

Trauma, Chaos and Politics: Humanitarian Action in Haiti and in other Emergencies

Berlin, 15. und 16. Oktober 2010



	Großer Hörsaal (Auditorium)	Konferenzraum A (Conference Room A)	Konferenzraum B (Conference Room B)
Friday, October 15th, 2010			
8:00-9:00 Registration and distribution of conference folders at the <i>Registration Desk</i> ; coffee and tea			
09:00 - 09:10	(1) Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heinz-Jochen Zenker, President, Ärzte der Welt (Médecins du Monde), Munich 		
09:10 - 10:00	(2) Keynote speech: “Humanitarian Action in Haiti and Beyond” (working title) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Walker, Director of Feinstein International Center, Tufts University, Boston 		
10:00 - 11:30	(3) “Haiti Emergency – Successes and Failures” A (Self-) Critical Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin Hahn, Head of the International Cooperation Department, German Red Cross, Berlin Frédéric Penard, Head of Emergency Desk, Médecins du Monde, Paris Frank Dörner, General Director, Médecins Sans Frontières, Berlin Red Cross, Haiti Chair: Peter Tinnemann, MD, Charité, Berlin [What made Haiti such an exceptional disaster? What was the humanitarian emergency and what was failure of the state? How did organisations cope with the acute first phase and the chaotic situation on the ground? What went wrong? What were the main failures of the actors involved? Which role played the UN and the Military?]	(4) “Humanitarian Action for Beginners: What You Always Wanted to Know about Humanitarian Action But Never Dared to Ask” → WORKSHOP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Runge (tbc) Sid Peruvemba, Programme Director, Malteser International, Cologne (tbc) Christiane Radloff, Midwife, German Red Cross, Berlin [An Introduction to the Policy and Practice of Humanitarian Aid]	(5) “Sexual Violence: Medical and Ethical Dilemmas in the Field” (in collaboration with medica mondiale) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karin Griese, Head of Trauma Work Department, medica mondiale, Cologne National Staff medica mondiale (tbc) Constance Duplessis, Gender Based Violence Officer, Médecins du Monde, Paris Chair: Christine Kurmeyer, Women and Equal Opportunities Officer, Charité, Berlin [Which dilemmas and issues are we facing in the field? What can be done medically, and needs to be done beyond it?]
11:30 - 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		

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12:00 - 13:30	<p>(6) “Medical Priorities for Earthquake Survivors ”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joachim Gardemann, MD Paediatrician, German Red Cross, Berlin Iza Ciglenecki, MD MSc, Emergency Programme Manager, Médecins Sans Frontières, Geneva <p>Chair: Sibylle Gerstl, Senior Desk Officer Africa, Malteser International, Cologne</p>	<p>(7) “Money Matters: Are Humanitarians Selling their Independence?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jürgen Lieser, Head of Disaster Assistance, Caritas, Freiburg Bernadette Orbinski, International Treasurer, Médecins Sans Frontières, International Council, Geneva Martin Landgraf, Assistant to the Director of Operations, ECHO, Brussels <p>Chair: Julia Steets, Associate Director, Global Public Policy Institute, Geneva</p> <p>[What is the link between funding, independence and perceptions? How important are private funds? Do NGOs have funding policies? Which funding policy for whom? Can institutional funds be neutral?]</p>	<p>(8) “Obstetric Fistula - A Forgotten Illness of 2 Million Women. Experiences and Practices in the Field”</p> <p>→ WORKSHOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volker Herzog, Surgeon, Vesico Vagina Fistula Specialist, Médecins Sans Frontières Expat, Berlin Médecins du Monde, Paris <p>[According to the WHO it is estimated that more than 2 million young women live with untreated obstetric fistula in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, experiencing shame, suffering and social segregation. How to prevent obstetric fistula and manage it in the field? Which treatment strategies?]</p>
13:30 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:30 - 16:00	<p>(9) “The Role of the Military During and in the Aftermath of Natural Disasters”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johannes Richert, Director of International Services/National Relief Division, German Red Cross, Berlin Jérôme Larché, Médecins du Monde (MDM), Head of Programmes for Sudan and Member of the Board of MDM, Paris Carsten Fausboll, Head Civil Emergency Planning, NATO HQ, Brussels Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Geneva <p>Chair: Kate MacKintosh, Head of Humanitarian Affair Department, Médecins Sans Frontières, Amsterdam</p> <p>[On site foreign armed forces: any behavioural change in the aftermath of a natural disaster? To what extent is their logistics crucial? What do we expect from each other?]</p>	<p>(10) “Do We Learn from Evaluations? Reflections on Rwanda, the Indian Ocean Tsunami and Haiti”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jean-Marc Biquet, Reflection Unit on Humanitarian Stakes and Practices, Médecins Sans Frontières, Geneva Francois Grünwald, Chairman, Urgence-Réhabilitation-Développement, Plaisians International Federation of the Red Cross, Geneva <p>Chair: John Mitchell, Director, Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action, London</p> <p>[Who has read the evaluations on the Tsunami and Rwanda? Any lessons learnt? What do the first evaluations on Haiti teach us?]</p>	<p>(11) “Emergency Surgical Care in Disaster Situations”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bernd Domres, MD Specialist Surgeon in Traumatology, German Institute for Disaster Medicine, Tübingen (<i>tbc</i>) Paul McMaster, MD Surgical Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières, Amsterdam German Red Cross, Berlin <p>Chair: (?)</p> <p>[Quality control? Follow-up of patients? Rehabilitation needs?]</p>

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16:30 - 18:00	<p>(12) “The Limits of Humanitarian Action”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda Polman, Independent freelance Journalist, Netherlands/ Sierra Leone (<i>tbc</i>) John Mitchell, Director, Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action, London International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva (<i>tbc</i>)
18:00 - 19:00	Reception

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10:00 - 10:10	Introduction to the day's activities Frank Dörner, MSF, Berlin		
10:10 - 11:00	(13) Keynote Speeches “Looking Ahead: Major Challenges for Humanitarian Action” (tentative title) - Legal, Political and Medical questions: ICRC and MSF perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unni Karunakara, President Médecins Sans Frontières International, Geneva • International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva 		
11:00 - 12:30	(14) “Crises and the Media: An (Un)holy Alliance?” (focus on Haiti) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German Red Cross (DRK), Berlin • Peter Hell, Journalist, Spiegel TV, Hamburg • Lothar Keller, Presenter, RTL Television, Berlin • Ingrid Müller, Journalist, Tagesspiegel, Berlin Chair: Reporter ohne Grenzen [Do we have a responsibility as humanitarian organisations to intervene and to actively advocate for a code of conduct for the media, reporting from emergencies? Which information do the media transmit to the public? How do they “advertise” emergency situations? With which goals and for whom? How do they contribute to (set the) agenda of the relief activities? What stereotypes are made use of? Which link to different fundraising practices?]	(15) “Same Country, Same Risk – Same Security Management?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harald Mundt, Risk Manager and Security, German Development Organisation, Eschborn • International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva • Hubertus Rüffer, Safety and Security Advisor, Welthungerhilfe, Bonn Chair: Oliver Behn, Coordinator of the European Interagency Security Forum, London [What are the different risks organisations and aid-worker face in hostile environments? Are different organisations confronted with the same risks in a given context? Do organisations apply different security management strategies in the same environment? What are limitations and boundaries for aid organisations?]	(16) “What Kind of Training is Needed for Doctors and Medical Personnel in International Emergency Settings?” → WORKSHOP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefan Görres, Director, Institut for Public Health and Research in Nursing, University of Bremen, Bremen • Pascale Schlageter, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva [Do Doctors and nurses have enough experience with public health in emergencies? Does personnel in emergencies need special (additional) training? Should “Public health” courses be offered as a standard? What kind of training have proven to be successful for the preparation of medical personnel to work in emergencies?]
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13:30 - 15:30	<p>(17) “Avenues into the Field of International Health. How to Become an Expert?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judith Kasper, Medical Student, University of Aachen, Aachen • August Stich, Vice Chairman of the German Society of Tropical Medicine and International Health, Head of the Department of Tropical Medicine of the Medical Mission Hospital, Würzburg • Johannes Leidinger, Senior Consultant in Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Husby-Rekame • Susanne Carai, Technical Officer, World Health Organization, Geneva (<i>tbc</i>) <p>Chair: Reinhard Klinkott, Co-Founder & Chairman of the Forum for International Health (foring), Munich</p> <p>[Panel kindly organised by foring, www.foring.org]</p>	<p>(18) “The Politics of Coordination. Analysis of the Cluster Approach” (focus on Haiti, in collaboration with the GPPI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Binder, Project Manager for the Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin [Introduction of the Cluster Approach • Gerhard Tauscher, Shelter Cluster Haiti, German Red Cross, Berlin (<i>tbc</i>) • Aoibheann O’Keeffe, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Geneva <p>Chair: Dennis Dijkzeul, Chair in Management of Humanitarian Crises at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict, Ruhr University Bochum, Bochum</p>	<p>(19) “Assistance for People with Special Needs in Natural Disasters: The Elderly and Disabled People in Haiti”</p> <p>→ WORKSHOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frances Stevenson, Head of Emergencies, Help Age International, London • François De Keersmaecker, General Director, Handicap International, Munich
15:30- 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
16:00 - 17:30	<p>(20) Closing Panel: “Humanitarianism Unraveled? The Case of Afghanistan”</p> <p>Keynote speech: Antonio Donini, Senior Researcher, Feinstein International Center, Tufts University, Boston</p> <p>Panel discussion with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Berlin • Auswärtiges Amt/Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Berlin • Jürgen Lieser, Vice-Chairman, VENRO, Freiburg • International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva <p>Open debate with public</p> <p>Chair: Sonia Mikich, Journalist, WDR, Cologne</p>		