



**MotoForPeace** ([www.motoforpeace.it](http://www.motoforpeace.it)) is a non-profit organisation set up in 2001 by members of the Italian State Police, which comprehends also Italian Carabinieri and officers from police enforcements of other nations; its main objectives are the implementation of humanitarian aid activities and the support to local development projects, by improving civil society's awareness and promoting fundraising for selected scopes, as well as the dissemination of knowledge among different cultures and populations in the world by carrying out motorcycle expeditions in Europe and in developing countries and territories affected by wars or natural disasters in Asia, Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

All the necessary assets and resources to finalise these humanitarian activities and projects come from the MotoForPeace members self-financing, from sponsors' contributions (mainly companies providing technical support and equipment) and from supporters' donations.

Any single detail related to new missions is studied and set up by the MotoForPeace's members and by those ones taking part to the operational phase - the expedition tour – who are allowed by their respective offices and administrations to collect the necessary amount of annual leave to travel and reach so far destinations in the world.

The expedition team is also joined along the way by expert mechanics, drivers and video/photo reporters and is fully self-sufficient thanks to the presence of first-aid kits, tents, camper stove, moto-repair equipment and any other necessary tool to “live on the road” for periods up to two months of travel, far away from home amenities and comforts.

The team sleep wherever and, when not under the stars, is hosted in police compounds, gymnasiums or religious centres: if there's no other way, the option is for cheaper hostels, always trying to reduce the travel expenses as more as possible in favour of allocating the most of available resources to those in need.

In addition to logistic support, the International Police Cooperation Service based in Rome provides assistance to MotoForPeace thanks to the worldwide Interpol network: in particular it takes care of the team's security when transiting dangerous areas, it ensure assistance when crossing secondary or isolated borders and it gives support in the organisation of meeting with police institutions and senior officials in each capital city touched by the itinerary, this allowing MotoForPeace to lay out its projects and involve the higher representatives of the civil society, as well as the local police and military forces, in a concrete support to its fundamental principles and ideals.

The team of MotoForPeace is always welcomed by the Italian communities abroad and receives solidarity and respect from police colleagues around the world who join and support the expedition along the way across their respective countries.

The value of the projects realised by MotoForPeace is recognised and sponsored by the highest representatives of police and governmental institutions: the President of the Italian Republic has awarded MotoForPeace with a medal in occasion of 8 different missions successfully finalised.

“There is no space for those wishing to join us hoping to make a holiday-trip. When possible we try to enjoy some tourist attractions, in case only after having fulfilled our tasks and obligations. It is an uncomfortable ride that could be very tiring; it is an expedition fully oriented to achieve our mission in favour of those most in need.

It is a real trip made for real people. It's an amazing journey!”

## **WHY HAVE WE CHOSEN TO RETURN TO AFRICA?**

Because the call from Africa is so irresistible and rooted in ancestry; because this continent represents the future of the world; because Africa needs us and we need Africa; because of the satisfaction we feel in returning to a place where last time our work was so successful; because there is still much work to be done.

In the collective imagination, the figure of the Catholic missionary is geographically placed in Africa, where the need is greatest and where the work of the missionary work has been, and is still in many cases, the only constant source of hope for the people who live there.

This serene daily work, carried out with faith, responsibility and self-denial, too often passes unnoticed. Through this project we intend to support the commitment of Catholic missionaries working in Africa, visiting the communities where they work, to give a face to all those people of religion who animate and make them live: this is a mission in line with the spirit of MotoForPeace which, in addition to promoting solidarity and friendship, has the objective of improving the well-being of the weakest in society by making a real contribution to their lives.

Our commitment is addressed to the neediest people in the communities we visit, often to children: in particular we try to contribute to the development of projects aimed at improving education and guaranteeing a more efficient health service.

With the collaboration of the Department for Human and Integral Development directed by His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson, the details of this MotoForPeace project will be developed together with these African missionaries, the "anonymous of the faith", to ensure our work has the best results possible: any money we collect in the fundraising work that we are committed to carrying out will be directly donated to agreed projects.

The area of our campaign involves the populations living in remote areas and rural villages in the south of the African continent, in the provinces of Malanje, Ondjiva, Windhoek, Francistown, Edenvale, Hwange, Gweru and Harare. The work of Catholic missionaries in these places confronts a reality afflicted by poverty, scarcity of resources and social instability; our planned itinerary will take us from Cape Town, through Namibia, to Luanda in Angola, and then continue eastwards into Zambia and Zimbabwe and then to Harare, returning to South Africa through Botswana and Lesotho.

We expect, through this project, to gain new experience and operational skills, with the usual valuable support of our Department of Public Security: as members of Italian and European Police Forces, we take great pride not only in wearing our uniforms but also in our ambition to be ambassadors of peace and solidarity in the world.

Travel time	Purpose of the mission	Countries crossed	Details
<b>2016</b> March-May 58 days	Fundraising in favour of an orphanage in Bolivia and of five medical centres in Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize, Mexico, United States, Canada	Panama City to Ottawa to New York 13.000 Km.
<b>2014</b> September - October 52 days	Ten motorbikes equipped with first-aid kits donated to doctors operating in the Kavré district (Nepal) in need of reaching patients living in the most isolated areas of the country	Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China (Tibet), Nepal	Roma to Kathmandu 14.000 Km
<b>2012</b> September - October 34 days	Three ambulances fully equipped with medical instruments donated to NGOs that assist disabled people in Aleppo and Damascus	Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia, Croatia	Roma to Syria border 5800 Km
<b>2011</b> June - July 50 days	Fundraising in favour of the “Charity China Foundation” that assist the victims caused by the earthquake occurred in the Sichuan region in 2008	Tour across 14 Chinese provinces	Shanghai to Shanghai 10.000 Km
<b>2010</b> May - July 57 days	Fundraising for a project started by the NGO “COOPI – International cooperation” aimed to enhance the living conditions of children and women in the community of Belojeganfoy, Ethiopia.	Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Republic of South Africa	Roma to Cape Town 16.500 Km
<b>2009</b> March - April 36 days	Fundraising and donation of logistic and medical equipment to the Spanish non-profit organisation “Selva Cameroun” that provide assistance to people in Bakou.	Cameroon, Nigeria, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal	Douala to Dakar 7.400 Km
<b>2007</b> November - December 56 days	Fundraising in favour of four dedicated centres that support children at the public schools in Quito, Ecuador.	Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina	Caracas to Tierra del Fuego 16.000 Km
<b>2006</b> March 22 days	Two ambulances in addition to medical equipment donated to local authorities assisting children hosted in refugee camps in Lebanon	Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon	Roma to Beirut 6.500 Km
<b>2005</b> June 19 days	Improvement of the civil society awareness for the promotion of sport activities dedicated to young people with disabilities.	Italy	From Rome across all the Italian provinces 2.900 Km
<b>2004</b> December 14 days	Hospital equipment and medicinal products donated to the NGO “Al-Boughaz” operating in Morocco	France, Spain, Morocco	Roma to Tangier 5.000 Km

<b>2004</b> March - April 37 days	Fundraising for the renovation of a boarding school at Khénifra, Morocco	Tunisia, Libya, Spain, Morocco	Roma to Khénifra 10.000 Km
<b>2002</b> June - July 49 days	Fundraising in favour to the non-profit organisation "ASIA" to support the development of a little hospital in Quinghai	Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, China	Roma to Beijing 16.000 Km
<b>2001</b> March 7 days	Fundraising, foodstuffs, teaching material and medical equipment donated to the population of a little enclave in Pec, Kosovo	Montenegro, Kosovo	Roma to Pec 1.500 Km
<b>2000</b> June 24 days	Fundraising in support of the study and scientific research on the ataxia syndrome	Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland	Roma to North Cape 10.000 Km

