

Review of the Order of Malta Relief Organization in Lithuania activities in 2019

Program/Services for seniors

"Meals on Wheels" is the oldest project of the Order of Malta Relief Organization in Lithuania (OMRO), carried out since 1993. More than 130 000 servings of hot food were provided to 520 beneficiaries of the project in 24 towns and villages on a regular base. More than 120 OMRO employees and volunteers took part in this food delivery service in various cities.

"Home care at home". This project was carried out in 14 cities (regularly) and 16 cities (during the necessity and special events) in 2019. Project involved about 400 active volunteers, attending 2168 lonely, sick, suffering from the shortcomings elderly people.

MOPT Home care at home paid services were delivered in Vilnius, Kaunas, Alytus. Home care paid service has 12 employees, who provided this service to 49 beneficiaries in 2019. Employees worked more than 10 000 hours.

Clubs for Seniors. MOPT had 5 Seniors clubs in 2019 (Vilnius, Kaišiadorys, Žiežmariai, Švenčionėliai, Zarasai); 105 elderly people participated in the educational and cultural programs there.

Special offers and events for Seniors. Order of Malta Relief Organization again held its very popular special campaigns - „Malteser Easter" and "Seniors' Day". Dozens of events, concerts and meetings were organized during that time. More than 2 600 beneficiaries in 38 Lithuanian cities were visited in their homes and hospitals last spring and fall.

Day Care Centers for Seniors. Day Care centers for Seniors in Alytus and Utena had been established in 2019. 30 seniors were attended there in 2019.

Project „NGO Strengthening for quality services“. 117 participants were involved in 2019.

Project „Complex services for the families in city Vilnius“. 317 services were provided, 4 personal assistants were involved.

Programs/Services for children and youth

Children Day care centers. MOPT maintained 16 Children day care centers in 2019. 380 children regularly attended them. Help was provided to 260 families of the children as well, more than 100 maltesers volunteers took part in this. Children day care centers are open 5 days a week and 4 – 8 hours a day.

Youth center. MOPT maintained one open Youth center in Utena in 2019.

Campaign of school supplies collections „Big Ideas in the Small Heart“. The campaign of school supplies and toys collection for disadvantaged children took place from August 1st – September 15th 2019. 2395 € were donated and the value of the collected items was more than 27 653 € in 2019. All the support was distributed to special educational institutions, large families, orphans, Malteser Children Day Care Centres. Geographically it went to 40 Lithuanian places. More than 45 companies and state institutions as well as natural persons participated in this campaign.

Program/Services for disabled people

Transportation service „Let's go“ for the persons with disabilities. Special transportation service „Let's go“ for the persons with disabilities was provided 1174 times for 1361 people with disabilities (including their family members) in Vilnius and Kaunas in 2019. Maltesers used two specially adapted vans for the service and one ambulance car to transfer disabled people, who can only lie on the bed. „Let's go“ is a Social Enterprise service with 8 employees and volunteers. People with disabilities pay for the transportation from the special funds provided by the State.

Active rehabilitation camp “Move It!”. This project for the 5th time took place in Klaipėda in August 2019, providing a special 10-day adaptation training for 14 young disabled people, in their first few years after suffering injuries that have confined them to wheelchairs. The program includes complex physical, social and cultural trainings for them: development of the wheelchair skills, confidence building, and creative activities. 14 young disabled young people in wheelchairs, 9 instructors with disabilities and 10 maltesers helpers took part in the camp.

International Order of Malta summer camp to Youth with disabilities "MaltaCamp". Lithuanian Maltesers brought 5 disabled young people in wheelchairs to the summer camp for the disabled youth "MaltaCamp" in Atel (Germany) in 2019. They were accompanied by 5 Malteser helpers.

First Aid Program/Services

First Aid delivery in Public events. MOPT First Aid team delivered First aid in 2 public events with more than 15 regular volunteers and 4 paramedics from Kiel (Germany). First Aid was provided during the "Sea festival" in Klaipėda and music festival "Būtent".

First aid teams at schools. In the end of 2015 MOPT launched program of First aid teams at schools. It is for youth volunteer groups (Young Schools paramedics) that on regular bases learn about first aid (theory and practice). Young Schools paramedics groups are fully equipped with first aid equipment. 3 days competition of the First aid teams was organized, 10 teams from 5 cities and 40 participants took part there in 2019.

Young Maltesers

Young Maltesers. YM unites more than 500 volunteers in more than 25 cities and villages of Lithuania. YM held Summer camp (75 participants from 8 cities) "Good deeds weekend" (200 participants from 10 cities), "Helping ideas" competition (23 ideas implemented, groups from 8 cities participated, 200 participants involved), Meeting „History protecting hands“ (70 participants from 10 cities), 7 trainings (20 days in total) in 2019.

Volunteer Trainings

Malteser Academy. Started as initiative of OM CEE Steering Committee, Lithuanian OMRO Malteser Academy was developed to be the main training facility for OMRO's volunteers. It is a part of Lithuanian OMRO strategy and targets group leaders as well as their volunteers to improve their skills and abilities. 2 trainings "Quality work with volunteers" for group leaders and volunteer coordinators took place, 30 participants were trained. 25 group leaders and volunteer coordinators also had a summercamp with integrated training sessions. Topics touched: "Beneficiaries with alcohol addiction", "Personal effectiveness", "Volunteer burnout".

"54+" activities. "54+" project financed by European Social Fund aims to strengthen soft competences of people over 54 years old but not yet retired as well as promote volunteering among them. Over 100 people were involved in professional trainings about creativity, conflict management, cooperation, entrepreneurship, IT skills and (or) started to volunteer.

Civil Defence

OMTO signed Cooperation agreement with the Vilnius City municipality in the field of civil protection in 2019. Areas of activity: First aid, care and maintenance for relief forces and affected people, warning and information sharing, transportation of disabled or sick people. Participation in exercises: Functional exercise at Vilnius airport, A hybrid city (Vilnius) resistance test, Table-top exercises (1 National and 2 Regional).

Spirituality

Participation in Pilgrimages, retreats and spiritual exercises. 67 Lithuanian Maltesers took part at the Pilgrimage of the Order of Malta to Lourdes in May 2018 (by bus and plane). Among them were 10 people with the disabilities in the wheelchairs.

More than 150 Maltesers participated in the Patients' Day during Šiluva feast on 14th September 2019. They brought to Šiluva 15 people with disabilities, old beneficiaries, children from Malteser social Day care centers as well. 21 pilgrim walked in St. Jacobs road (Spain) on October 3-11.

Fundraising

"Maltesers' Soup 2019". The main fundraising campaign "Maltesers Soup 2019" was carried out for the 14th time in 2019. Its goal was to draw Lithuanian society' attention to the dire situation of the old, sick and

elderly people and to collect donations to their assistance. 265 603 € donations were collected during this campaign in November –December 2019.

„**2 percent**“ fundraising campaign has brought 307 386 €, „**Kindness Subscription**“ fundraising initiative collected 9 000 € in 2019. Via deposit return system MOPT also got 23 858,84 € from supermarket chain „**LIDL**“ in 2019.