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**Aid to Ukraine 2022**

**10 months**

**24.02.2022- 24.12.2022**



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## The outbreak of war on 24 February 2022

On 25 February the Board of the Association of Polish Order of the Knights of Malta made a decision to organize humanitarian aid for Ukraine; the press release came out on the same day.

The MSM - Maltese Medical Service has been appointed to lead the Maltese aid action.

**After 3 months** the personnel strength is still about **300 people**:

- 100 Maltese volunteers fully committed
- 100 collaborators including NGOs, girl and boy scouts
- 100 sympathizers supporting on a sporadic basis

This number does not include Maltese volunteers who cooperate with permanent works and projects of Order in Poland (approx. 1,000 people/year)







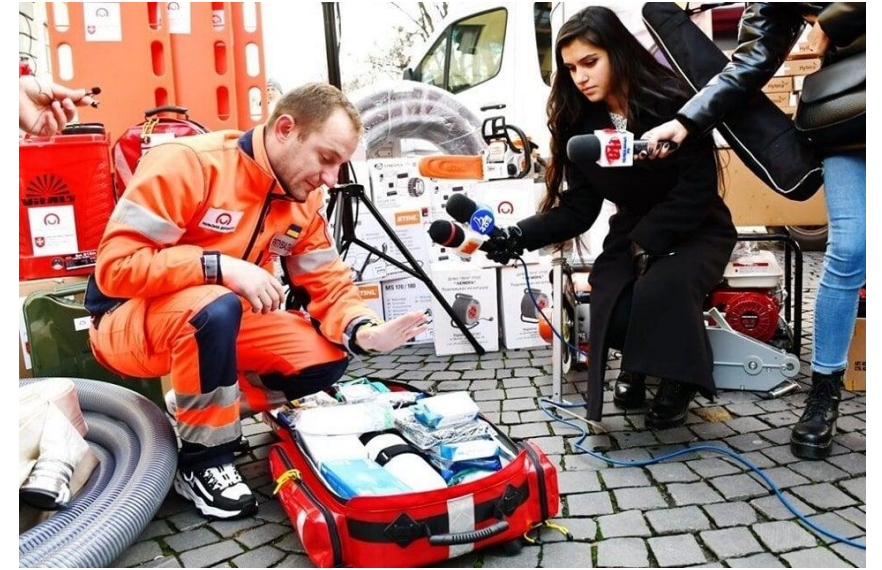
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ca. 2,500 people in Ukraine trained in first aid

The Maltese Medical Service (MSM) in 2014 secured the evacuation of the injured from the Kyiv Euromaidan, then implemented, in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a several-year training program in pre-medical assistance (1st aid). During the COVID-19 pandemic, the MSM trained relevant civil services (police officers, firefighters, teachers) and donated a significant amount of hygiene and personal protective equipment.

Thanks to this program, about **2,500 trained people** and medical equipment have been serving Ukrainians since the first days of the war. Currently, the number has risen to around **3,000** people.

**The MSM - thanks to these contacts has precise information about needs and can implement aid in the precise and effective way.**







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## Scope of operations after 3 months - action on the aid front

- Headquarters - Katowice, central warehouse - Chorzów
- 3 assistance points at the border - Hrebenne, Krościenko, Korczowa
- 1 relocation point for people and redistribution of gifts - Kombornia
- 2 medical aid points at Cracow and Katowice railway stations
- 13 collection points: including MSM branches in: Cracow, Krzeszowice, Andrychów, Kęty, Nysa, Krosno and Katowice accept donations of medicines, foodstuffs, blankets, sleeping bags, which after sorting are sent to Ukraine - Lviv, Sambor, Narol, Drohobych, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Korczowa on the UA side of the border)
- In Ukraine - branches of the Maltinskiej Sluzby Dopomohi
- Other centers in Poland very actively support the comprehensive process of assistance.





## Scope of activities after 10 months - transport

Transports (medicines, medical equipment, food) from Chorzów, Kombornia, Nysa, Krzeszowice, Kraków, Olsztyn and Warsaw reach Ukraine, including the areas where fighting is taking place: Mariupol, Dnipro, Energodar and Zhytomyr, Sum, Drohobych, Borysław, Obrucz and the Kiev area. On the way back, cars pick up refugees. A total of **90 bus transports**.

The logistics center in Chorzów sent **109 TIRs** (average value of cargo approx. 300,000 PLN) and **136 trucks-bus/lorries** of aid (with food, medicines). Further, thanks to Maltinska Sluzba Dopomohi, the aid is distributed deep into Ukraine. The center operates in cooperation with the St. Nicholas Foundation and Malteser International. Logistics are provided by Prologis.

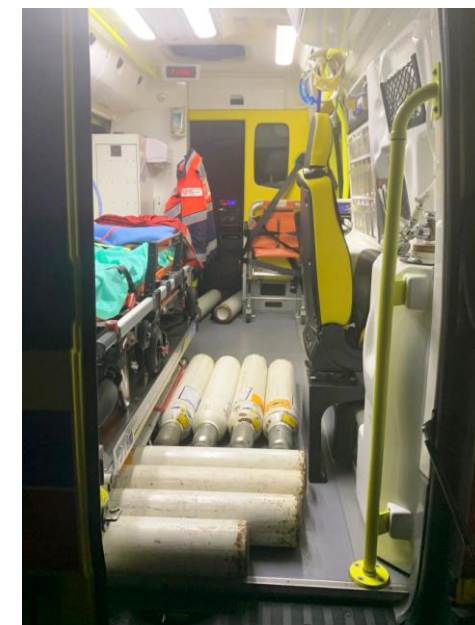


## Scope of operations after 10 months – examples of major operations

Hospitals in Silesia and the National Institute of Cardiology from Anin in cooperation with RARS (Governmental Agency for Strategic Reserves), with the active participation of the MSM donated **medical equipment needed to save lives to hospitals** in Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk with a total value of PLN **1 million (USD240k)**.

BEforUA (Belgium for Ukraine), through the Maltese Medical Service, donated to Ukraine **25 ambulances** with equipment, as well as significant assistance in the form of medicine and food, and **2 cold-storage** units for bodies.

The Sovereign Orders of Malta in Spain and England funded a new ambulance with equipment - at the disposal of MSM.



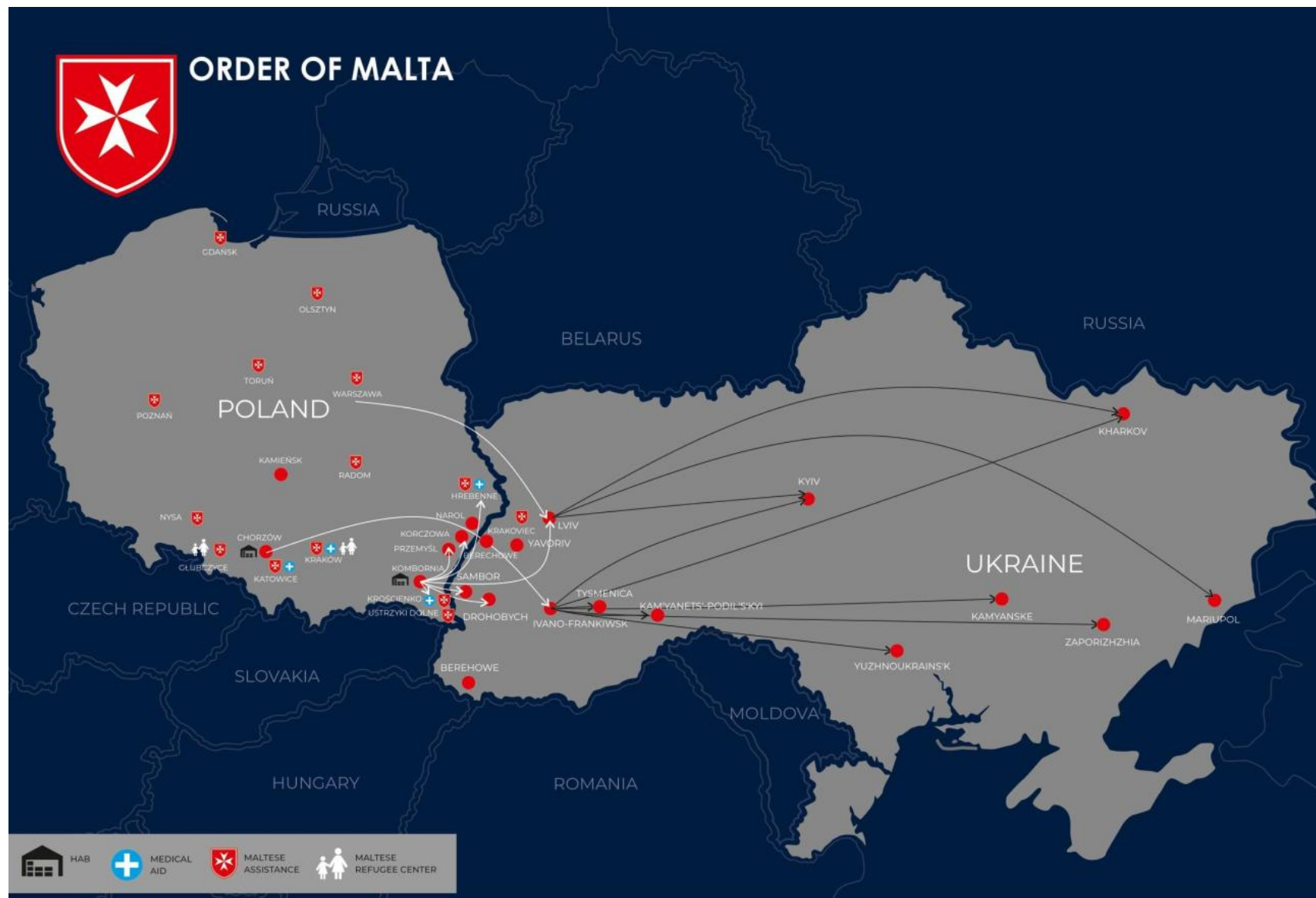


## Scope of operations after 7 months – operational reach

The Order of Malta - thanks to its international structures, can organize assistance in a precise and efficient way, also that of a large scope.

Mariupol, Dnibr, Energodar, Żytomierz, Sumy, Drohobycz, Borysław, Obrucz, Berdyczów, Odessa, Użchorod, Brzeżany, Horodnia, Kyiv, Lviv .

Support of „The Global Fund for Forgotten People”





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## Scope of activities after 7 months - care for hundreds of refugees

Over 3,000 people evacuated, including 600 sick - 92 children with MS plus families, 32 patients in a serious condition, 2 children under respirators.

Accommodation provided for about 350 people (7 months): in Cracow, at the center in Głubczyce, Opolskie Province, in Poznań, Warsaw; and for hundreds of other people - in private homes.

Trips to other countries - Germany, Belgium, France 249 persons.





## Scope of activities after 10 months - international cooperation

On the appeal of the Order of Malta, paramedics from Maltese national associations from **Germany, France the Czech Republic, Belgium, England, Estonia, Lithuania, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Austria** as well as observers from **Malteser International** came to Poland. All of them brought gifts for the refugees, some were on duty for several days at our border posts in Krościenko and Hrebenne.

The Grand Hospitaller H.E. Dominique Prince de La Rochefoucauld-Montbel and the Ambassador of the Order of Malta in Poland, H.E. Niels Lorijn, paid a working visit (border point, Kombornia, Cracow).

In September 2022, a meeting of the presidents of the Order of Malta's national associations took place in Cracow, Poland, where an aid programme for Ukraine was presented.



## Scope of activities after 10 months - communication

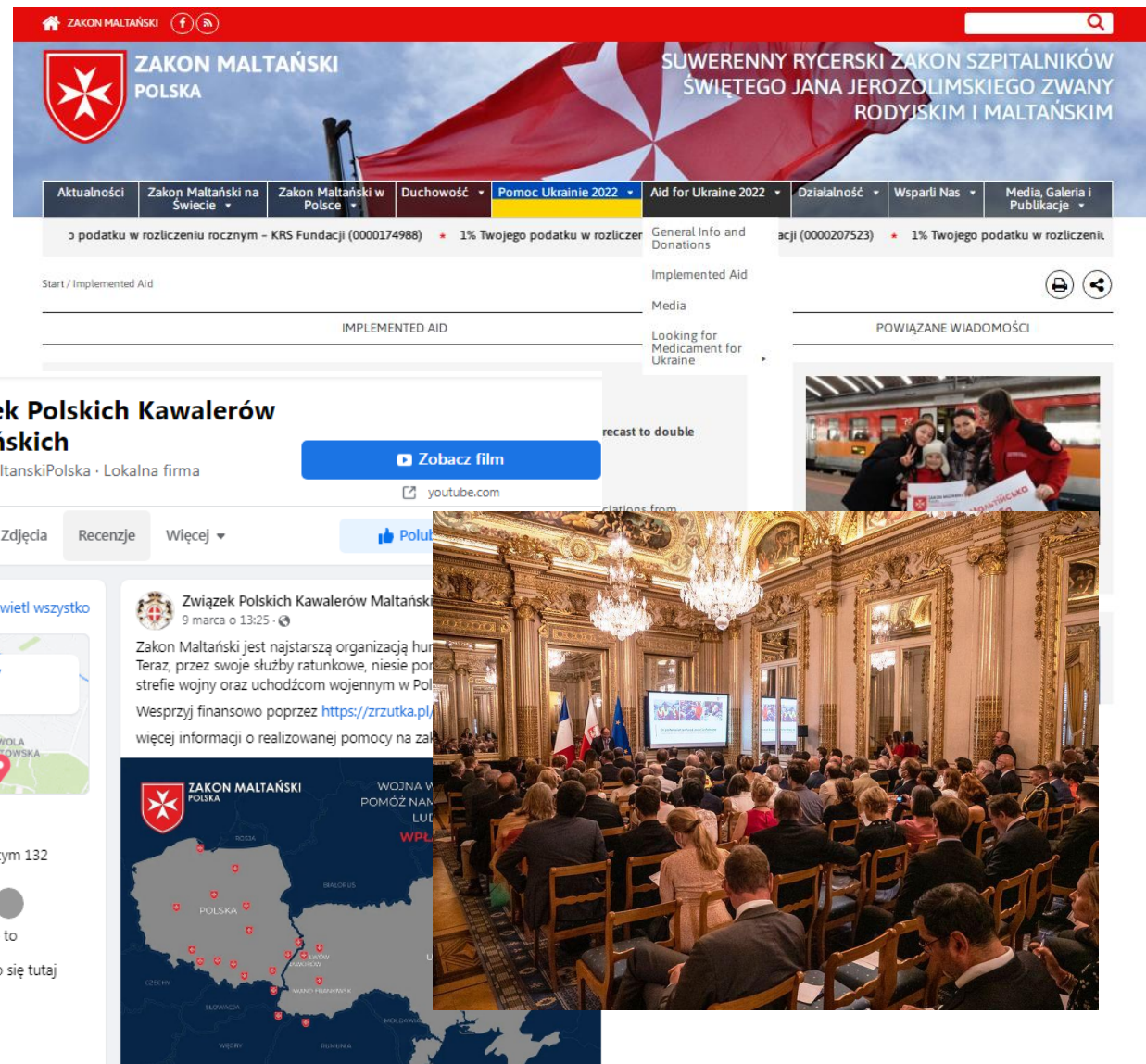
-Aid activities are communicated on the website [www.zakonmaltanski.pl](http://www.zakonmaltanski.pl)

-along with frequent notifications appearing over FB, Instagram, Twitter interviews over Polish and foreign media Short films promoting aid and fundraising,

-discussions and **organization of visits** to Poland of high representatives of the Grand Mastery of the Order of Malta,

- presentations at international meetings in Paris, Cracow, Budapest,

-an important aspect is the **organization of prayers for peace** by the Order of Malta, also internationally.



The image displays the website and Facebook page of the Zakon Maltański Polska (Order of Malta in Poland). The website header features the Order's logo and name, along with navigation links for 'Aktualności', 'Zakon Maltański na świecie', 'Zakon Maltański w Polsce', 'Duchowość', 'Pomoc Ukrainie 2022', 'Aid for Ukraine 2022', 'Działalność', 'Wsparli Nas', and 'Media, Galeria i Publikacje'. A prominent banner for 'SUWERENNY RYCERSKI ZAKON SZPITALNIKÓW ŚWIĘTOGO JANA JEROZOLIMSKIEGO ZWANY RODYJSKIM I MALTAŃSKIM' is visible. Below the banner, there are sections for 'Start / Implemented Aid' and 'Media'. The Facebook page shows the profile of 'Związek Polskich Kawalerów Maltańskich' (@ZakonMaltanskiPolska), a local firm. The page includes a map of Poland with a location marker at 'al. Kasztanowa 4a 30-227 Kraków'. A post from March 9th at 13:25 discusses the Order's humanitarian aid efforts for Ukraine, mentioning financial support through <https://zrzutka.pl>. The page also features a large image of a formal meeting in a grand hall with many people seated at long tables.





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## Activities with the support of the Knights of Malta of France

Thanks to the support of the Knights of Malta of France, the Order of the Polish Knights of Malta was involved in, among other things:

1. Catering for 650 Ukrainian children in 30 schools for whom we financed 21,000 lunches - 29 schools in Katowice,
2. The organisation of a holiday in Cracow for 35 pupils from Energodar in Ukraine and a summer holiday for 30 Ukrainian children in Fojutowo,
3. The accommodation and meals for 55 refugees from Ukraine, including 23 children, at a centre run by the Albertine Sisters in Cracow,
4. Organising daycare centres for Ukrainian children in Poznań, Warsaw and Katowice. In Katowice, we are also currently building a playground,
5. the organisation of Polish language and integration classes for Ukrainian children - such classes will start in October at the Polish Knights of Malta Primary School in Cracow.



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## Ongoing assistance

- The Order of the Polish Knights of Malta, together with the Ministry of Family and Social Policy, has launched an **Information and Vocational Activation Centre** for refugees in Katowice. Professional help (simultaneously) can be provided to 100 people.
- In the premises of the Order's foundation in Warsaw, **rooms** have been made **available** for six people to live in, and more places are being prepared.
- In the Maltese hospital in Barczewo, **rehabilitation stays** are run for Ukrainian patients - 14 persons/month.
- 24 children from Ukraine are now staying in the Maltese centre in Cracow.
- There is a **24/7 medical service** centre at a Seminary in Katowice, financed by the Provincial Voivodeship Office.
- We organised **six recreational trips** to Wrocław from Głogów for Ukrainian refugees in the summer, attended by 300 people. Gifts worth PLN 30,000 were donated.





### Day care centres - for mothers with children.

Many single-parent families will remain in Poland.

A day care centre is a place: for childcare, a place of respite, a meeting place for people who fled the war, a source of advice.

The scale depends on organized resources.

**In June 2022, a day care centre was launched in Poznań, and from August onwards in Warsaw and Gdańsk.**

Irrespective – the Order of Malta will react to the war, the post-war situation, and will continue its existing Maltese activities.



**More than 8 million refugees have arrived in Poland from Ukraine, of which about 2 million have remained.** They are mainly women and children. In Poland, refugees are not placed in refugee camp centres.

In Ukraine, energy and heating infrastructure is being systematically destroyed, and Ukraine itself is preparing for winter and a severe energy deficit.

The Order of Malta Poland is preparing for a **new wave of refugees.**

Since November, new reception and medical facilities have been made operational in Przemyśl, Medyka and Katowice.

We are continuing with programmes that require ongoing support while seeking funding of at least €1 million for these activities.





**Fundraising:**

Launched – a special account, and currency accounts,  
PayPal for quick currency transfers and T-pay,  
Funds are collected on the platforms - zrzutka.pl, and siePomaga.pl-  
currently (July 2022) completed.

Maltese Aid Foundation - Maltese Medical Service:  
66 1140 2017 0000 4402 1300 0856,  
*with the annotation: donation for statutory purposes - aid to refugees  
from Ukraine.*

<https://zakonmaltanski.pl/pomoc-ukrainie-2022/pomoc-ukrainie-2022-informacje-ogolne/>

**The estimated value of the assistance provided:  
(10 months) is approximately PLN 96.75 million ~ EURO 20,58 M.**





## Scope for 2023

1. We clearly see the need to continue the projects implemented and running in 2022. In order to operate the programme at the same level we will **need to find funding of around €1.1 million.**
2. In addition, we are planning to expand operations, with projects such as:

-a **mobile clinic**. The aim is opening a free of charge access for civilians to medical services in Ukraine. The mobile clinic would be carrying out its rounds in Ukrainian villages and towns. We expect the clinic could serve the needs of 10 towns/villages. Subsequently, the project could be scaled to 3 clinics serving 30 locations. We plan to purchase and adapt to a camper van to medical functions and recruit a medical team (doctor, nurse, driver, coordinator),

- **emergency response group** capable of interacting with state and voluntary emergency services across Europe.

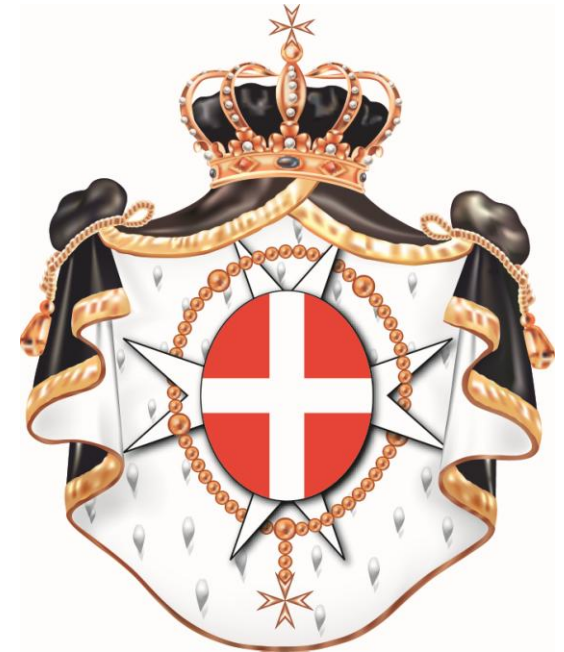




**The Sovereign Knights Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta**, was founded in Jerusalem in the second half of the 11th century (about 1065). The Order has been present on Polish territory since the XII century. The Association of the Polish Knights of Malta (ZPKM) was founded in 1920, but its activity in communist Poland was not possible. In independent Poland, the Association resumed its activities in 1992.

The Order is active in charity and hospitaller work in about 120 countries. The Knights of Malta provide assistance to victims of natural and military disasters. Their devotion was particularly visible during both World Wars and other armed conflicts. The 20th century saw a dynamic expansion of the Order's hospitaller and charitable, along with religious and diplomatic activities.

**The Order of Malta is the oldest humanitarian organization in the world.**





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