Other Ways to Get Involved

Speak out against suffering
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter and share our posts.

Third party events
Host an event or participate in a sporting activity to raise money for MSF. You can set up an online fundraising page to help you collect donations via the Givengain and JustGiving portals on our website.

Corporates, trusts & foundations
Contribute through direct financial support to our activities through workplace or matching gift programs; organize a fundraising event or provide pro bono services.

Leaving a legacy
Leave a bequest to MSF through your will or sign up for our multiyear pledge initiative.

Encourage friends and family to support us
Thank you for your generosity and support! All donations are tax deductible.

FAQ’s

How does my monthly contribution help MSF?
With regular donations, we can better plan our actions and act quickly in emergencies anywhere in the world. As an independent organisation that relies solely on our donors for funding, your support is absolutely crucial to our ability to provide medical assistance to millions of people.

Who contributes to MSF?
Our funds are raised through private contributors - the vast majority are people like you. Private support is essential to our ability to operate independently and to respond at a moment’s notice to the most urgent needs around the world.

How do I know if my donation is being applied correctly?
One of the principles of MSF is transparency. We are audited by an independent accounting firm. We publish an annual activity report which explains our project activities. As a donor, you will receive this report at your chosen address. You can also find reports from previous years on our website: www.msf.org.za/donor-info

How do I increase my donation?
There are a number of ways you can increase your regular donation. You can call our office toll-free on 0800 000 331, send an e-mail to our donor care team at donorservices@joburg.msf.org, fax us on 011 403 4443 or post your details and the new amount to PO Box 32117, Braamfontein, 2017. If you want to update any other personal details please contact our office or update your details online.

Does Doctors Without Borders (MSF) South Africa accept donations of food, clothing and medicines?
No. MSF has developed standardised complete kits that are shipped quickly to the places where it operates. Other supplies are purchased locally, saving on shipping. This is more cost-effective than the storage, distribution and transportation of donated goods.

How long will I be an MSF donor?
For any period you would want to help us save lives. There is no set time period. If one day you wish to suspend your donation, please contact us.

Donor Zone
The Donor Zone is an interactive space designed specifically for you on our website. As a Donor Without Borders you will be able to:
• Manage and update your donor profile and details online.
• Read donor stories.
• Fundraise for MSF.
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Thank you

Welcome to the world of Doctors Without Borders (MSF). We’d like to introduce you to our work and how it all came about. This brochure contains valuable donor information, so keep it safe for future reference. Thank you for your commitment to MSF.

Daniel Berman, General Director

Welcome

MSF Charter

“MSF provides assistance to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters and to victims of armed conflict. We do so irrespective of race, religion, creed or political convictions. MSF observes neutrality and impartiality in the name of universal medical ethics and the right to humanitarian assistance and claims full and unhindered freedom in the exercise of its functions. Members undertake to respect their professional code of ethics and to maintain complete independence from all political, economic, or religious powers.”

In 1970 a group of French doctors joined an international aid mission to help victims of Nigeria’s civil war. Frustrated by government interference and not being able to tell the world about the atrocities they witnessed they sought an independent, impartial way to provide care where they saw the greatest need. They joined a group of French journalists who were committed to the same principles and founded MSF in 1971.

The organisation started as a group of medics travelling to remote corners of the world, providing medical aid to victims of wars and natural disasters. Over time the organisation grew, with 32,000 staff in the countries where it worked. MSF is a worldwide movement made up of 24 associations. In 1999, MSF was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

MSF in South Africa

Doctors Without Borders (MSF) South Africa recruits medical staff and other professionals to work in programmes around the world while also raising funds to support our international projects and emergencies. MSF South Africa also provides medical expertise, including specific medical training for MSF field staff in the region.

Since 2000, MSF has worked in South Africa on HIV/AIDS and TB and access to healthcare for mobile populations. MSF currently runs two projects, in Khayelitsha and Eshowe, focused on HIV/ TB in high-epidemic, low resource rural, urban and peri-urban contexts. Ten years ago, MSF was the first to pilot large-scale anti-retroviral treatment free of charge in Khayelitsha. What began as a successful MSF pilot project eventually became government policy. Since then, the project has continued to develop improved and innovative approaches to HIV and TB care and treatment.

MSF’s work is based on humanitarian principles. Our actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of independence and impartiality. MSF does not take sides or intervene according to the demands of governments or warring parties. These principles are not synonymous with silence. When our teams witness extreme acts of violence against individuals or groups, we speak out publicly, in order to bring attention to extreme need and unacceptable suffering when access to lifesaving medical care is hindered, when medical facilities come under threat, when crises are neglected, or when the provision of aid is inadequate or abused. MSF provides humanitarian assistance in more than 70 countries. We offer basic healthcare, perform surgery, fight epidemics, rehabilitate and run hospitals and clinics, carry out vaccination campaigns, operate nutrition centres, and distribute relief to assist survival.

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