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## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Visit [www.msf.ca](http://www.msf.ca) to learn more about these and other ways you can become part of MSF.

### Become a donor

Donations from individual Canadians like you allow us to bring emergency humanitarian aid to people caught in crisis.

### Work with us in the field

We need dedicated, qualified staff to fill both medical and non-medical roles.

### Work in our offices

Explore job and volunteer opportunities in Canada and around the world.

### Raise money for MSF

We have resources to help you organize your own event, an effective way for you to tell others about MSF and the work we do.

### Come to an event

We hold events around the country and on the web.

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# WHAT IS MSF?

**M**édecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) is an international, independent, medical humanitarian relief organization. We provide emergency care to people affected by disaster, conflict, epidemics and those excluded from healthcare.

MSF works independently of political, religious or military agendas, delivering medical assistance based on human need. We often work in difficult contexts where others are unable or unwilling to go. MSF was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999.

Founded in France in 1971, MSF now has offices around the globe, including Canada. Each year, thousands of medical

and other professionals work with MSF in more than 60 countries. MSF aid workers include doctors, nurses, logistical experts, water and sanitation engineers and administrators. Roughly nine out of 10 field staff are hired locally.

## Our funding

More than 80 per cent of funds raised in Canada come from individual donors. This support gives us the ability to act quickly, and the flexibility to make choices about where and how we work in order to be most effective. Moving swiftly gives us the best chance to save lives. At least 80 per cent of money raised in Canada directly funds MSF field projects.

## WHAT WE DO

MSF provides medical help to people caught in many kinds of catastrophes. These circumstances call for a rapid response with specialized medical and logistical know-how. They include:

- conflict zones
- epidemics
- nutritional crises
- disasters

Beyond acute crises, we also intervene in chronic refugee situations, areas of persistent instability, and in periods following a conflict or disaster. Our action comes in many forms:

- emergency public healthcare, including medicine and surgery
- mass vaccination campaigns
- water and sanitation systems
- therapeutic and supplementary nutrition
- mental health programs
- distribution of drugs and supplies
- HIV/AIDS treatment programs

## Raising awareness

Working directly with some of the most vulnerable people in the world, MSF teams witness immense suffering. We believe it is our responsibility to speak out, raise awareness, and put pressure on decision-makers to bring about change.

MSF's witnessing and advocacy work can include calling attention to crises through the media, presenting reports to governments or the UN, and pressing pharmaceutical companies to make essential medicines affordable for patients in developing countries.

## MSF IN CANADA

MSF Canada opened in 1991. Our offices in Toronto and Montreal recruit field staff from across the country, raise funds for our work and increase public awareness about the situations faced by the people we treat.

We have a vibrant national association, made up of hundreds of Canadians across the country who have worked in thousands of MSF missions worldwide as well as others who volunteer their time with MSF in Canada.

MSF field staff come from a variety of professional backgrounds. They have a wide array of skills and insight, and constantly challenge MSF to remain effective and relevant.

Only a small number of humanitarian crises receive media attention. MSF field workers have stories to tell when they return to Canada, and they often speak publicly about what they have seen. This commitment to speaking out about the needs of the people we assist is an integral part of working with MSF.



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