



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER
OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND OF MALTA

HOSPITALLER REPORT 2025

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Country: BELGIUM – Hospitaller Works Entity “Order of Malta Belgium”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Around 40 activities with the support of 11 compensated staff members, 900 volunteers, and 297 members.

Assistance to people in need:

Homeless:

Support is provided through two complementary initiatives “**La Fontaine**” day centers and the “**Maraude**” night outreach teams.

Located in Brussels, Liège, and Ghent, these day centers offer first-line services including free showers, laundry facilities, basic care, cloakroom access, and lockers when needed. While no meals are provided and visit time is limited, each center adapts its specific services according to the needs of users, available infrastructure, and the professional expertise of subsidized staff. Ensuring dignity and **access to basic hygiene** remains a core priority.

In close coordination with the “La Fontaine” team, the Maraude operates year-round. Once a week in the evening, two or more groups of four volunteers meet an average of 60 homeless people across Brussels. Beyond offering light snacks and basic sanitary kits, the teams provide a **warm human presence** and guide individuals toward appropriate social and medical services.

Children under Youth Judge Protection :

Four **summer camps** are organized for children aged 6 to 13 who are victims of abandonment, abuse, or parental deprivation. In addition, camps inspired by the scouting model promote respect, collaboration, and personal development. Each child benefits from individual follow-up, ensured by a dedicated volunteer focused on their well-being.

Visits to Hospitals:

Volunteers **contribute to pastoral care, animation, and assistance** in hospitals as well as rest and care homes, offering presence, comfort, and support to patients and residents.

Assistance to elderly:

Isolated elderly individuals, including those who have previously participated in pilgrimages, are supported through masses, outings, and leisure activities that foster **social connection and spiritual accompaniment**.

Assistance to disabled:

A broad range of inclusive activities is organized for children, adolescents, and young adults with disabilities:

“Our Sundays”: Monthly **recreational activities** for young people with disabilities, concluding with a mass and shared snack at the activity location.

“Our WE” (Our Weekends): Festive weekends supervised by responsible, during which volunteers participating **families welcome and care for a child with disabilities**.

“National Summer Camps”: One-week outdoor camps organized for young people aged 6 to 25 years with mental or physical disabilities. They offer **attentive care** while **allowing families and care institutions to rest**. These camps also raise awareness among young able-bodied volunteers.

Participation through the Belgian Delegation in the **Order of Malta International Summer Camp**.

“20KM of Brussels”: **Inclusive participation** in the running event alongside disabled guests.

Pilgrimage: to Lourdes as well as two national pilgrimages

Logistic Center: plays a central role in **supporting** all activities by **collecting**, sorting, and **distributing** essential goods such as clothing, sanitary items, and basic furniture. These resources benefit homeless people, refugees, single mothers, victims of domestic violence being rehoused, and other vulnerable individuals. Additionally, the center collects games for disadvantaged children and provides crucial support to young people aged 16 and over who have grown up in institutions, helping them achieve independence by furnishing and equipping their first accommodation.

HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITY

1. Emergency: not applicable

2. Social

Fundraising events (2): Gala La Fontaine (110.000 €) and Kouglofs (theatrical performance by young volunteers) (21.000€)

Homeless day centers (3): beneficiaries: 28.774/ volunteers: 110 / members: 12/ staff: 11

Maraude : beneficiaries: 3.000/ volunteers: 23/ members: 17

Children's Summer Camp (4): beneficiaries: 126/ volunteers: 62/ (no members)

Visits to Hospital (9): beneficiaries: unknow/ volunteers: 126/members: 50/ (no staff)

Assistance to elderly: beneficiaries: 486/ volunteers: 215/members: unknow/ (no staff)

Assistance to disable: beneficiaries: 165/volunteers:399/ members:24/ (no staff)

Pilgrimage: beneficiaries:101/ volunteers: 300/ members:146/ (no staff)

Distribution: beneficiaries: more than 15 institutions/ volunteers: 49/ members: 35

The beneficiaries of the social works (other than homeless) are approximately 3000.

Clothing and essential goods were provided to homeless, children's and adolescents' homes or care institutions, as well as to numerous social organizations.

The cloakrooms were responding to more than 3.637 individual requests for clothing.

The "Maraude" distribute a minimum of 15 hygiene and survival kits per outing, representing approximately 750 kits per year.

Due to financial difficulties fewer opening days in two "La Fontaine".

3. Healthcare

Homeless:

Shower (18.197), laundry (17.568), nursing (7.802), pedicure (1.600), wound care, lice and scabies treatment, social support, clothes distribution, social support, hairdressing.

Psychological and nursing care only provided by professional staff.

Pilgrimage and camps: daily assistance only by volunteers.

Medical Team Jubilee in Rome (9 teams)

4. Elderly and Disabled homes and day-care projects: not applicable

5. Education: not applicable

6. Migrants, Refugees and IDPs : see «La Fontaine » and « Maraude »

PROMOTION OF NEW PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES not applicable

PARTNERSHIPS

The Hospitaller works are funded by a mix of donations. Most of the activities are due to public generosity and occasional grants, while the homeless centers depend on public authorities' subsidies.

There are no official partnerships but the activities collaborate with the local support team.

WAY AHEAD AND ASSESSMENTS

Maintain activities and ensure financial viability.

Promote activities and volunteerism.

Foster inter-team and intergenerational relationships.

COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

Channels of dissemination:

- Traditional media: newspapers, TV, magazines, and radio: not in 2025

- Social and Digital Media: Belgian Association website, La Fontaine Liège and Ghent Facebook, Instagram, YouTube channel