



# HOW YOUR SUPPORT SAVES LIVES



**Poverty and insecurity remain problematic in the Niger Delta, resulting in violence and poor access to health care for the most vulnerable.** In Port Harcourt, capital of Rivers State in southern Nigeria, MSF runs an emergency trauma facility that helps to bolster local hospital capacity.

With 75 beds, Teme hospital provides free emergency surgery and medical care. MSF surgeons in Port Harcourt (and several other projects) have pioneered the use of internal fixation to repair fractured bones. This approach, first used by MSF in 2005, uses implanted hardware to allow patients to regain mobility much more quickly than the older traction system, which can require months of hospitalization. Because of the threat of infection, internal fixation requires extremely stringent sterilization and hygiene standards—standards that MSF has implemented in trauma hospitals like the one in Port Harcourt, as well as in war zones and the aftermath of natural disasters.

In 2011, MSF staff held more than 12,000 emergency consultations in Port Harcourt, up from 10,850 in 2010. Three-quarters of these consultations were related to violence or road traffic accidents. MSF surgeons carried out an average of 340 operations a month. Teme hospital also assisted more than 750 victims of sexual violence with medical care and counseling, compared to 645 in 2010.

The trauma facility in Port Harcourt cost \$4,248,153.79 in 2011. The table below provides a breakdown of how funds were allocated in the project.

2011 EXPENSES EXCLUDING IN-KIND EXPENSES

