



Malteser International

Order of Malta Worldwide Relief

Organization Information:

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Brief History of Organization:

Malteser International Americas (MI Americas), established in the U.S. in 2008, is the 501(c)3 non-profit affiliate of Malteser International (MI), the global humanitarian relief organization of the Sovereign Order of Malta, a 940-year religious lay order, to serve the poor and the sick irrespective of their religion, ethnicity or political persuasion. **Our work is guided by the belief that every person has the right to live a healthy life with dignity**. Through over 126 programs annually across 28 countries, MI and MI Americas have impacted the lives of nearly 3 million in 2020.

MI Americas provides emergency relief as well as support to recovery efforts with a focus on sustainable development through 15 projects, impacting the lives of over 250,000 vulnerable people annually in 6 core countries (Colombia, Venezuela, Haiti, Mexico, Peru and the United States). We have five focus areas with one goal – Helping people live a Healthy Life with Dignity. Our focus areas are Food and Nutrition Security; Climate Change Adaptation; Health; WASH; and Emergency Response and DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) while at the center is working with knowledgeable local partners to build and strengthen their resilience and capacities.

Examples of our work can be seen in the following resources on our website:

1. [Looking Back at 2020](#)
2. [Annual Report 2019](#)
3. [Haiti in Peril](#)
4. [Seeds of Hope Video - Haiti](#)
5. [Seeds of Hope Video - Colombia](#)
6. [Celina: A Doctor Who Found Her Purpose During COVID-19](#)
7. [Humanitarian Crisis in Venezuela has spread to Colombia](#)
8. [Providing Care for Migrants and Refugees at Border Shelters in Colombia](#)

Mission:

Our philanthropic mission mirrors that of the Sovereign Order of Malta which is to serve the poor and the sick. As an affiliate of MI, which has been providing global humanitarian aid for over 65 years primarily, we are committed to providing emergency relief after disasters and supporting recovery efforts with a focus on sustainable development. Our highest priority when carrying out the mission is to support and to promote a healthy and dignified life. With over 15 projects each year in 6 core countries (Colombia, Venezuela, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, and the United States), MI Americas plans to continue strengthening our network and forging strategic partnerships with global agencies so that they may work towards generating a greater global impact. We currently implement high quality programs with an operational range from disaster relief and preparedness to development. In 2020, we provided direct relief to over 250,000 individuals in our core countries as well as other countries impacted by disasters like the Bahamas. With capacity-building of our partners, MI Americas strives to augment the quality and impact of our programs.

Governance:

MI Americas is managed by a Board of Directors who provide leadership, governance and financial oversight. This aspect of accountability and auditing is taken very seriously by the Board and its governmental contributors. The management team, led by an Executive Director with 7 US staff and 2 full-time and 2 part-time staff in Cologne, Germany, is based in NYC and is responsible for daily management, planning and organization of all programs and operations executed in the Western Hemisphere. Our 2021 budget is \$7.4 million with project funding from the U.S. and German Government and the EU.

Project Summary:

MI Americas seeks funding for our joint program in Colombia and Haiti: *Climate protection and climate adaptation through renaturation of mangroves (strengthening of South-South exchange).*

Problem Analysis: The rapidly growing impoverished population in Haiti and Colombia is forced to secure its survival often through short-term strategies such as slash-and-burn agriculture and logging. In addition, there is a high level of contamination through waste and organic material, which affects the health and food security of the population groups living near the mangrove areas. Weak networking between the communities, the private sector, and local and national authorities results in unused potential, which the target regions should exploit to protect the mangroves and ecosystems.

This project supports sustainable economic income alternatives for the communities living on the edge of the mangrove forests as well as the strengthening of the organizational capacity of the target groups to enable them to network and to represent their interests in the relevant private or governmental bodies.

A South-South exchange between Haitian and Colombian actors working on mangroves should lead to the documentation of best practices and lessons learned in the field of mangrove conservation and thus contribute to a more efficient protection of the natural livelihood of the target groups.

Overall Objective: Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities in Nippes, Cité Soleil (Haiti), and the indigenous population in Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta (Colombia) within the framework of the National Climate Protection and Adaptation Plans in the NDC¹ partnership.

Project Outcome: The resilience of vulnerable population groups in Nippes, Cité Soleil (Haiti) and the indigenous population in Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta (Colombia) has improved through income-generating measures and the renaturation of surrounding mangrove forests.

Indicators:

1. The income of 705 households (605 in Haiti and 100 in Colombia) will increase by 20% through the creation of alternative income opportunities.
2. Renaturation of 80 ha of mangroves in cooperation with the local authorities to protect the natural resources of the target group (Haiti: 10 ha in Cité Soleil and 40 ha in Nippes; Colombia: 30 ha in Pueblo Viejo, Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta).

Project Duration: 01/01/2021 – 12/31/2023

Project Costs: \$1.8 million

¹ Nationally Determined Contributions: Climate contributions determined at the national level: Industrialized and developing countries set their emissions reduction and adaptation targets for the period up to 2030.