## EMERGENCY UNIT NEWSLETTER WHO'S WHO?

**Charlotte Goetschy** is our new flying Pharmaceutical Coordinator. Welcome!



A few figures about 2015

Turkey, Syria, Central African Republic, Yemen, Iraq, Nepal, Ukraine, Vanuatu, Ebola, Serbia, Calais

**1,033,975** consultations

190 volunteers / employees in the field who are working / have worked for the emergency unit

22 staff in the emergency unit

**16,183,919** Euro budget

**8** newsletters issued

1 four day workshop cancelled (because of Nepal)

994 mentions in the media (press, radio, TV, Web)











YEMENI CRISIS

IRAQ

NEPAL

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

UKRAINE

VANUATU

CALAIS - DUNKIRK

### **YEMEN**

The expansion of the war threatens the lives and livelihoods of civilians, depriving them of humanitarian assistance. From April to June 2015, Doctors of the World gave initial support to hospitals in the governorate of Sana'a and Aden. In August, following an exploratory project, the Emergency Unit opened a base at Djibouti, and a team of 3 temporary staff has been based in Sana'a since the end of November to:

- Rebuild the medical facilities damaged by bombing;
- Relaunch primary health care;
- Identify and treat malnutrition among children, the most vulnerable;
- Care for the sick and in particular the chronically sick;
- Provide psychological support to victims and the afflicted;
- Set up mobile clinics to get as close as possible to those children, women and men in need of care and who cannot travel.

**883** consultations and other help given by the 2 teams based in Sahan and Jehanah during the first week's activity at the mobile clinics:

#### In the top 5 medical conditions:

- 1/ Acute respiratory infections: 25%
- 2/ Urinary Infections: 9%
- 3/ Gynaecological problems: 8%: a high rate because women have little access to care as few female doctors or midwives are prepared to work in remote areas; since we do mobile clinics which include female staff, it means women come in for consultation about gynaecological problems
- 4/ High blood pressure
- 5/ Skin infections: linked to difficult hygiene conditions due to the conflict and villages not having access to water





#### AL QADAM PHARMACY

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Facility located 105 km west of Sana'a (3 hours by road - mainly mountainous). A Health Centre which is located closest to the coast and therefore in an area where the overall malnutrition rate is very high. Here the population is in a vulnerable situation++ because there are so few income-generating activities.



#### SAYAN

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The rural hospital at Sayan is located at 28 kms of Sana'a (30 min). This is the largest district in the governorate of Sana'a. The hospital deals with, on average, 400 consultations / week.

Captions Myriam Pomarel (Flying Medical Coordinator)

Léa Gibert, Desk Officer, Rafik Bedoui, Medical Adviser, Jonathan Fontenelle, Logistics Adviser



# BOOK OF THE MONTH

**Human** by Yann Arthus-Bertrand

Meeting with and portrait of Mimi Richard, an Emergency Unit nurse during her project at the Zaatari camp in Jordan 2 years ago.

#### Essential reading!

A copy is available at the Emergency Unit.





## **BUT WHERE ARE THEY?**

Chloé Roger, Medical Coordinator, is in Calais - Myriam Pomarel, Medical Coordinator, Jacky Perrudin, Logistics Coordinator and Mélanie Rondeau, Administrative Coordinator, are in the Yemen - Pascal Simon, Logistics Coordinator, is in Calais - Etienne Fosse, Administrative Coordinator, returns from Turkey - Marius Musca, General Coordinator returns from Iraq and is already at Head Quarters as Desk Officer, filling in for a maternity leave - Charlotte Goetschy, Pharmaceutical Coordinator is in the Yemen - Gurpreet Singh, Logistics Coordinator is in the Yemen - Marie Burton, Medical Coordinator is in Iraq - Mimi Richard, nurse returns to the CAR - Alessio Zampetti, Logistics Coordinator is in Iraq

