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TO DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT



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INTRODUCTION

Children are often the most vulnerable group during times of humanitarian crisis. Whether it's conflict, natural disaster, or disease, they can bear the brunt of pain and suffering.

That's why Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is on the ground providing critically needed pediatric care in the more than 70 countries where we work.

Right now, we have an extraordinary opportunity. The Jackson Kemper Foundation, a supporter that is passionate about improving and saving the lives of children, will match all contributions to our Caring for the Next Generation campaign received by November 30, up to \$1 million.

Within this proposal, you'll read about how MSF is caring for our youngest patients around the world, including Chad, Mali, South Sudan, Nigeria, and Niger.

We hope that these powerful examples will inspire you to consider supporting this initiative at a moment when your gift will go twice as far thanks to the generous matching gift.



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Offering a continuum of care for expectant mothers and children in the Moïssala district

Life expectancy in Chad is among the world's lowest—with malaria and malnutrition being chronic problems threatening children's lives.

The Moïssala district is home to about 500,000 people. Many struggle to access health care, especially during the rainy season when malaria is rampant. Launched in 2010 to combat malaria,

MSF's project there now brings a continuum of care to expectant mothers and children.

Working with the local Ministry of Health, MSF supports surgical, obstetric, pediatric, and neonatal health services at Moïssala District Hospital, expanding its capacity during malaria season.

In smaller villages, we offer malnutrition screening, malaria testing and treatment for those under five and pregnant women, diarrhea treatment, and health center referrals. We also provide consultations for children up to age 15, nutritional care, and vaccinations.

MSF also supports district health centers with outpatient malaria treatment and consultations for children under five, which totaled 53,884 last year.

► MALI



Fighting malnutrition and malaria through pediatric care in the Koutiala region

We have provided comprehensive pediatric care for 12 years in the Koutiala region, which historically has Mali's highest child mortality rate due to malnutrition and malaria.

In many communities, food insecurity is a concern every year. At Koutiala Hospital, MSF manages nutrition and pediatric inpatient services for 330

children. In 2019, we opened a separate 185-bed pediatric unit that expands to 300 beds during peak malaria season.

As part of an international effort to decrease antibiotic resistance, our hospital team also monitors antibiotic prescriptions for neonatal patients.

In addition, MSF supports pediatric care at 40 community health centers throughout the district. We provide technical support and medicines, and offer financial help to ensure free treatment and ongoing care. We also provide logistical support to Ministry of Health malaria prevention efforts like routine exams, vaccinations, and distribution of mosquito nets. This year, we expect to provide over 140,000 consultations in these centers.



► SOUTH SUDAN



Providing maternity and pediatric care at Aweil State Hospital

With adequate medical services in South Sudan accessible to less than half the population, just one in five births involves a skilled health care worker. The under-five mortality rate is 90.7 per 1,000



live births, while fewer than half of people are vaccinated against preventable diseases.

Since 2008, MSF's project at Aweil State Hospital has provided maternal and pediatric care to children with severe medical conditions.

The maternity unit includes 24-hour inpatient care and the 110-bed pediatric department features an intensive care unit, surgical ward, inpatient therapeutic feeding center, and neonatal unit.

The hospital sees an influx of children suffering from malaria during the rainy season, which can be complicated by malnutrition. To meet this surge, beds are added in overflow tents and mattresses are placed in corridors as needed.

In 2021, the team also managed a seasonal preventive malaria treatment program for the area's over 25,000 children aged three months to five years.



children aged one month to 15 years. It's the area's only free pediatric hospital, with 26,634 children seen in the emergency room last year. MSF also assists the Ministry of Health with pediatric outpatient care during peak malaria season, when the number of patients substantially rises.

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Bringing essential care to Maiduguri's Gwange Pediatric Hospital

For over a decade, northeastern Nigeria has experienced conflict between the government and non-state armed groups. An estimated 2.1 million people have fled their homes across the region, with many losing access to health services. The situation in Borno state deteriorated dramatically in 2020 after a series of brutal mass murders and kidnappings.

Amid the strife, northern Nigeria annually faces a lean season from June until November, leading to a significant increase in malnutrition. This is especially dangerous when combined with such illnesses as malaria and measles.

In Maiduguri, Borno's capital, MSF built and runs the Gwange Pediatric Hospital to provide care for

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Treating children suffering from malnutrition and malaria in the Maradi region

Food shortages and heavy rains annually trigger a spike in malnutrition and malaria in Niger, causing tens of thousands of children to become ill.

In 2021, nearly 30,000 children were admitted to the four MSF-supported hospitals in the Maradi region. At the Madarounfa District Hospital, for example, we provide children with inpatient nutritional, pediatric, and ICU-level care.

During the rainy season, we boost hospital capacity to ensure we can respond to the increase in malnutrition and malnutrition-related issues. Last year's peak had so many critically ill patients that we more than tripled the normal capacity.

Teams also work at seven health centers to reduce



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the number of hospital patients and prevent children from dying at home because medical care is unavailable. Additionally, we're training health workers to treat simple cases of malaria and diarrhea in their villages and conduct nutritional screenings.

Using mostly local staff, MSF manages more than 800,000 consultations a year across Niger—among our largest programs in the world.



YOUR INVESTMENT IN ACTION

A Powerful Opportunity to Double Your Impact

Please consider helping us take advantage of this exciting opportunity to further our pediatric programs around the world.

Many of the diseases that afflict children are easy to prevent or treat but are deadly without the correct care, and your gift to MSF today will be designated exclusively for these programs.

With the matching gift offer in effect until November 30, your investment will go twice as far to help children who are struggling to survive.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this proposal about our *Caring for the Next Generation* campaign and for your ongoing support of MSF.

"The act of humanitarianism comes down to one thing: individual human beings reaching out to those others who find themselves in the most difficult circumstances."

— DR. JAMES ORBINSKI,
PRESIDENT OF DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS INTERNATIONAL (1999)