems generated by the war can be divided in three:

- 1) Internally Displaced People (IPD);
- 2) Emergency subsequent to the cessation of hostilities and the beginning of the return of the IDP;
- 3) Restructuring of damaged Centres;
- 4) First projects to be engaged immediately.

### **1. Internally Displaced People.**

The medical, hygienic and food emergency the Order faced led to:

- Taking full charge of the alimentary needs, including milk for newborn and babies, of ±1,000 IDP;

- Distribution of milk for newborn and babies through 6 Medical Centres of the Sovereign Order of Malta.  
(US \$ 17.680,-)
- Opening of an emergency medical antenna in Rmeich and taking charge of ±25,000 inhabitants (residents and IDP);
- 4000 medical acts including supply of medicaments;  
(US \$ 40.037,-)
- Taking charge of ± 6,200 IDP settled in IDP Centres;
- Distribution of washing machines to an IDP Centre accommodating ±1,800 displaced persons;
- Installation of showers and sanitary equipments in 1 IDP Centre;
- Distribution of hygienic kits to ± 1,200 IDP;
- Taking charge of the daily shower of ± 50 newborn, babies and children;  
(US \$ 6.227,-)
- Distribution of clothes to 3 IDP Centres accommodating ±1,000 IDP;
- Initiation to hygiene, community life and ownership seminars to ±100 Internally Displaced Children;
- Particular uphold of the activities of the Centres affected by the war, namely Yaroun/Rmeich, Siddikine, Roum, Marjeyoun, Barqa, Kefraya and Ain el Remmaneh.

**Total budget spent: US \$ 127.028, -**

## **2. Emergency subsequent to the cessation of hostilities and the beginning of the return of the IDP.**

The medico-social Centres of the Order of Malta located in targeted regions have undergone damages to the buildings sheltering the medical activity of the Order as well as to their equipments. The rehabilitation and the re-equipment of the Order's Centres are extremely urgent.

- Complete destruction of the medico-social Centre located in Yaroun.
- Damages to the medico-social Centre located in Siddikine.
- Damages to the medico-social Centre located in Marjeyoun.

The first emergency activities set up at the cessation of hostilities are the following:

- Rehabilitation and re-equipment of the Centre located in Siddikine and resumption of its activities;  
(US \$ 40.000,-)
- Reinstalling the Centre located in Yaroun on the premises of the St George School bordering the Centre and resumption of the team's partial activities (on account of all equipments are damaged) from these temporarily locals while the Centre of Yaroun is reconstructed and re-equipped;  
(US \$ 7.511,-)

- With the aim of insuring medical care services, the Sovereign Order of Malta has committed to contributing in the re-operation and the operation of two Mobile Medical Units crossing the disaster-stricken zone of South Lebanon in order to assist local populations:
  - Re-operating the old Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) of Siddikine servicing more than 70 villages suffering from the war's effects. During the emergency intervention operation, the Mobile Medical Unit was operational 7 days per week. Its team treated approximately 150 patients per day;
 

(US \$ 5.500,-)
  - Operating a new Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) in Ein Ebel. This Mobile Medical Unit is attached to the new project in process consisting in operating an Emergency Polyclinic Centre at Ein Ebel. This new Mobile Medical Unit can service a large number of border villages.
 

(US \$ 42.219,-)
- Upholding the activities of the Order of Malta's Centres overloaded during this period.

**Total budget spent: US \$ 167.800,-**

### **3. Restructuring of damaged centres**

Yaroun:

- Rehabilitation of the Centre's building
 

(Cost US \$ 75.000,- to 100.000,-)
- Re-equipment of the Centre
 

(Investment US \$ 80.000,- to US \$100.000,-)

Marjeyoun:

- Rehabilitation of the damages undergone to the building sheltering the Centre
 

(US \$ 20.000,-)

**Total budget engaged: US \$ 220.000,-**

### **4. First projects to be engaged immediately**

#### **a) First projects**

Fist emergency projects contributing to the reinsertion of IDP and helping in maintaining the populations in their villages of origin and the Order of Malta's new orientation subsequent to the war are the following:

Ein Ebel:

- Running costs of the new Mobile Medical Unit  
(Running costs: US \$ 90.000,-)  
1 year
- Operating an Emergency Polyclinic Centre  
Relay Centre to become at a later stage a day care hospital  
(Complementary investment US \$ 25.000,-)  
(Running costs: US \$ 200.000,-)  
1 year

Siddikine:

- Operating a new Mobile Medical Unit  
(Investment and equipment: US \$ 65.000,-)  
(Running cost: US \$ 90.000,-)  
1 year
- Development of a counselling Centre for traumatized population  
(Primary estimation: US \$ 30.000,- to US \$ 35.000,-)

### **b) New orientation**

(Estimation US \$125.000,-)  
among which 60% are for running costs (US \$ 75.000,-)  
and 40% for investment (US \$ 50.000,-)

- Education and training of medical and para-medical personnel for emergency situations;
- Mobilizing and updating human resources as well as technical and financial resources in order to consolidate the Order's activities in all of its Centres
- Development and consolidation of a group of volunteers ready to intervene in the name of the Sovereign Order of Malta
- Performing a Medical audit and re-evaluation of the needs specific to each Centre's areas of intervention

### **Total cost of projects:**

<b>First projects:</b>	<b>US \$ 505.000,-</b>
<b>New orientation:</b>	<b>US \$ 125.000,-</b>
<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>US \$ 630.000,-</b>



***In addition to above-mentioned emergency Projects, the Sovereign Order of Malta – Lebanon presently explores and evaluates other priority and necessary projects pertaining to social and educational matters. These projects would essentially aim in contributing to maintaining the populations in their villages of origin.***



## REHABILITATION OF CHURCHES DAMAGED

### DURING THE HOSTILITIES:

In order to maintain and fix the Christian minority presence in the disaster-stricken region of South Lebanon and with the aim of consolidating solid and sustainable bonds between the different communities, faithful to its mission « **Tuitio Fidei** » « **Obsequium pauperum** », the Sovereign Order of Malta took the decision of **rehabilitating** the **churches** of the **borderline disaster-stricken zone of South Lebanon**.

The **rehabilitation** project includes civil works to be engaged in **16 churches** as well as setting the **details design and execution files** for **2 churches** completely destroyed.

The list of churches in need of rehabilitation comes as follow:

○ Our Lady Church (Baraachit)	Melkite
○ St Georges Church (Tebnine)	Melkite
○ Our Lady Church (Ain Ebel)	Maronite
○ St Elie Church (Ain Ebel)	Melkite
○ St Georges Church (Yaroun)	Melkite
○ St Georges Church (Debel)	Maronite
○ St Joseph Church (Qaouzah)	Maronite
○ St Elie Church (Alma ech Chaab)	Melkite
○ St Georges Church (Rachaiya el Foukhar)	Orthodox
○ St Georges Church (Qlaiaa)	Maronite
○ Deir Mimas' Monastery (Deir Mimas)	Orthodox
○ Latins' Monastery (Deir Mimas)	Latin
○ Church of Deir Mimas (Deir Mimas)	Melkite
○ Our Lady Church (Khiam)	Melkite
○ St Antoine Church (Khiam)	Maronite
○ St Elie Church (Khiam)	Orthodox

**(Cost estimation: US \$ 205.650,-)**

The two churches completely destroyed for which the Sovereign Order of Malta will undertake the setting of the details design and execution files are:

○ Church of Safad el Batikh (Safad el Batikh)	Melkite
○ Church of Jarmaq (Jarmaq)	Maronite

**(Cost estimation: US \$ 40.000,-)**

**Total cost: US \$ 245.650,-**



## Synthesis note

<b>Funds received</b>			US\$	449.708
<b>Spent</b>				
- Internally Displaced People	US \$	127.028		
- First emergency	US \$	167.800		
<b>Engaged</b>				
- Restructuring	US \$	220.000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>- US \$</b>	<b>514.828</b>	<b>+ US \$</b>	<b>449.708</b>
<b>Actual deficit to be covered</b>		<b>US \$</b>	<b>65.120</b>	

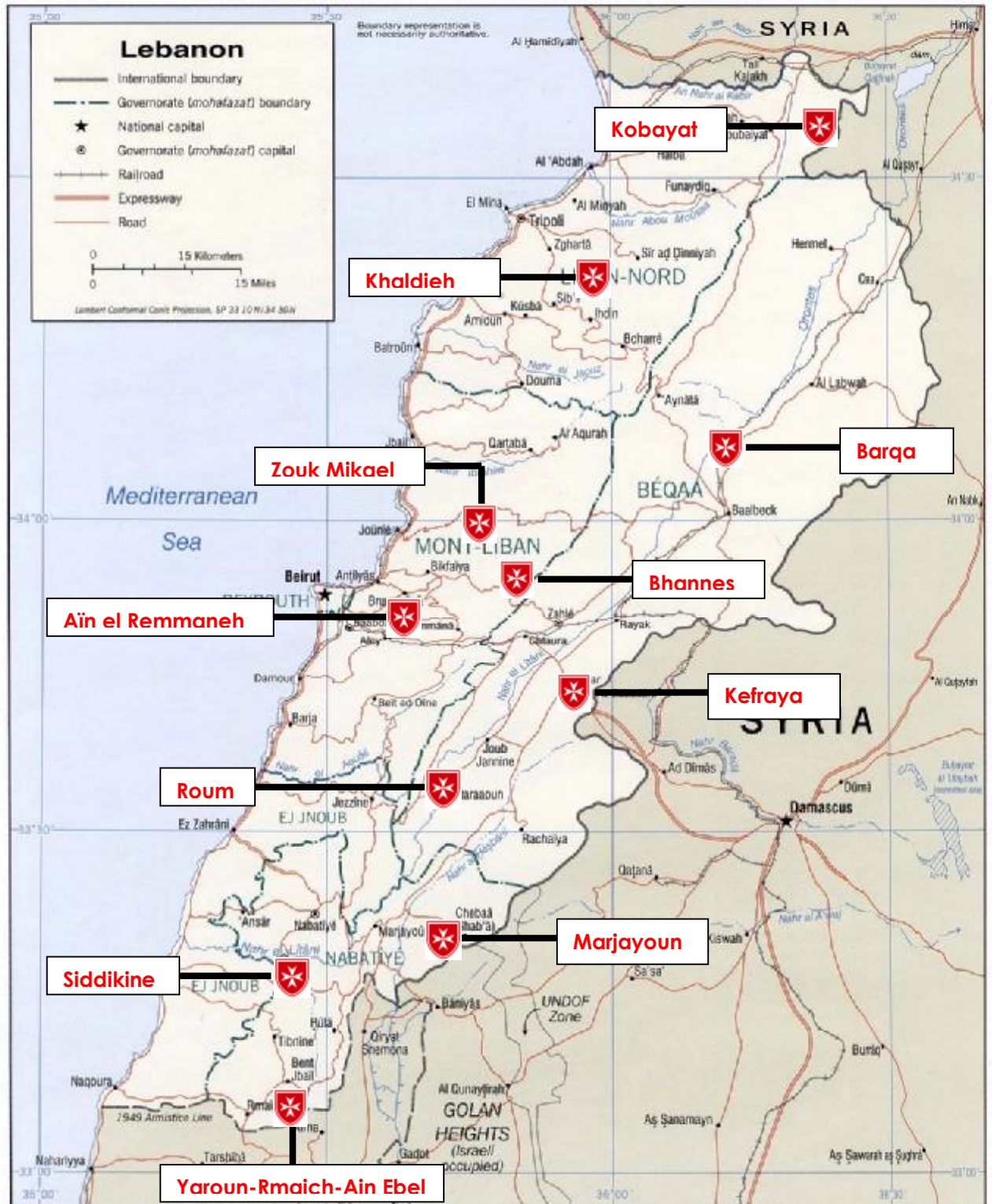
<b>Not financed</b>	<b>New projects</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>630.000</b>
	<b>Churches</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>245.650</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>875.650</b>

### N.B.

These figures do not include those of the annual budget of the "Fondation de l'Ordre de Malte pour le Liban". Audited figures for the year 2005 totalled US\$ 1 381.712,88 exclusive of in kind donations, mainly medicaments, representing nearly US \$ 1 000.000



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