



MSF NOW: PSYCHE

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*Psyche: the mind, or the deepest thoughts, feeling; the Greek term for soul or spirit



Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters and exclusion from healthcare. MSF offers assistance to people based on need, irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation. MSF is a non-profit, self-governed organisation. More than 90 per cent of our overall funding comes from millions of private sources, not governments. MSF is neutral.

Today, MSF is a worldwide movement of 24 associations, bound together as MSF International, based in Switzerland. Thousands of health care professionals work on programmes in over 60 countries worldwide.

AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

10:00 Opening

10:00-11:15 **Refugee crisis**

11:15- 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 - 13 **Mental Health**

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:00 **Corporate responsibility**

15:00- 16:30 **Workshops**

16:30-17:00 How to get involved in MSF

17:00-17:30 Closing remarks

18:00 Dinner with the speakers



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TO DELIVER INFORMATION
ON CURRENT FIELDS OF
MSF WORK WITH
EMPHASIS ON THE
BIGGEST ISSUES

2

TO START A DISCUSSION
BETWEEN PROFESSIONALS,
DOCTORS AND STUDENTS
ON THE TOPICS LIKE
MENTAL HEALTH AND
REFUGEE CRISIS

3

TO CREATE AN
ENVIRONMENT FOR
NETWORKING AND
INSPIRING
CONVERSATIONS

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TO DELIVER ORIGINAL,
CREATIVE WORKSHOPS
THAT WILL PROVIDE THE
STUDENTS WITH USEFUL
SKILLS

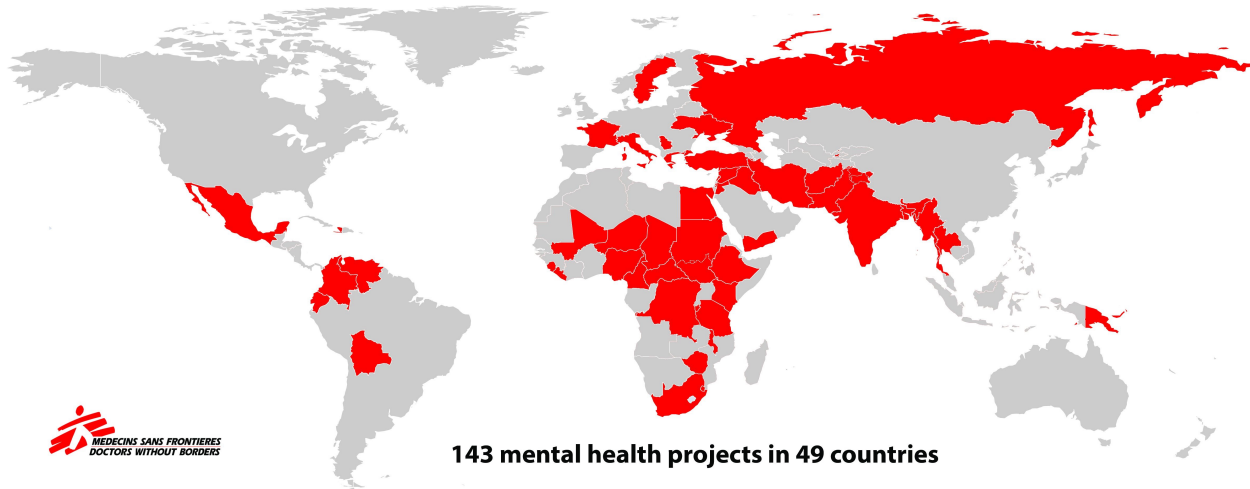
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TO SPREAD KNOWLEDGE
AND AWARENESS ABOUT
MSF, HIGHLIGHTING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT

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TO DELIVER INFORMATION
ABOUT WORKING FOR MSF
AND PLANNING A CAREER
WITH THEM

MENTAL HEALTH



„Of 387 people interviewed during MSF’s psychological support activities 60% presented with mental health disorders and 87% of the 199 followed up during their time in the asylum system in Italy stated that the reception system was making their suffering worse, “

REFUGEE CRISIS

With more than 60 million people fleeing conflict, poverty and persecution around the world, we are facing the worst refugee crisis since the Second World War.



CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

In conflict zones, Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) does not take sides. We provide medical care based on needs alone, and work hard to try and reach the people who need help the most. If warring parties see aid organizations as being on one side of a conflict, we are less likely to gain access to those in need and more likely to be attacked.



RESEARCH WITHOUT BORDERS

MSF is known for its humanitarian medical work, but it has also produced important research based on its field experience. It has published articles in over 100 peer-reviewed journals and they have often changed clinical practice and been used for humanitarian advocacy.



WORKSHOPS

Rather than just providing a series of lectures we want to structure the day around specific ‘scenarios.’ These will focus of different fields such as obstetric care, emergency medicine, logistics and many others. This allows us to give delegates as broad a range of experience as possible. We are keen to show that MSF is not just a charity of health professionals, and that good humanitarian aid can only be provided with the support of engineers, logisticians and many others. We hope this conference will demonstrate this.

Imperial College Friends of MSF

Imperial College Friends of MSF is the official student support organisation for MSF at Imperial College London. It is student-led society that focuses on raising awareness and funds for MSF through a variety of events and conferences.

Our conference in January will be a third edition of the event. We are aiming to make it even bigger and more interactive than in previous years. If you are interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch!



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