

# NEWSLETTER

### Plague Emergency in Madagascar

Since August 23<sup>rd</sup>, an epidemic of pulmonary plague rages in Madagascar. The Emergency Department supports

MDM's Africa Department, which has been present in the country since 1991, in response to the Plague Emergency.

A total of 1,800 suspect, probable and confirmed cases, with 133 deaths, have been reported in Madagascar: a

Following the emergency, MDM has therefore started new activities in order to reduce morbidity and mortality

from bubonic and pneumonic plague in Antananarivo through improved prevention and control of infections. The care of patients in two centers for triage and treatment of plague (TTPC) and psychosocial support to patients

More than 150 people (including doctors, nurses, midwives, etc.) were trained on the prevention and control of

situation that worries local health authorities committed to circumscribe the crisis as quickly as possible.

#### HR at the EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT **CLOSE-UP**

















were also set up.

infection in several TTPCs.



### WHO IS WHO, WHO DOES WHAT?

GOODBYE to loanna Augustides,

Program Support Officer and

adventures!

Thierry Dutoit, Flying General

Coordinator who are leaving for new



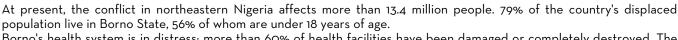


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#### **BANGLADESH** Rohingya Crisis

Since mid-September, MDM is working together wit its local partner GK to develop an emergency program in Cox's Bazar District, Bangladesh, to improve access to quality health care for displaced populations. GK is currently carrying out activities related to primary health care and psychosocial support focused on gender-based violence. Following the magnitude of the disaster, a team of flying coordinators went to Cox's Bazar in mid-October to assess humanitarian needs, strengthen the current program and our partner.

#### NIGERIA Start-up of activities in a new health center!



Borno's health system is in distress: more than 60% of health facilities have been damaged or completely destroyed. The destruction or deterioration of health infrastructure and the lack of trained health staff and medical supplies have created an urgent need for integrated primary health care services.

MDM currently supports four health facilities in Borno: three in Maiduguri (Kawarmela, Garba Buzu and El Maskin) and one in Damboa.

Since August MDM is preparing to support to an additional health facility from the Ministry of Health in Mainok for the provision of PHC, SRH and nutrition activities.

The process of recruiting medical staff is being finalized and includes five members of the Ministry already working in the health facility.

MDM is also engaged in rehabilitating the health facility and provides trainings for the staff. From November, MDM will provide services 5 days per week in Mainok.



#### **IRAQ**

- General Coordinator

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#### **NIGERIA**

General Coordinator

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#### **BANGLADESH**

- Logistics Coordinator
- Financial Coordinator

- HR/Admin Coordinator

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#### REGIONAL OFFICE AMMAN

- Regional Medical Adviser
- Syria Operations Coordinator

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#### HUMANITARIAN FORUM IN THE USA

Marius Musca, Head of the Emergency Department, attended as a panelist the Humanitarian Forum on "Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Developing and Disaster Torn Countries" in Atlanta (USA) on October 27th. The forum, held by the French Consulate in Atlanta, Emory University and the Carter Center, was an opportunity to bring together experts and NGO representatives on the topic of sexual and reproductive health and the continuum of care in emergency interventions.



#### WHERE ARE THEY?

Marina Benedik, General Coordinator is in Iraq - Pascal Simon, Logistics Coordinator and Myriam Pomarel, Medical Coordinator are in Bangladesh - Nathalie Aesch, Admin Coordinator is in Nigeria.





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