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## SUDAN:

### A FORGOTTEN CRISIS – HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

For well over a year, the people of Sudan have experienced war, bombings, displacement and the targeted destruction of vital infrastructure, including medical facilities and electricity and water networks. Yet the crisis is barely visible in the media or in public perception. The people of Sudan are in urgent need of support. One in two people in Sudan is dependent on humanitarian aid. MSF runs comprehensive medical and humanitarian projects in Sudan and in neighbouring countries, to where millions of people have fled and now live in makeshift camps in desperate conditions. MSF's work includes emergency surgery for the injured, treating people for malaria, malnutrition and cholera, distributing clean drinking water and providing much-needed psychological support.



**Sudan:** More than eight million people have fled their homes because of the war. Most have sought safety elsewhere within Sudan, such as in this camp for displaced people in Port Sudan, where an MSF mobile team is providing people with medical care.



**Chad:** An MSF team member distributes plastic sheeting and mosquito nets in Aboutengue refugee camp, which shelters more than 45,000 people who crossed the border to flee the war in neighbouring Sudan.

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## SUCCESS IN TREATING CHILDREN WITH TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis (TB) kills 1.3 million people globally every year, making it the deadliest infectious disease worldwide. Resistant forms of TB are on the rise, particularly in Asia and Eastern Europe, and are very difficult to diagnose and treat. Thirteen years ago, MSF launched a project in Tajikistan with a focus on diagnosing and treating resistant forms of TB in children. Working alongside the Tajik Ministry of Health, MSF teams have introduced new diagnostic tools and therapies. Hundreds of children with TB have received lifesaving treatment and more than 23,000 contacts of TB patients have been traced, making a significant contribution to reducing TB infections in children across the country. This work is now being continued independently by the Tajik Ministry of Health. In countries including India and Sierra Leone, MSF remains active in the fight against TB and will continue to use new approaches to treatment to benefit the lives of people living with the disease.



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**Tajikistan:** Sputum is needed to diagnose TB in the laboratory, but children like eight-year-old Muhammad Yusuf find it difficult to cough up sputum. This is why MSF has introduced a new method of sputum collection by inhalation.



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**Tajikistan:** "I took TB medication, but the disease didn't go away," says 21-year-old Mahina, who was infected with a resistant form of TB. After receiving a new medication from MSF teams, she was finally cured of the disease. MSF has worked in Tajikistan and around the world to ensure that new TB drugs are developed and available to those who need them.

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## A TRAGIC STATISTIC: 120 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE FORCED TO FLEE THEIR HOMES

Every two seconds, someone flees their home to escape war or violence, whether in Sudan, Gaza, Syria, Ukraine or elsewhere. Many others are being forced from their homes by the consequences of the climate crisis, including severe drought, desertification or devastating floods. According to the UN, 120 million people around the world are currently displaced from their homes. Never before have there been so many displaced people and refugees. MSF supports refugees in more than 40 countries around the world. In Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar district, MSF provides vital medical and humanitarian aid in the world's largest refugee camp, where Rohingya refugees are sheltering after fleeing violence and persecution in neighbouring Myanmar. In 2023, MSF teams provided more than 628,000 consultations in the camp. In South Sudan, MSF's mobile medical teams are providing care to refugees from the war in neighbouring Sudan. Every day, they treat around 150 patients in the border town of Renk.



**South Sudan:** Riek Thon, who fled the war in Sudan, is driven to hospital by MSF staff so that her sick baby can receive medical care, after MSF teams checked the health of mother and child at the border crossing between Sudan and South Sudan.



**Bangladesh:** Rohingya refugees wait to see a doctor at an MSF clinic in the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar district, where around one million people are sheltering after being driven out of neighbouring Myanmar by brutal violence.