

# THE FRONTLINE

BRINGING MEDICAL HUMANITARIAN ACTION TO YOU



## A quarterly window into our work, your impact, and the stories that rarely make the headlines.

As a vital part of our community, this quarterly newsletter is created for you—our supporters—who make our work possible every day.

**The Frontline** is more than a collection of updates; it's an invitation to step into the spaces where care begins—often out of sight, but never out of reach. It's where stories unfold not just in headlines, but in hallways, tents, and makeshift clinics—where humanity meets hardship, and hope holds steady.

In this very first issue, we share updates on the people, places, and projects that reflect the impact of our work.

Your support doesn't just help us respond—it helps us remain present, adapt, and stand with communities long after the world has turned its gaze elsewhere.

### Welcome to The Frontline.

Thank you for walking this journey with us—compassion first, always.

### In this newsletter you can expect:

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# Message from our Executive Director



Dear MSF family,

It's truly a pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of our newsletter — a new space we've created to **keep you close, share our stories, and reflect the impact of your unwavering solidarity.**

As Executive Director of MSF UAE, and someone who has spent many years working in the field — including in my home country of Sudan — I've seen firsthand how powerful this movement is when we come together.

The courage of our teams on the ground and the strength of our supporters around the world are what make our work possible. **Every step we take, every life we touch, carries your presence.** Your support is not only vital — **it's inspiring.**

Through this newsletter, we hope to give you a window into the lives you help change. Behind every medical response is a story — **of resilience, of compassion, and of hope** — and **you are part of each and every one.**

We're honoured to have you walking beside us on this journey. **Thank you, deeply, for the trust you place in us** and for being such an essential part of the MSF family.

With gratitude,



**Dr. Khalid Elsheikh,**  
Executive Director,  
MSF UAE



Karam, 17, from Nuseirat Camp in central Gaza, during physiotherapy at MSF's Reconstructive Surgery Hospital in Amman. He nearly died when an Israeli airstrike destroyed his family's home, suffering severe burns and a serious arm injury. He is receiving comprehensive surgery and physiotherapy at the MSF hospital.

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# Frontlines of Crisis: Yemen, Gaza, Syria, and Myanmar



An MSF nurse provides care to a patient at the MSF-supported facility in Ad-Dahi Hospital in Al Hudaydah, Yemen.

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## ► YEMEN

### Escalating Malnutrition Crisis

***“This is not the time for half-measures,”*** says Himedan Mohammed, head of operations for MSF Middle East.

**Children are arriving in increasingly critical condition. People can no longer wait for help that simply isn’t coming fast enough. If we don’t act now by boosting nutrition programs, ensuring affordable transport to health facilities, and bringing care closer to people in need, then we risk an even greater surge of malnutrition in the months ahead.**

Yemen continues to grapple with a severe malnutrition crisis, exacerbated by funding cuts.

MSF has reported alarmingly high admissions for malnutrition, emphasizing the urgent need for increased support to sustain nutrition programs and ensure access to healthcare facilities.

## ► MYANMAR

### Earthquake Aftermath

A devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar in late March. As of 8 April, official figures reported over 3,600 deaths, more than 5,000 people injured, and an estimated 17 million individuals affected — many of whom are severely affected. MSF teams responded quickly in the hardest-hit areas—**Mandalay, Naypyidaw, and Sagaing**—providing emergency care, clean water, and psychological support in a country already facing conflict and a fragile health system.

In Naypyidaw, MSF will deploy a Modular Field Hospital (MFH) to help meet the overwhelming medical needs. The planned MFH will include:

- A 79-bed inpatient department
- 11 intensive care unit (ICU) beds
- 2 operating theatres (OT)
- A fully equipped maternity unit

***As part of our long-standing presence in Myanmar since its first intervention in 1992, MSF reaffirms our readiness to provide emergency medical humanitarian assistance wherever needed, as we continue to support communities affected by conflict, disease, and now, one of the worst earthquakes to strike the region in recent history.***



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Distribution of NFI kits containing hygiene items and mosquito nets in Mandalay, Myanmar.

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MSF medical mobile clinic in Mandalay, Myanmar.

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## ► GAZA

### A Mass Grave, Yet We Remain

Since January, relentless bombardments have turned Gaza into what MSF teams call a *mass grave*.

On April 1, our colleague **Hussam Al Loulou**, his wife, and daughter were killed in an airstrike in Deir Al Balah—Hussam was the **11th MSF staff member** killed since the war began. We are devastated, angry, and demand the protection of civilians and humanitarian workers.

With **1,360 MSF staff** still on the ground in Gaza and the West Bank, we continue providing medical care under near-impossible conditions.

Hospitals are overwhelmed, access is blocked, and patients are dying for lack of basic treatment. Yet, despite the violence, **MSF remains committed to our patients.**

This bloodshed must end.

After Gaza's northern health system collapsed, MSF launched mobile clinics in Jabalia and Beit Hanoun, treating 1,200 patients in two weeks with basic and chronic care.

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## ► SYRIA

### Returning Home to Hardship, MSF Steps In to Help

Following the collapse of the Syrian government in December 2024, thousands of people returned to devastated areas—facing unsafe conditions, lack of clean water, limited healthcare, and deep economic hardship.

From January to April 2025, MSF scaled up its emergency response. In northeast Syria, teams provided over **17,500 essential items** and more than **5 million litres of clean water** in collective centres. Mobile clinics were launched in Tabqa, and **20,000 measles vaccines** were donated in Kobane.

In newly accessible areas like **Daraya**, near Damascus, MSF reopened a renovated health centre and set up a **24/7 emergency room**, offering free outpatient, mental health, and reproductive care to a population long cut off from medical services.



MSF has distributed non-food item (NFI) kits to people who have recently returned to the village of Qubtan Al-Jabal in the western Aleppo countryside, northwest Syria  
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We're constantly witnessing and responding to stories of resilience, pain, and hope—on the ground, in real time. And there's always more to share.

Keep following along for a closer look at what's happening, where we're needed next, and how your support is making a difference—one patient, one crisis at a time. Until the next update in July, stay connected, stay curious, and thank you for standing with us.

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