



OCB GATHERING: OPERATIONAL RESEARCH DAY / MSF BELGIUM GENERAL ASSEMBLY
BRUSSELS, 1 & 2 JUNE 2018

MSF Operational Centre Brussels



INTRODUCTION

Dear friends,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Annual Gathering of the Operational Centre Brussels (OCB)/ MSF-Belgium General Assembly and to our seventh OCB Operational Research Day in our offices in Brussels.

7th OCB Operational Research Day | 1 June

With the support of LUXOR and SAMU, we will be presenting innovative new operational research during this day. We often work in very difficult situations, and we need strong data, analysis and publications to share what we do with partners and donors, supporting our accountability and our advocacy efforts.

This year we will have three exciting thematic slots, focusing on beneficiaries' needs and their perception of assistance, on neglected populations, and on infectious and non-communicable diseases. A debate on the alarming attempts to reintroduce user fees will conclude the OR Day.

MSF OCB Gathering / MSF-B General Assembly | 1 and 2 June

Starting right after the Operational Research Day, this year's MSF OCB Gathering will be filled with interesting debates, motions, and voting. Our discussions will be led by three main topics:

How to make our employee charter more explicit to address issues related to harassment and abuse?

Our Employee Charter clearly states that "MSF employees shall not tolerate any behavior that exploits the vulnerability of others, in the broadest sense (economic, social, etc.)".

Does everyone in the room understand this rule correctly?

MSF wants to continuously improve how we prevent, detect and manage harassment and abuse within our organization and several steps have already been taken.

Imbedded humanitarianism: Is it justified to "cosy up" with the coalition in Iraq and Nigeria?

In Iraq or Nigeria, armed groups like ISIS and Boko Haram reject dialogue with humanitarians. These organizations are also considered terrorist by the states opposing them. This places MSF in a counter-terrorism framework when operating in the zones controlled by the Iraqi and Nigerian armies. De facto, MSF relies on the protection of these armies for the staff and health structures it runs. With the presence of protective armed forces around MSF structures and operations, do we need to address the challenges of an "imbedded humanitarianism"?

Nursing care, are we enough equipped to provide good nursing care to patients?

Great efforts have been made to strengthen nursing care throughout the MSF-movement, and dedicated new tools have been developed in the medical world to support nursing staff. **But are we sufficiently equipped today to ensure sustainable nursing care practices?** And have we done enough for our field staff to support them in the dilemma of providing care to patients with limited resources?

We look forward to seeing you for these two days at Rue de l'Arbre Bénit, Brussels.

Bertrand Draguez

President MSF Operational Centre Brussels

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

OPERATIONAL RESEARCH DAY

09.00 OPENING REMARKS

09.15 Slot 1: The Paradox of survival: "I prefer dying fast than dying slowly"; pain, disease and life in limbo

Pain and musculoskeletal complications post-sexual violence – an added value of physiotherapy in the rehabilitation of victims of sexual violence?

"I prefer dying fast than dying slowly" - How institutional abuse worsens the mental health of stranded Syrian, Afghan and Congolese migrants on Lesbos Island

"I feel like I am less than other people": Self-perceived vulnerabilities of male migrants travelling alone on their journey to Europe

Life in limbo – holistic provision of mental health and psychosocial support to asylum seekers in destination countries in Europe

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 Slot 2: Sex, Drugs & Prisons; working for the unwanted, the untested, the untreated and the "unsuppressed"

Improving TB case finding in Malawian prisons: MSF experience 2014-2017

Characteristics and outcomes of HIV-infected patients admitted for inpatient care to a rural district hospital in Malawi

Provision of oral Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for female sex workers and men who have sex with men in Beira, Mozambique

Improving pediatric TB diagnosis in North Kivu, DR Congo, by targeted Gene Xpert on gastric aspirates

13.00 LUNCH

14.00 Slot 3: Viruses, bacteria & parasites; sensitive, resistant and emerging

Malaria in Cambodia (a synthesis of research findings)

Field evaluation of Joachim clinical score and rapid diagnostic test for paediatric bacterial pharyngitis in a refugee camp, Beirut, Lebanon

Household disinfection kits distribution during the 2014-2015 Ebola epidemic in Monrovia, Liberia: The MSF experience

Late breaker: Care for Syrian refugees with Diabetes in a crisis context: The Médecins Sans Frontières experience in the Levant

15.30 Slot 4: Panel discussion: Who pays? User fees making a comeback...

16.20 CLOSING REMARKS

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16.30 WELCOME

17.00 OPENING

President's report
Financial & HR reports

Questions and Answers to the Board and voting

19.00 DRINK AND SNACKS

19.30 Candidates to the OCB-Board & MSF-B Board
Presentation - Questions and answers

21.00 DINNER AND DRINKS

23.30 END

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SATURDAY, JUNE 2

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09.30 WELCOME

10.00 MSF-B Vice-President report
MSF-B Motions
IGA Reps feedback

10.45 BREAK

11.15 Debate:

How to make our employee charter more explicit to address issues related to harassment and abuse?

13.00 LUNCH

14.00 Group debates:

Imbedded humanitarianism:

Is it justified to cosy up with the coalition in Iraq and Nigeria?

Nursing care, are we enough equipped to provide good nursing care to patient?

16.00 BREAK – CLOSURE OF THE VOTE BOXES

16.30 2018 OCB motions and 2017 feedback

19.30 Closure and voting results

20.00 APÉRO

20.30 DINNER

22.00 PARTY!

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION & FOOD

Register and book your food at
<https://www.insideocb.com/page/ocb-gathering-2018>
by 27 May 2018
FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 25 Euros (both days)

VENUE AND ACCESS

In our office, 46 rue de l'Arbre Bénit, 1050 Brussels
<http://welcomeocb.msf.be>

There are no parking spaces available.
Please use public transport.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

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Title Photo: Nurse and midwife Furaha Bazikanya examines a young pregnant woman in one of the two consultation spaces at a mobile clinic in the village of Kier, South Sudan.

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