

## Patient or Health System First? What Should Be the Focus of Medical Humanitarian Assistance Today?

Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2008  
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### Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2008

09:00 - 09:30	<p><b>Keynote: 30 years Alma Ata, what's next?</b></p> <p>In 1978, the Alma Ata declaration of "Health for all by the year 2000" was based on the credo that health is a fundamental human right. The comprehensive primary health care (PHC) approach was proclaimed to be a model policy for global health. Thirty years later, what are the challenges to global health? What is the role that medical humanitarian assistance should play? Are PHC and medical relief complementary or is the latter a substitute for failing health systems?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>David Sanders</b>, Director of the School of Public Health, University of Western Cape, Cape Town (tbc)</li> </ul>
09:30 - 11:00	<p><b>Whom are we treating? Patients or health systems?</b></p> <p>Historically, humanitarian assistance was developed to provide emergency relief to people threatened by the consequences of war. Over the last decades though, humanitarian agencies have extended their scope of action to provide assistance in major health crises, often not caused by conflict or disasters. Was humanitarian assistance ever set out to be the driver of global health development? Is today's role of medical humanitarian assistance to deal with the consequences of failing health systems?</p> <p>This session will map out impulses, approaches and policies of actors involved in fighting global health crises, will debate their complementarities and what is successful in meeting the needs of people most at risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Katja Roll</b>, Donor Relations, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Geneva</li> <li>• <b>Frank Dörner</b>, General Director, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Berlin</li> <li>• <b>N.N.</b>, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Geneva (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>David Sanders</b>, Director of the School of Public Health, University of Western Cape, Cape Town (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>Moderation: <b>Peter Tinnemann</b>, Coordinator, International Health Sciences Institute, Charité University Hospital Berlin</p>

11:00 - 11:45	<i>Break</i>	<b>Humanitarian Forum</b>
11:45 - 13:15	<p><b>The future of health in humanitarian assistance – A British Perspective</b></p> <p>First guest session: Organised in cooperation with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and Merlin, London</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Health and conflict: policy coherence and consistency across government</i> <b>Nicholas Banatvala</b>, Head of Global Affairs, Department of Health, London</li> <li>• <i>Is Health System Strengthening during humanitarian crises feasible and desirable? The Merlin perspective</i> <b>N.N.</b>, Merlin, London</li> <li>• <i>Early Recovery and humanitarian work - the new fashion?</i> <b>Egbert Sondorp</b>, Senior Lecturer, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), London</li> </ul> <p>Moderation: <b>Tejshri Shah</b>, Head of Manson Unit (MSF UK's Medical Unit), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), London</p>	
13:15 - 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<b>Humanitarian Forum</b>
14:30 - 16:00	<p><b>Years of aid programmes and people are still starving: Nutrition campaigns and prevention</b></p> <p>Second guest session: Organised in cooperation with the Feinstein International Center (FIC) of Tufts University, Medford</p> <p>Nutrition campaigns and prevention: Challenges and opportunities How effective are humanitarian programmes in achieving food security?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhancing attention to nutrition in UN emergency policy and operational arenas</i> <b>Patrick Webb</b>, Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University, Boston (tbc)</li> <li>• <i>Prevention vs. treatment of malnutrition</i> <b>Jennifer Coates</b>, Assistant Professor, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University, Boston (tbc)</li> <li>• <i>MSF's experience with ready-to-use foods (RUFs) in nutrition crises</i> <b>Saskia van der Kam</b>, Nutritionist, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Amsterdam (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>Moderation: <b>Michael Krawinkel</b>, Professor for Nutrition in Developing Countries, Institute for Nutritional Sciences, Justus Liebig University Gießen (tbc)</p>	

16:00 - 17:00	<i>Break</i>	<b>Humanitarian Forum</b>
17:00 - 18:30	<p><b>Improving the impact of interventions: getting delivery right</b></p> <p>Third guest session: Organised in cooperation with the Feinstein International Center (FIC) of Tufts University, Medford</p> <p>Text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Effectiveness and consequences of targeting of food aid in complex emergencies</i> <b>Daniel Maxwell</b>, Associate Professor, Research Director for Food Security and Complex Emergencies, Feinstein International Center (FIC), Tufts University, Medford (tbc)</li> <li><i>Delivering effective treatment for acute malnutrition</i> <b>Kate Sadler</b>, Senior Researcher, Feinstein International Center (FIC), Tufts University, Medford (tbc)</li> <li><i>Constraints and factors of success in delivering treatment for malnutrition</i> <b>N.N.</b>, Action Contre la Faim (ACF) or Médecins du Monde (MDM) (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>Moderation: <b>Heike Englert</b>, Professor, Faculty of Oecotrophology (Home Economics and Nutrition Science), University of Applied Science, Munster (tbc)</p>	<p><b>How to get research into TB going?</b></p> <p>What are the best ways to increase and make best use of public funding to fight one of the major global killer diseases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Analysis of MSF on research into TB in Germany</i> <b>Oliver Moldenhauer</b>, Coordinator, Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Berlin (tbc)</li> <li><i>Experience from a researcher's perspective</i> <b>N.N.</b>, Acting Director of the Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, Director of the Department of Immunology, Berlin (tbc)</li> <li><i>Perspective of the German government</i> <b>Gabriele Hausdorf</b>, Health Research, Life Sciences and Research for Health Department, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Berlin (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>Moderation: <b>Walter Haas</b>, Respiratory Diseases, Department for Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Robert Koch Institute (RKI), Berlin (tbc)</p>
18:30 - 19:30	<b>Humanitarian Forum</b>	

19:30 - 21:00	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Humanitarian Congress Jubilee Reception</b> <i>Ärztekammer Berlin, Friedrichstr. 16, 10969 Berlin</i> <i>(only with personal invitation)</i>
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22:00	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Humanitarian Congress Jubilee Party</b> <i>In a bar to be defined</i> <i>(open to everyone)</i>
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### **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 2008**

10:00 - 12:00	<p><b>Tuberculosis and Multi Resistant Tuberculosis: What is the impact of the work of humanitarian agencies on national health services</b></p> <p>Can TB programmes really be considered as humanitarian programmes? Patient's perspective and programme strategies in various contexts (former Soviet world, South Africa, Peru).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Medical background, global overview and outlook</i> <b>N.N.</b>, Stop TB Partnership, World Health Organisation (WHO), Geneva (tbc)</li> <li>• <i>Programme strategies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Kai Braker</b>, Medical Adviser, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Berlin</li> <li>- <b>Barbara Oberhauser</b>, Medical Adviser, German Leprosy and TB Relief Association (DAHW), Würzburg (tbc)</li> <li>- <b>N.N.</b>, Merlin, London (tbc)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Timo Ulrichs</b>, Head of the TB Section, Koch Metchnikow Forum (KMF), Berlin</p>	
12:00 - 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<b>Humanitarian Forum</b>
13:00 - 14:30	<p><b>TB as a consequence of the failure of health systems: Case studies</b></p> <p>Tuberculosis was almost controlled</p>	<p><b>HIV/AIDS-TB and other co infections: Challenges, implementation strategies, treatments</b></p>

	<p>globally. What are the factors leading to today's increasing prevalence of TB? What can be done and has been done to reduce TB incidence in the societies most threatened by the disease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Russian Federation:</i> <b>Timo Ulrichs</b>, Head of the TB Section, Koch Metchnikow Forum (KMF), Berlin</li> <li>• <i>Sudan:</i> <b>Stefan Bösner</b>, Chairman of the Board, Medair Germany, Marburg (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Beatrijs Stickers</b>, Global Advocacy, KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, The Hague (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Kai Braker</b>, Medical Adviser, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Berlin</p>	<p>Which programmes are most effective in preventing and providing treatment for the overwhelming problems of societies and health services confronted with TB, HIV/AIDS and particularly, HIV/AIDS and TB co-infections?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Joost van der Meer</b>, Executive Director, AIDS Foundation East West, Amsterdam (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>N.N.</b>, MD, Médecins Du Monde (MDM) (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Christiane Haas</b>, Health Advisor, German Red Cross (DRK), Berlin (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Nathan Ford</b>, Coordinator, Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Johannesburg (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Tom Roth</b>, Operations Manager, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Berlin (tbc)</p>
<p>14:30 - 15:30</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>	<p><b>Humanitarian Forum</b></p>
<p>15:30 - 16:30</p>	<p><b>Disease-oriented aid vs. PHC: What should be done with the money?</b></p> <p>Concerns about global health issues are high on the international agenda - and so are funds available for global health. At the same time, strategies and funds focussing on disease-specific programmes often seem to have a negative impact on general PHC services. The session will provide an insight on the current global debate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Katja Roll</b>, Donor Relations, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Geneva</li> <li>• <b>N.N.</b>, Division Health, Education and Social Protection, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Eschborn</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop on Women and Access to health</b></p> <p>TOPIC STILL TO BE FINALISED Text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sarah Martin</b>, Humanitarian Affairs Specialist, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Amsterdam (tbc)</li> <li>• N.N.</li> <li>• N.N.</li> </ul> <p>Moderation: N.N.</p>

	<p>(tbc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jörg Maas</b>, European Coordinator, Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>N.N.</b>, Red Cross</li> </ul> <p>Moderation: <b>Ruth Duggan</b>, Global Health Advocacy Officer, terre des hommes Germany / Action for Global Health, Osnabrück (tbc)</p>	
16:30 - 17:00	<i>Break</i>	<b>Humanitarian Forum</b>
17:00 - 18:30	<p><b>System failure and exclusion: Chronic crisis and infectious diseases in Myanmar</b></p> <p>Text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N.N., Malteser International, Cologne</li> <li>• N.N., Médecins Du Monde (MDM)</li> <li>• N.N., Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)</li> </ul>	
18:30	<p><b>Closing Address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N.N.</li> </ul>	

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