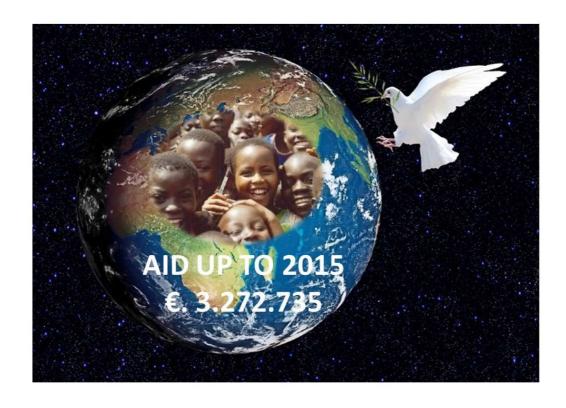


## CHAPTER GENERAL ROME 2016

Saturday the 15th of October

HOSPITALLERS' REPORT UNTIL 2015 Information from the Grand Hospitaller







Most Excellent Grand Master
Excellency the President of the Supreme Council
Excellencies and Members all

As the Grand Hospitaller of our centuries-old Knightly Order, I do present to your Excellencies the operational report of our charitable works up to 31/12/2015.

Loyal to our Knightly origins, through Christian charity we try to help people less fortunate than us. We are attentive to share the needs of our brothers that live and suffer in poverty. The foundation of Knightly ethics is the practice of love towards our neighbor, through which we express our love for God.

The spirit of Knighthood is first of all a way of being, a way of thinking. It is a matter of logic, consistency and strength of will that give to each individual a definite idea of their dignity as a human being and as a Christian.

Even tough poverty around the world has reduced of 14% in the latest 25 years, there are still 836 million people not having enough food to eat. The vast majority resides in the developing countries, were the 12.9% of the population suffers from malnutrition.

Nowadays, poverty spreads following a patch-worked pattern and involves the whole planet, from North to South. The poorest countries and regions currently are:

Sub-Sahara Africa: 42.7%

Southern Asia: 18.8%

Eastern Asia and Pacific area: 7.2%

Latin America: 5.6%

In particular, Sub-Sahara African population amounts to about a billion. This translates into 430 million people living in extreme poverty conditions.

And what about Europe? On a population of 743 million Europeans, about a quarter (123 million) is at risk of poverty or of social exclusion. Between 2010 and 2014, the number of people facing a condition of poverty or of total indigence (and thus with no money for paying house heating or unforeseen expenses) increased of 7.5 million units in the EU as a whole.

The Knights of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem cannot erase poverty from the whole world, but we keep alive and bright the fire of solidarity and the hope that, one day, the man will be able to fulfill this aim.

And while we keep this flame burning, we must not forget the barbaric persecution of our Christian Brothers in the Middle East. I believe that, when the civil war in Syria is over, our Order should help this population tortured by such a ferocious human beast.

The Hospitaller activities pursued by the Order's Jurisdiction in the latest triennium (2013-2015) had a great impulse. As in the previous years, charitable deeds were addressed to people in need, authorities and associations both in Europe and in countries around the world. We started building, or finished, hospital structures both in Africa and in Asia, structures that will improve the life and the social condition of those Villages' inhabitants.

### From 2013 to 2015: the years of major building projects

In 2015, the Grand Priory of Monaco completed the construction of a hospital in Ankolameré Île Sainte-Marie in Madagascar and donated a bus for the transportation of elders and disabled people to the Grace of Monaco Foundation;

The Grand Priory of Belgium started to build a hospital in Kinzamba, in the Democratic Republic of Congo;

The Grand Priory of Bohemia finished the restoration of the Church of Saint Lazarus in Slovakia;

In that same year, the charitable commitment of the Order's Jurisdictions towards the diseased and the people in difficulty renewed itself. And so:

The Grand Priory of Bohemia offered its support across the territory of Bohemia and Slovakia;

The Grand Priory of France sustained the Raoul Folledeau Foundation, aided French Catholic Churches with volunteers, cooperated with the Food Bank and, as in the past years, funded donations to Libano

The Grand Priory of Great Britain provided the leper colonies in Sri Lanka with financial support and sustained other institutions and associations.

The Grand Priory of Netherlands operated in Indonesia through the Travel Doctors as well as in India and in Kenya.

The Grand Priory of Spain continued its collaboration with the Green Circle of Caritas in Valencia.

The Grand Priory of the U.S.A. launched its assistance projects for African Refugees, persecuted Christians and the safety center for infants.

The projects and activities are broadly illustrated in the files sent by each Jurisdiction's Hospitaller and have been included in this report.

In the current year, 2016, other important projects have taken life. The Grand Priory of Italy, together with the Grand Priory of Monaco, has begun the construction of the Health Centre Saint Lazare Italia in the village of Guiè, in the province of Oubritenga, Burkina Faso.

The Grand Priory of Belgium finished its shelter centre for Christian refugees in Souleymanieh, in Iraq.

In addition, the Grand Priory of Monaco started to build a new hospital in Ambodiforaha, in Madagascar.

By observing our charitable performance and our commitment in 2015, we can be satisfied with our achievements and proud of belonging to the Knightly Order of Saint Lazarus. As a Christian, I would use Saint Paul's words in his second letter to the Corinthians (9,6):

Anyone who sows sparsely will reap sparsely as well – and anyone who sows generously will reap generously as well [...] God loves a cheerful giver.

While thanking all the Jurisdictions for their work, I proceed to the presentation of the Charitable Report up to 31/12/2015.

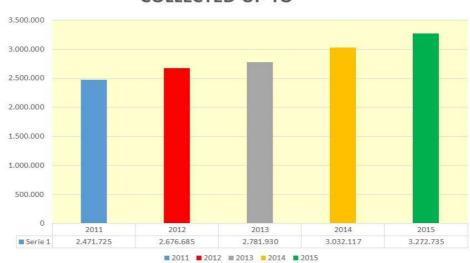
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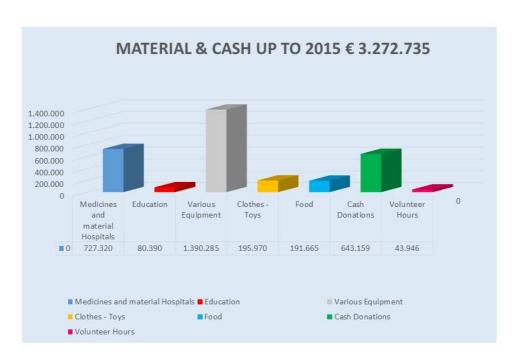


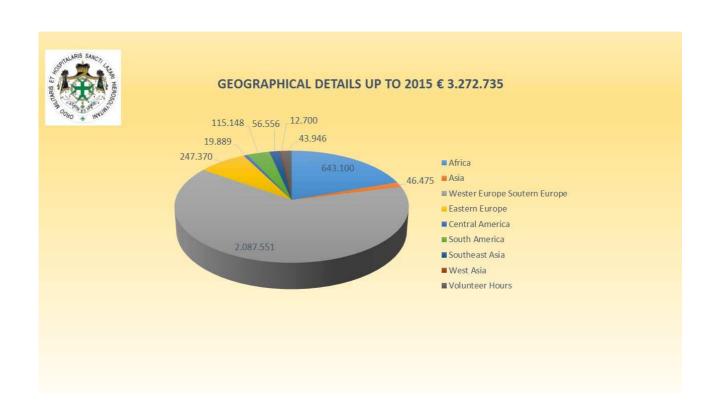


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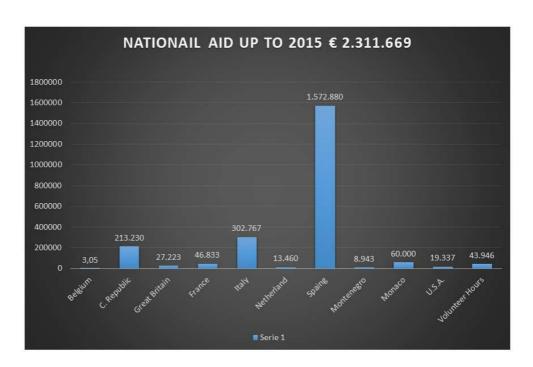


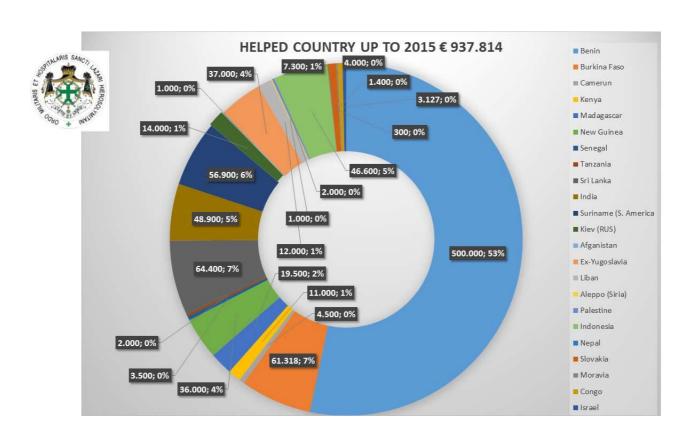












## TOTAL COLLECTED

UNTIL 2011 € 2.461.574

UNTIL 2012 € 2.676.635

UNTIL 2014 € 3.032.117

UNTIL 2015 € 3.272.735

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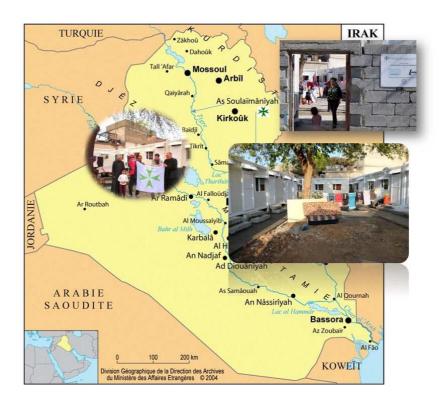




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Reconstrution of the Chapel of St. Lazarus





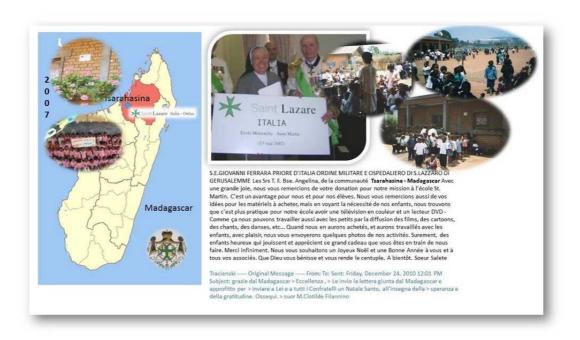




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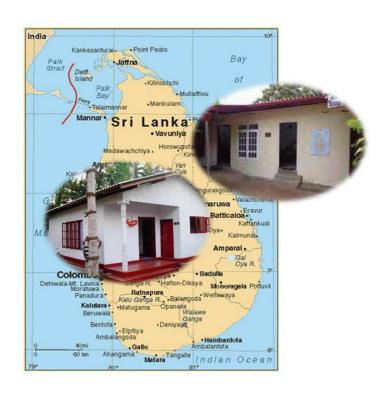
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Uplift and Rehabilitation of Lepers in Sri Lanca





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