

Humanitarian Service Projects of the Church in Italy



FOLLOWING CHRIST'S EXAMPLE, caring for the poor and needy is a foundational belief of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Built on the principles of personal responsibility, community support, self-reliance and sustainability, humanitarian efforts are designed to give individuals and communities the tools they need to improve their own circumstances in permanent and meaningful ways.

Humanitarian service may include emergency response to natural or man-made disasters. It may also be part of a longer-term effort to meet serious and more entrenched human needs, such as alleviating disease

OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS IN ITALY FROM 2012 TO 2018:

2018

- Basic life support class provided to needy in Rome to help them in seeking jobs in this field.
- Assembly of hygiene kits by youth in Rimini and Florence for MEDU Florence.
- Donation to help run a mobile medical unit in Milan. Over life span of unit, will reach 58,000 to 75,000 beneficiaries.
- Clean up of Ostia Beach after high sea levels brought in extreme amount of debris.
- Medical and psychological support given to asylum seekers in Ragusa, Sicily.

- Renovation of kitchen facilities for housing displaced individuals in Rome.
- First aid support for refugees landing in ports and hotspots of Sicily.
- Psychosocial counseling given to children and at-risk women in Pozzallo, Sicily.

2017

- Acquisition and repair of bicycles for vulnerable individuals to use as transportation in Ramacca, Sicily.
- Refurbishing of kitchen and building of storage space for the Islamic Community of Sicily.
- Job training and placement in collaboration with local businesses for refugees in Milan.
- Packaging of winter coats, gloves, hats, and so on, for displaced individuals by young adults in Rome.
- Assembly and distribution of hygiene kits along with blankets and food to support the refugees in Limbiate.
- Music and sports workshops in association with Caritas Florence.
- Distribution of medicines to 8 refugee centers in Milan.
- Bedding and clothing provided to children and teenagers who arrived in Sicily without their parents. A sporting event including local youth and these children was also sponsored to help in integration.
- 24 containers donated to Croce Rossa, III Municipio Roma and for earthquake victims in Borbona.

2016

- Shoe and underwear packages assembled and delivered to MEDU Rome.
- Purchase and installation of toilets and electrical equipment in shelter home in Verona.
- Provision of water and cleanup for earthquake victims in Perugia.
- Assembly of medical and neonatal kits to be sent to refugee camp doctors in Greece.
- Making of school supply kits for vulnerable children in Milan.

- Clothing, bedding and sport equipment given to displaced individuals in Monza. Locals also participated in providing Italian language classes and sports activities.
- 3,000 hygiene kits prepared by youth in Venice for refugees traveling through the border in Trieste and Gorizia.
- Kits filled with diapers, toothpaste, soap and other toiletries assembled and delivered in Limbiate.
- 6,000 hygiene kits assembled by Church members in Rome and delivered through the Comunità di Sant'Egidio in Rome.

2015

- Over 14,000 hygiene kits assembled in association with Comunità' di Sant'Egidio in Milan, Calabria, Palermo and Rome. Many more assembled in association with other organizations in several other areas.
- Donated a two-module camp kitchen to the Italian Red Cross to prepare over 900 meals a day for displaced people.
- Primary medical services from a mobile clinic and open clinic were provided in Rome.

2014

- Provided flood relief for citizens in Genova.

2013

- Young adults of Rome traveled to Sardinia Island to provide flood relief that was caused by Cyclone Cleopatra in November.

2012

- Repair and cleanup of a public jogging track in Rome near the construction of the new temple.
- Provision of water to the sufferers of two earthquakes in Modena.