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HSBC Malta Foundation supports K-9 Urban Search and Rescue Malta

HSBC Malta Foundation is proud to support K-9 Urban Search and Rescue Malta (K-9 USAR Malta), a dedicated non-profit organisation committed to training highly specialised search and rescue dogs for disaster response. As part of its ongoing commitment to community resilience and emergency preparedness, HSBC Malta Foundation is making a donation to support the NGO's vital work in saving lives and providing critical assistance during natural and man-made disasters.

K-9 USAR Malta is a volunteer-based organisation that plays a crucial role in Malta's emergency response network. Through rigorous training programmes, the NGO ensures that its search and rescue teams are prepared to locate missing persons in disaster-stricken areas, whether caused by earthquakes, building collapses, or other emergencies. The organisation collaborates closely with local authorities and first responders, including the Civil Protection Department, the Armed Forces of Malta, and medical personnel, to enhance search and rescue operations across the country.

In addition to its life-saving efforts, K-9 USAR Malta is actively involved in community outreach, raising awareness about disaster preparedness and the importance of search and rescue operations. The organisation also offers therapy dog services, providing comfort and companionship to vulnerable members of society, including the elderly and hospital patients.

HSBC Malta Foundation's support for K-9 USAR Malta aligns with its broader mission to invest in social impact initiatives that strengthen communities and enhance public safety. This contribution will assist the NGO in maintaining its rigorous training programmes, acquiring essential equipment, and ensuring that both handlers and dogs are well-prepared for real-world rescue scenarios. Furthermore, K-9 USAR Malta has committed to engaging with HSBC employees and the wider community through educational demonstrations and public awareness campaigns.

HSBC Malta Foundation is honoured to contribute to the invaluable work of K-9 USAR Malta, reinforcing its dedication to initiatives that safeguard lives and promote community resilience.



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