

# ***FROM THE HELL OF CAPTIVITY INTO THE HELL OF RELEASE !***

## **Solidarity with Piracy Survivors.**

### **Dear Seafarers and other caring people,**

I would like to do an appeal on you to show real solidarity with survivors of piracy. Most survivors have been rehabilitated and many are working at sea again. However there are a few who need financial support.

They have been abandoned by their ship-owners and manning agents. After their release they still have no income or job. They went from the hell of captivity into the hell of release and their family life is at great danger. Some were captured for more than 1000 days.



The **Maritime Piracy Humanitarian Response Programme** cares for them by supporting their children to go to school, by paying them to get certificates to be employed.

We also pay their medical bills and support them basically to live a normal life. Think about seafarers of the **ICEBERG I** and the **ALBEDO**. And please do not forget the families in India and Sri Lanka who have to overcome their mourning because their loved-ones are reported as missing or dead.

Still 37 seafarers are being captured in Somalia and they definitely need help after their release, which we hope will happen soon.

Fortunately there are inspiring actions in the maritime world to donate money. For example the captain and crew of **MSC VANESSA** generously donated towards the noble cause of supporting fellow seafarers in the time of need. But our emergency fund (**MPHRF**) is rapidly running out of money.

We cannot leave the piracy survivors not cared for. Rehabilitation is the last thing the maritime community can do for them.

Every amount of money is welcome. Be creative!! Raise money at events, ask your company about their Corporate Social Responsibility and seek other ways.

Please contact [toonvandesande@mphp.org](mailto:toonvandesande@mphp.org) for more information and support if you want to show your solidarity. If you want to donate, mail [fund@mphp.org](mailto:fund@mphp.org) More information [www.mphp.org](http://www.mphp.org)

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!**