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Gender Based Violence discussed at MISSION DAYS WHAT'S NEXT?

A consensus is taking shape, **gender based violence is a public health problem** and MdM must have a response to it when it gets involved with emergency situations. But where do we start?

Should we be able to offer a holistic response in order to move forward? How do we gain access to survivors of gender based violence? Are we able to provide quality care? What resources and skills need to be brought into action?

In accordance with our organisation's mandate, our priority is the provision of medical **care** for survivors, particularly where sexual violence is involved. Providing the supplies necessary and the training of teams are classic prerequisites for any care activity. One of the specific challenges related to gender based violence is finding out who the survivors are. As a result, and considering the taboo surrounding violence and sexuality issues in most societies, identifying survivors of gender based violence requires a **proactive attitude** on the part of care staff. Training teams to recognize the signs of gender based violence and how to approach this sensitive topic, telling patients that we are there to care for those who have suffered gender based violence, and creating conditions for confidentiality are activities that must be included in our planning. When our activities include consultation on **mental health and psychosocial support**, these offer another possible way in to identifying survivors.

If we seek to **move toward a holistic approach to the care** of survivors of gender based violence, the inclusion into a programme of the different elements of the response to gender based violence will depend on the context, the resources available, and the appropriateness of any partnership.

To learn more, visit the Emergency Unit GBV page on the INTRANET! There you will find tools to support teams when they are setting up activities in response to gender based violence: on-line training courses, practical information sheets, mapping of the stakeholders, and lots of other surprises…

By Aurélie Leroyer, GBV desk officer

WHO DOES WHAT?

The emergency unit team at the Mission Days

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Flying staff
In the field
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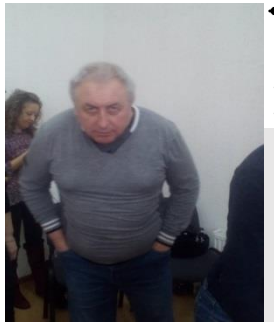


SUPER - GEORGE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING THE MOBILE TEAM

Our Activities

Several exploratory missions were carried out in different regions of Ukraine in 2015. In April 2015 MdM reached the government controlled and non Government controlled areas of Luhansk Oblast in order to assess the health care needs of the population. The project focused on the changes in the availability of and access to health care arising from the conflict, in particular for the most vulnerable, including the elderly and those with a chronic illness.

A field team has been in place since June 2015 and several mobile clinics have been set up in Government controlled areas and close to the front line (2 are ongoing, and a third will shortly be opened). Activities in non Government controlled areas are being organised as from June 2016 (donations of medicines and medical equipment and support given to local facilities).

AIM to improve access to and the quality of health care services for displaced people and host communities in the Government controlled and non Government controlled areas of Luhansk Oblast and Donetsk:

- Access to primary health care services
- Specialist care for those who have experienced gender based violence
- Access to psychosocial support and mental healthcare

Welcome!

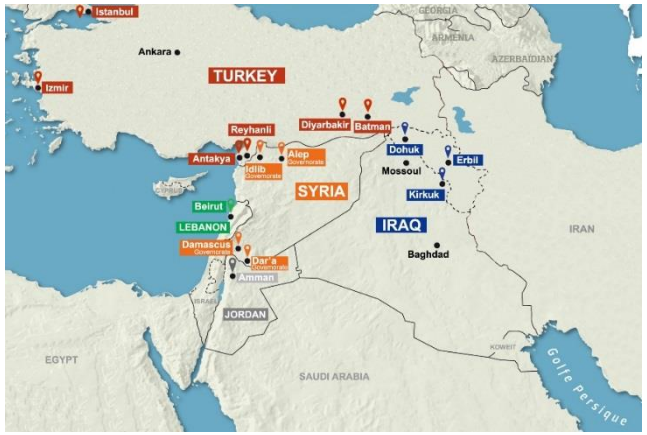
Ahlem Cheffi,
Flying MHPSS coordinator

Christelle Almanric,
Flying Medical coordinator

Amandine Roussel,
Desk Officer Lebanon / Jordan
Regional Office
(formerly ME unit)

Julien Dussart,
Desk Officer
Ukraine / Yemen

TRANSFER OF JORDAN AND LEBANON PROJECTS AND THE REGIONAL OFFICE TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT



As part of the creation of an Iraq-Syria Crisis Task Force, the Lebanon and Jordan projects and the Regional Office have been brought back into the Emergency Department. The Lebanon and Jordan projects and the Regional Office based in Amman had already been managed by the Emergency Department until 2014 and 2015 before being moved over to the LA-ME unit.

The objective in the coming months is to create a regional coordination based in Amman and in the long term to regionalise management of the Syrian crisis! Watch this space.

The 2 desk officers in charge of everything to do with the Syrian crisis are Amandine Roussel and Quentin Peiffer.

BUT WHERE ARE THEY?

Myriam Pomarel, Medical Coordinator is in Iraq, **Jacky Perrudin**, Logistics Coordinator returned from Greece to support long-term projects - **Mélanie Rondeau**, Administrative Coordinator completed her project at HQ to give project support and for capitalization, development of tools - **Pascal Simon**, Logistics Coordinator, is in the Yemen - **Charlotte Goetschy**, Pharmaceutical Coordinator is in Iraq - **Christelle Almanric**, Medical Coordinator is in Ukraine - **Ahlem Cheffi**, MHPSS Coordinator is in Jordan - **Alessio Zampetti**, Logistics Coordinator returned from Ukraine

THANK YOU!

To the volunteer translators at the DRI who have been available for our newsletter for years! ☺