



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER  
OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND OF MALTA

PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE  
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**OCHA Member States Briefing on the Greater Middle East Humanitarian Crisis,  
with a focus on Lebanon**

**Intervention by Mr. Yannick Galeazzi, First Secretary**

*23rd March 2026, Geneva*

Thank you Madam Moderator,  
Excellencies,  
Dear Colleagues,

The Sovereign Order of Malta thanks OCHA and the Permanent Mission of Lebanon for organising this timely briefing. We share the grave preoccupation over the humanitarian situation in the country, which continues to worsen day by day. We value our cooperation with OCHA through the Lebanon Humanitarian Fund.

The Order of Malta has been active in Lebanon for decades in the health, social welfare and agro-humanitarian sector with more than 60 projects. Through the darkest times of war and crisis, the Order has never wavered in its commitment to the most vulnerable. We have continuously adapted and expanded our services, transforming, and evolving to meet the immediate, arising needs of our communities.

It is with great sorrow that I inform you that a young staff member of the Order of Malta Lebanon, Chadi Ammar, was killed on Thursday 12th last, by an airstrike in Ain Ebel.

We condemn attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructures that are creating a huge internal displacement crisis.

The Order of Malta is delivering critical, area-based relief to IDPs. As of today, we have reached 88 shelters and 17 surrounding communities across the country, through our centers and mobile units, ensuring rapid, tailored support:

- Integrated Relief: Utilizing centers and mobile units for on-the-ground support.
- Targeted Outreach: Reaching IDPs inside and outside formal shelters.
- Comprehensive Services: Providing immediate aid to address urgent needs.



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Teams are deployed across the country with 600 active staff members, especially where there is an influx of displacement to respond to the needs of families, offering healthcare services, PSS kits and food distributions with support from Malteser International, our global relief agency. The needs remain immense and urgent.

Allow me to also thank our partners from France, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Monaco for their support.

In conclusion, the Sovereign Order of Malta calls for an immediate cessation of all hostilities, the respect of international humanitarian law (IHL) and relevant UNSC resolutions.

Thank you.