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WE ARE DOCTORS OF THE WORLD

An international medical development NGO that is part of a global network. We provide medical assistance to vulnerable populations in Belgium and around the world.

Our vision

We want universal healthcare. Everyone should have access to healthcare without barriers (financial, cultural or geographical).

Our mission

Empowering marginalised populations: our medical aid programmes, in Belgium and around the world, also aim to support the shift towards an effective universal right to healthcare.



THE PILLARS OF OUR MISSION

Our mission is based on **three complementary pillars**.

Providing medical care

- » We want to give people effective access to healthcare. Our approach is **comprehensive** – we focus on the person as a whole, not just his or her illness – and **community oriented** by encouraging the participation of the communities with whom we work.

Advocacy and testifying

- » **Talking about the facts, describing people's experiences, giving figures.** Thanks to our experience in the field, we lobby local, regional, national and international authorities about their policies and their impact on healthcare and human rights.

Bringing about change

- » We want to do more than provide medical care: **we want to change things.** We stand alongside the people we assist to ensure they have or regain access to mainstream healthcare services.



TOGETHER, WE ARE DOCTORS OF THE WORLD

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are doctors, nurses, support workers, social workers, dentists, translators, coordinators, etc. These men and women are the heartbeat of Doctors of the World.

EXPATRIATES

Expatriate staffs ensure that Doctors of the World's international projects are successfully implemented in a coherent fashion.

LOCAL STAFF

In Belgium and abroad, Doctors of the World makes a point of working with local staff. This ensures that our efforts have a long-term impact and have a local anchorage within the communities.

PARTNERS

NGOs, non-profit or other civil organisations: whether we support an existing organisation or initiate the creation of a group of organisations, Doctors of the World firmly believes in partnerships for achieving its mission.

DONORS

Doctors of the World cannot operate without the support of its private and institutional donors. Together, we turn our projects into reality.



ONE OF DOCTORS OF THE WORLD'S MANY VOLUNTEERS
SERVING A HOT DRINK TO A HOMELESS MAN IN OUR MEDIBUS.



DOCTORS OF THE WHOLE WORLD

In Belgium and across the globe, our projects aim at helping vulnerable people who do not have or no longer have access to healthcare. [These particularly focus on:](#)

Women

Doctors of the World supports women every day, in their fight for equality, against sexual violence, clandestine abortions, unwanted pregnancies or maternal mortality.

People in emergency situations

During a crisis or conflict, populations are vulnerable. Medical staff flees, hospitals potentially become targets. We support the population and the medical facilities through emergency relief programmes.

Displaced people

Refugees, nomads and migrants face several healthcare barriers (financial, linguistic, cultural, administrative and legal). Our work consists in of bringing down those barriers.

At-risk people

Drug users and sex workers are often stigmatised and excluded from healthcare due to their practices and lifestyle. We want to include them and reintegrate them into the mainstream healthcare system.

Isolated people

Children, the elderly, prisoners, etc. Some people are vulnerable because they do not or no longer have a voice. We work alongside them to help them get their voice back.

OUR VALUES

Social justice

Social justice makes it possible to establish **real equality in healthcare**, ensure respect for fundamental rights and build social unity.

Empowerment

In our projects, we ensure that **vulnerable people can protect their health** and speak out for their fundamental rights themselves.

Independence

We are **independent of any political, religious or financial influence or interest**. We refuse any form of subordination and work to foster dialogue with the people and communities with which we work.

Involvement

We are **an involved movement of volunteers, staff and beneficiaries fighting for the right for care**. In addition to delivering medical care, we speak out about what we see and we stand aside populations in their commitment to affect social change.

Balance

Between **our projects in Belgium and those around the globe**, between **emergency and the long term**, between medical and general insights, between **public funding and private donations**.



IN CHIOS (GREECE), A FATHER AND HIS DAUGHTER ARE WAITING FOR A MEDICAL CONSULTATION IN DOCTORS OF THE WORLD'S MEDIBUS.



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