



## ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2020 - BELGIUM ABROAD

### A. Presentation

**Order of Malta Belgium International Aid ASBL** (abbreviated "**MBI**"), is a Belgian non-profit association and an affiliate of the **Belgian Association of the Members of the Order of Malta**. MBI exercises its activities exclusively outside Belgium, whereas the Belgian Association exercises its activities exclusively in Belgium.

MBI initiates, supports and performs infrastructure projects mainly in the health sector in Central Africa and Palestine. It also participates to humanitarian emergency actions of the Order of Malta, including those of Malteser International.

Since 2010, MBI's donors benefit from a tax deduction, pursuant to an approval granted by the Belgian Government. In 2015, this approval was renewed for six years expiring in 2021.

In 2019, MBI benefitted, in addition to gifts from members and supporters, from financial support from King Baudouin Foundation, foundation Futur 21 and from the Chimay Abbey fund. As a matter arising in 2020, we can mention that MBI initiated in 2019 a request for grant from the Global Fund for Forgotten People that it obtained and collected in 2020.

### B. Activities

#### 1. Palestine (Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem)

Since the completion of its Outreach Clinic project 2013-2018, MBI did not initiate any new project for the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem (Palestine).

#### 2. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

In the DRC, MBI supports the following projects:

- Centre Hospitalier Roi Baudouin Ier, a regional general reference hospital in Masina, which is one of the poorest suburbs of Kinshasa:
  - MBI maintains a representative on the management committee of this hospital and monitors its management closely.
  - MBI coordinated in 2019 the implementation of a renovation and re-equipment project of approximately 450.000 EUR financed by charitable trusts supported by two French families. Approximately 240.000 EUR of this amount were dedicated in 2019 to improving and rehabilitating the two surgery rooms, the caesarian section room, and the intensive care unit for children and for adults, as well as the sponsoring of a training programme with medical doctors and an operating room nurse, together with a biomedical engineer and a laboratory biologist. It is planned to improve the radiology and laboratory departments and the laundry in 2020.
  - MBI supplied this hospital and other Kinshasa hospitals with approximately 3 tonnes of various medical, paramedical and pharmaceutical supplies, including new bedsheets.

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- MBI initiated a project for the installation of lavatories next to the new emergencies building in the framework of a general nosocomial disease prevention project to submit to the Global Fund for Forgotten People.
- MBI obtained a commitment from Schröder, a Belgian company specialising in intelligent outdoor lighting, to sponsor a solar interactive LED lighting of the outside areas of the hospital. The works will be performed in 2020.
- Idjwi Island (250,000 inhabitants) in South Kivu:
  - MBI, with the financial support of the King Baudouin Foundation, enabled in 2019 the Monvu general reference hospital to acquire an automatic hematology analyzer that forthwith allows obtaining reliable blood analyses.
  - MBI financed in 2019 the Kihumba hospital for the purchase of new mattresses and bedsheets. A renovation of the solar power supply could be envisioned for 2020 or 2021.
  - MBI aims at redeveloping an agro-pastoral project at family level in the north of the island in partnership with Caritas International (Belgium) and Caritas Développement (DRC), as it did in 2014 and 2016, and to which MBI would add a health infrastructure component.
- Miscellaneous:
  - Thanks to a donation from the Chimay Abbey fund, MBI could finance the sending of a 12 tonnes container to the DRC to equip a technical school in Mwene Ditu (Lomami province, former Kasai) to which a health centre will be associated in the future.

Further, MBI continues to benefit for its projects in the DRC from the excellent support of Count Geoffroy de Liedekerke, the Ambassador of the Order of Malta in Kinshasa, DRC.

### 3. France

MBI participated, thanks to a grant from Futur 21, to a share capital increase in Domalians, a French social company owning social housing that accommodates handicapped persons, refugees and other less privileged persons. MBI is a partner in that company at the request of our French colleagues, along with our French and Swiss colleagues and other entities.

### 5. Other

MBI continued to review various potential projects located in Central Africa, including projects in Rwanda and in Burundi, where the Order of Malta had very little activities over the last few years.

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