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About MOAS



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HUMANITY IN ACTION

MOAS is an international humanitarian organisation created to respond quickly and efficiently to emerging crises. It is dedicated to providing humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable communities in the world. Founded in 2014 in response to a shipwreck off the Italian island of Lampedusa that killed 368 people, **MOAS became the first non-governmental SAR organisation** in the Central Mediterranean, providing a model for civil society search and rescue, as well as other NGOs. **Between 2014 and 2017**, during the SAR missions in the Central Mediterranean and the Aegean Sea, **over 40,000 children**, women and men were rescued.

After several missions in the **Mediterranean and Aegean seas**, in 2017, MOAS moved its operations to assist **Rohingya** refugees fleeing violence in Myanmar and the local Bangladeshi host community: more than 40 tons of humanitarian aid were delivered and two Aid Stations were set up to provide emergency health care services and medication to 90.000 people from the refugee and the local community.

In response to the high numbers of **water-related deaths**, MOAS has been working within the framework of **Disaster Risk Reduction** since 2019, providing technical expertise and support to local partners for the delivery of unique and innovative **Flood and Water Safety Training in refugee camps**.

To address the threats posed by fire in refugee camps, in 2021, MOAS technical experts established a new **Fire Fighting and Response initiative** to facilitate the full implementation of a unique fire response system that can increase the efficiency and effectiveness of response teams in refugee camps.

In **Yemen, Somalia, Sudan and Syria** MOAS delivers WASH kits and life-saving famine relief products, in the form of ready-to-use therapeutic foods and pharmaceutical supplies, to local in-country partners where we also support distribution through logistic and systems support.

In 2022, MOAS started the **#MOASMissionUkraine**. Through our fleet of 50 ambulances and fully trained medical team, we provide emergency medical aid, first-response services, and pharmaceutical supplies to people in need. **The main missions consist of medical evacuations of seriously injured soldiers from the frontline to the nearest hospital.**

MOAS also operates in **Malta** with various projects to assist migrant communities and facilitate integration and inclusion through education.

MOAS has Consultative Status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and is a member of the Malta Refugee Council.

Covid-19 response

Bangladesh

In 2020, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, MOAS decided to shift its operational focus of their workshops from the production of bottle rings and throw bags to the production of cotton, reusable, face masks to prevent the spread of the virus in the region. The initiative also served as a livelihood for the host community workers, many of whom had lost income due to the pandemic. The project reached an incredible total of 883,514 masks thanks to a dedicated team of local tailors and seamstresses.

Malta

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, nearly 10,000 reusables, eco-friendly, facemasks had been produced by a team of local volunteers for vulnerable groups, in collaboration with fashion designer Luke Azzopardi and local cab company eCabs.

Moreover, MOAS distributed tablets and modems with Internet connections to migrant families residing in the reception centres, so that students could follow online lessons during the lockdown.





Supporters

- **Coldplay** - band
- **Colin Firth** - actor
- **Michael Fassebender** - actor
- **Marama Corlett** - actor
- **Foxes** - singer
- **Babou Ceesay** - actor
- **Charlie Gilmour** - writer
- **Maximo Park** - band
- **Broomberg & Chanarin** - artists
- **Alfredo Jaar** - artist
- **GOIN** - artist
- **Robert Macfarlane** - author
- **Joseph Calleja** - singer
- **Luke Azzopardi** - fashion designer
- **Joss Stone** - singer
- **Passenger** - band
- **Kelly White** – artist
- **Miyuki Sugihara** – artist
- **TAP Music** – artist management
- **People and Skin** – Med Aesthetic clinic
- **The Phoenicia Malta** – Art Deco hotel
- **Gracey's** – Arts & Supper Club
- **Studio Treble** – design practice
- **xpose360** – digital marketing
- **Palazzo Parisio** – luxury venue
- **Wicked Comics** – organiser of Malta Comic Con



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