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Dear students of the International School of The Hague;

Through Mrs. J. Clarke we learnt about your wonderful campaign for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. It is a beautiful gesture of connectedness with people who are suffering and in need. We are very thankful that by your efforts you are supporting Hopital Sacre Coeur, with which Malteser International have been working for over 15 years.

Haiti is one of the poorest countries of the Western hemisphere. Even before the devastating earthquake the situation of the people of Haiti was extremely difficult, especially in the area of healthcare. Ill and injured people had few possibilities to be treated by medical doctors, be it in either inpatient hospital care or outpatient clinics. Because of this Hopital Sacre Coeur in Milot has always been a very important institution.

After the earthquake the situation changed from difficult to dramatic. The huge numbers of people, who had suffered injuries had hardly any possibilities for treatment. Many of them were airlifted to Milot, to Hopital Sacre Coeur, for treatment. The people at the hospital were able to help many patients.

Help for the people of Haiti will have to go on for a long time. This is especially valid in the health care sector. Therefore the hospital will remain an important focal point, among other health care projects, of Malteser International in Haiti.

Again, our heartfelt thanks to you for your efforts in aid of Haiti! The people, who are the recipients of the funds you are raising, are extremely thankful for your help and you give them hope for the future. We are also grateful that you have chosen to collaborate with us in our communal efforts for the people of Haiti!

Sincerely

Ingo Rathke

Director Malteser International.