

**MÉDECINS SANS  
FRONTIÈRES  
(DOCTORS  
WITHOUT  
BORDERS)**



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## **WHAT IS MSF?**

A non-governmental organization (NGO) that provides medical assistance to people affected by conflict, epidemics, natural disasters, or exclusion from healthcare.

## **WHEN IT STARTED?**

Founded in 1971 in France by a group of doctors and journalists. Established in response to the humanitarian crisis caused by the Biafran War in Nigeria.

## **WHO IS IN CHARGE?**

**An International Board of volunteers from different nationalities. It operates with a network of various medical and non-medical staff in different countries around the world.**

## **FOR WHO THEY WORK FOR?**

- **Victims of Conflict**
- **Victims of Epidemics**
- **Victims of Disasters**
- **People Excluded from Healthcare**
- **Communities Facing Exclusion**

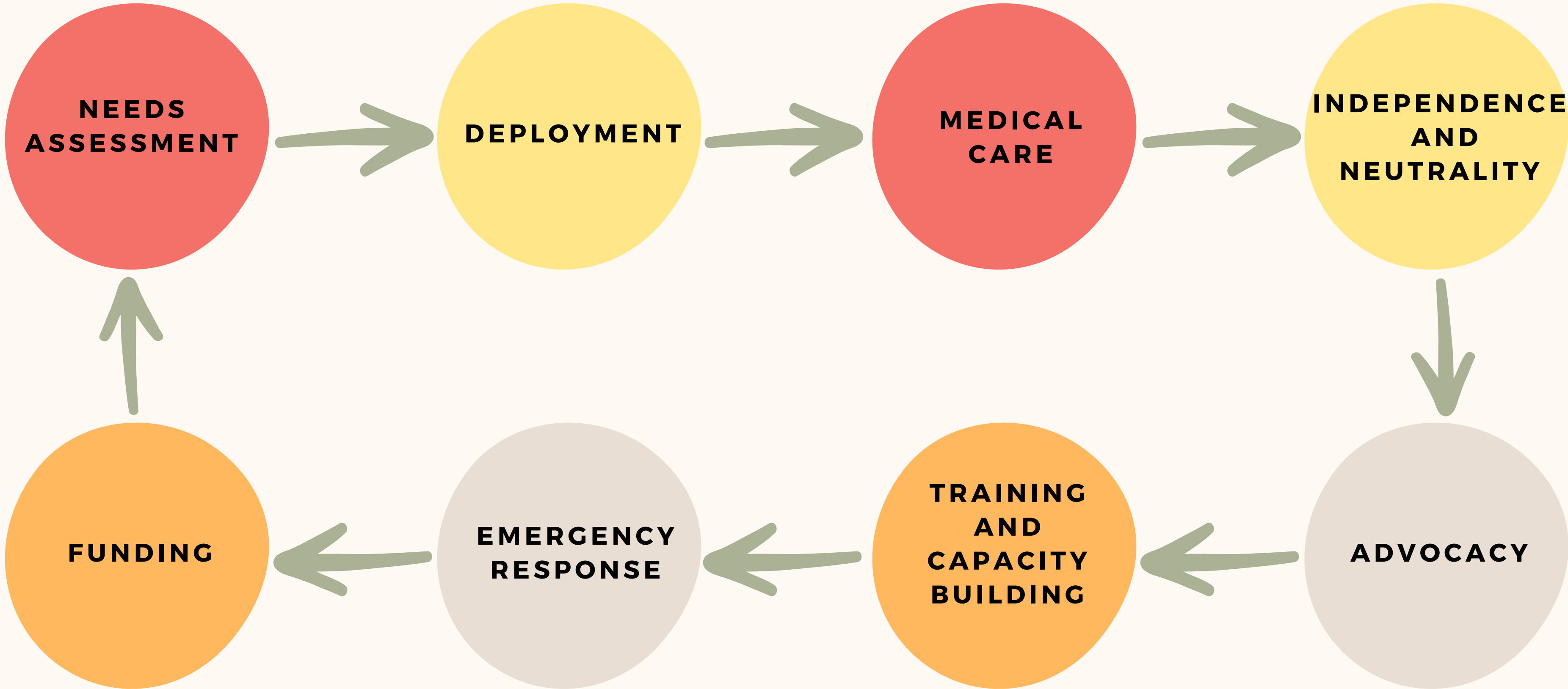
## **MSF MAIN PURPOSE**

Provide medical assistance to people in need, particularly in crisis situations such as armed conflicts, natural disasters, and epidemics.

## **WHERE DO THEY WORK?**

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- MENA
- Asia
- Central and South America
- Europe
- Other Regions

# WORK IN PROCESS



# ELEMENTS MSF CONSIST

**MEDICAL PERSONNEL**

**LOGISTICS  
AND**

**SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT**

**FUNDRAISING  
AND  
SUPPORT**

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNITS  
(ERUS)**

**ADVOCACY  
AND**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**FIELD OPERATIONS**

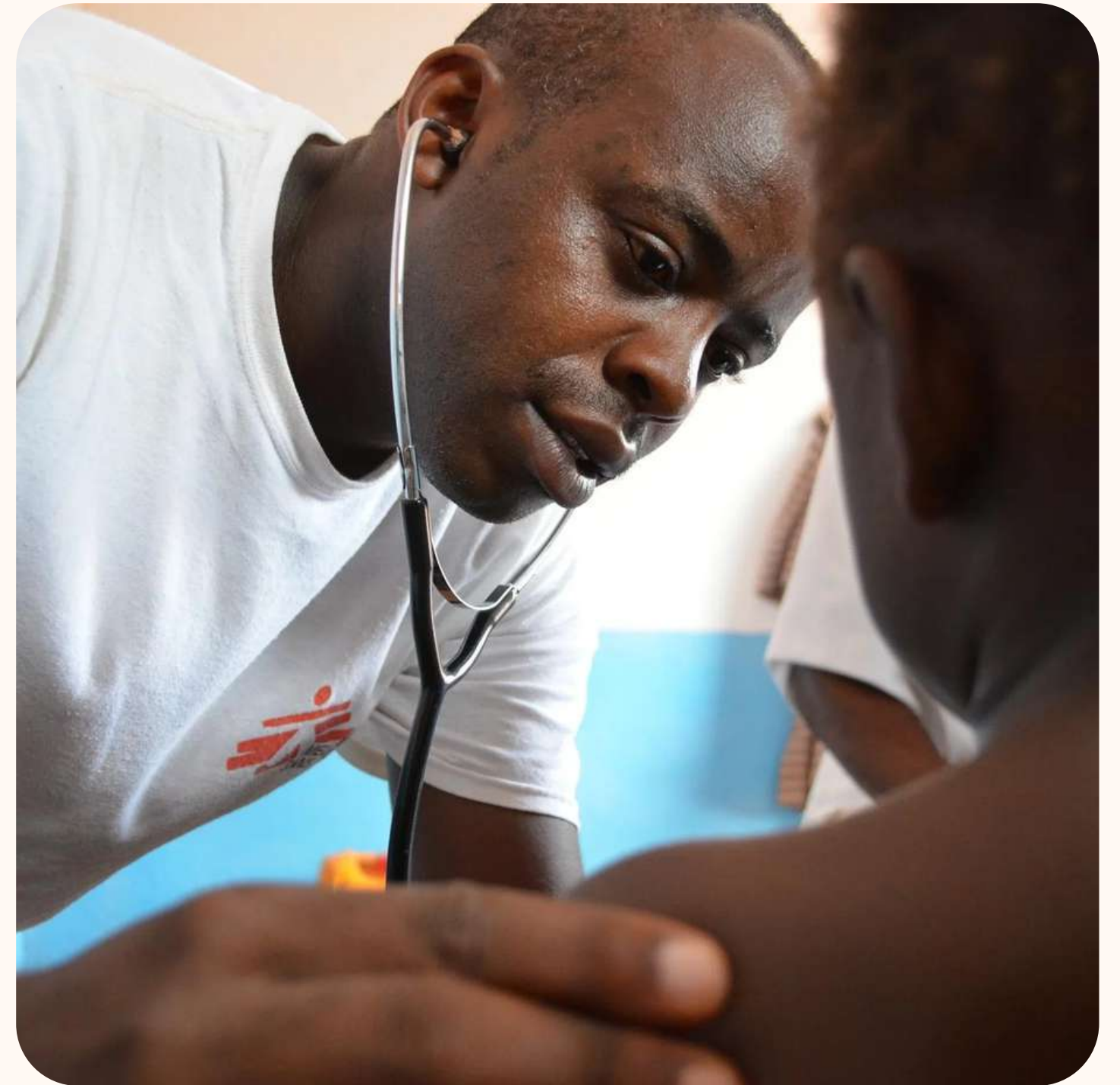
# MAIN FOCUS AREAS IN PROJECTS

**HUMAN RESOURCES, LEARNING &  
DEVELOPMENT (HLD)**

**MEDICAL RESEARCH &  
DEVELOPMENT (MRD)**

**OPERATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS &  
TECHNOLOGY (OIT)**

**EFFICIENCY GAINS (EFG)**



# **2010 - HAITI EARTHQUAKE**



**Just a day after the earthquake on January 12, MSF launched one of the largest emergency interventions in its history. Hundreds of thousands of people were either wounded or dead and millions had lost their homes.**



**In Mogadishu, Somalia, MSF scaled up activities, opening health facilities in 12 new locations. MSF provided services from basic healthcare to surgery, nutritional support, cholera and measles treatment, vaccinations and maternal care, and supplied relief items to displaced and local populations.**

## **2011 - CRISIS IN SOMALIA**



## **2013 - CIVIL WAR IN SYRIA**



The conflict in Syria devastated what was previously a well-functioning healthcare system. With regions of the country inaccessible to humanitarian organizations, medical needs arising as an indirect consequence of the violence were largely unreported and unseen. MSF initially provided emergency and trauma surgical care in the north of the country.

At the peak of the epidemic, MSF employed nearly 4,000 national staff and more than 325 international staff. MSF admitted 10,376 patients to its Ebola management centres, of which 5,226 were confirmed Ebola cases. The outbreak ended in June 2016.

## **2014 - THE WEST AFRICAN EBOLA EPIDEMIC**



# 2016 - MEDITERRANEAN REFUGEE CRISIS



The arduous journey for the 21,603 people MSF teams rescued in 2016 began in countries from Bangladesh, to Nigeria, Chad, Eritrea, Syria and other countries in the Middle East.

# SUCCESS STORIES

## Vaccination Campaigns

The first vaccination campaign of MSF started in 1999, in East Asia. The vaccination center was located in a stadium where doctors welcomed the local children. After the first campaign MSF installed its own vaccination centers in Africa, Middle East and Asia. As of today MSF do around 3,500,000 vaccinations per year preventing 1.5 million children dying from vaccine-preventable diseases.



# SUCCESS STORIES

## Fighting Against HIV/AIDS

In Africa, over 39 million people were living with HIV at the end of 2022, the majority of them in sub-Saharan Africa. First HIV project of MSF started in Thailand, in 1995. Today they achieved to treat 50,000 people with HIV under direct MSF care. They are also spreading a very important awareness of autoimmune diseases in undevelopped countries.



# SUCCESS STORIES

## Somalia Crisis

MSF significantly scaled up its activities in response to a devastating drought, ongoing conflict, a collapsed health system, and restricted access for relief organizations in Somalia. They opened health facilities in 12 new locations in Mogadishu, offering services ranging from basic healthcare to surgery, nutritional support, and more.



# SUCCESS STORIES

## MSF Academy for Healthcare

The MSF Academy for Healthcare is a pioneering initiative by MSF designed to enhance the capabilities of healthcare workers in some of the world's most challenging environments. By providing targeted, work-based learning programs, the Academy aims to improve the quality of medical care where it's needed most. It offers competency-based curriculums tailored to the unique needs of MSF operations, including clinical mentoring and tutoring. They have more than 1000 graduates who are actively working in the crisis areas.





# FAILURE STORIES

## Ethiopia's Civil War **Crisis in Tigray**

In the Tigray conflict MSF has failed to provide timely and sufficient medical assistance to those in need. The main reasons were: Communication and Financial Blockades in Tigray Security Risks and Attacks on Humanitarian Workers Widespread Infrastructure and Supply Chain Destruction



# FAILURE STORIES

## 2014 Guinea

## **Ebola Outbreak**



In 2014, one of the most severe Ebola outbreaks has occurred in west Africa. MSF struggled to provide comprehensive care and contain the virus due to:

- **Initial Misdiagnoses and Weak Health Infrastructures**
- **Rapid and Uncontrolled Geographic Spread**
- **Delayed International Warning and Response**

## **WHAT IS MSF CURRENTLY UP TO?**

- MSF is working to provide healthcare for Palestinians who are affected by Gaza Israel War, from their Egypt facilities.
- They are helping the people who have fled to South Sudan because of the war in Sudan, and who are living in appalling conditions
- They are working in regions affected by the earthquake in Turkey, providing self shelters for people and mental health support for women and children.

# **SIMILAR NGO'S**

## **INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS (IMC)**

Focusing on emergency relief and long-term healthcare training, IMC provides medical assistance to those affected by disaster, disease, or conflict. They also work on capacity building to prepare local healthcare systems for future challenges.



# SIMILAR NGO'S

## RED CROSS



The Red Cross is a global humanitarian network that provides emergency assistance, disaster relief, and education to people affected by disasters and conflicts, guided by principles of neutrality and impartiality.

# SIMILAR NGO'S

## DIRECT RELIEF



A humanitarian aid organization that provides medical assistance to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty, disaster, and civil unrest. Direct Relief supplies medications, equipment, and supplies to communities in need.

# HOW CAN WE FOLLOW THE PROJECTS?

MSF is available almost all social media platforms. All announcements are made via these platforms and website. All donations can be made by the website as well.

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