

## Independent Humanitarianism

MSF is an international independent medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural and man made disasters, and exclusion from health care in more than 70 countries.

Each year, MSF volunteer doctors, nurses, logisticians, water-and-sanitation experts, administrators, and other medical and non-medical professionals depart for our field missions. They work alongside more than 25 000 locally hired staff to provide medical care.



In emergencies and their aftermath, MSF provides essential health care, rehabilitates and runs hospitals and clinics, performs surgery, battles epidemics, carries out vaccination campaigns, operates feeding centres for malnourished children, and offers mental health care. When needed, MSF also constructs wells and dispenses clean drinking water, and provides shelter materials like blankets and plastic sheeting. Through longer term programmes, MSF treats patients with



infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, sleeping sickness, and HIV/AIDS, and provides medical and psychological care to marginalised groups such as street children. MSF was founded in 1971 as the first non governmental organisation to provide emergency medical assistance and bear witness publicly to the plight of the people it assists. A private non profit association, MSF is an international network with sections in 19 countries.

**MSF was awarded the 1999 Nobel Prize.**



## Responding to Emergencies

MSF is one of the first humanitarian organisations to arrive at the scene of an emergency. Its large-scale logistical capacity ensures that MSF emergency teams hit the ground with the specialised medical kits and equipment they need to start saving lives immediately. Custom-designed by MSF for specific field situations, geographic conditions, and climates, a kit may contain a complete operating room, for example, or all the supplies needed to treat hundreds of cholera patients. MSF kits and medical protocols have been replicated by relief organisations worldwide. MSF also has proven expertise in the field of epidemiology and is often called on to monitor, diagnose, and control outbreaks of diseases such as cholera, meningitis and measles.



## Independent Humanitarian Action

MSF's decision to intervene in any country or crisis is based solely on an independent assessment of people's needs - not on political, economic, or religious interests. MSF does not take sides or intervene according to the demands of governments or warring parties. MSF volunteers frequently work in the most remote or dangerous parts of the world. When crises unfold, they make themselves and their skills available at a moment's notice, usually dedicating six to twelve months to each assignment.

Their expenses are covered and they receive a modest stipend as compensation for their commitment. MSF teams are composed of international volunteers and trained local staff.

## Speaking Out to End Suffering

When the humanitarian assistance is diverted from its initial purpose, MSF reserves the right to speak out.

Based on its field experience, MSF is addressing obstacles preventing people in the developing world from obtaining affordable, effective treatments for diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis.

MSF also raises public awareness of the plight of people at risk.

## Donation slip

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Yes, I want to join Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in bringing unconditional medical care where needed, when needed.

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I am enclosing my gift of \_\_\_\_\_ U.A.E Dirhams

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For cash donations, contact our offices on 04-345 8177 (Dubai)  
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20 DHS provides vaccinations for 5 people against meningitis.

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Please send me your newsletter "Embrace"?

Please send me your corporate opportunities package

Please send a MSF speaker in our school / company for a presentation





**“There is so little care available that the only responsible ethical position is to take action. That is where our true responsibility lies as doctors.”**

**Dr. Jean-Herve Bradol**

**Médecins Sans Frontières UAE Regional Office**

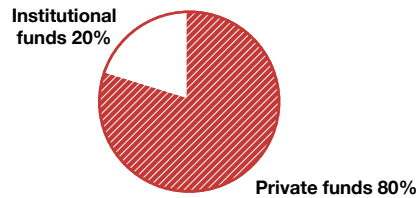
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**Financial Independence and Accountability**

To maintain its operational independence and flexibility, MSF relies on the general public, targeting to raise 100 percent of its operating funds from private sources.

**ORIGIN OF MSF FUNDS IN 2005**



**MSF in the United Arab Emirates**

In the UAE, MSF was established under the patronage of H.E. Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mabarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Education. The main objectives of MSF UAE are to raise awareness about the plight of population living in crisis zones and to create dialogue forums to interact with the arabic speaking civil society and also to raise funds from diverse sources in order to maintain MSF's financial independence.

**Publications**

To speak about humanitarian concerns world wide, MSF has translated and published a series of publications in Arabic. These include:

- L' Action humanitaire, (Humanitarian Action)**, by Rony Brauman
- The Practical Guide to Humanitarian Law**, by Françoise Bouchet- Saulnier
- In the Shadow of Just Wars**, ed. by Fabrice Weissman



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