We find out where conditions are the worst—the places where others are not going—and that's where we want to be.
Doctors Without Borders is an independent, global humanitarian organization that delivers medical care to those most in need. Our teams of over 39,000 doctors, nurses, logisticians, epidemiologists, mental health professionals, administrators, and others assist people caught in crises around the world.

In more than 70 countries, we save lives threatened by violence, disease, malnutrition, exclusion from health care, and catastrophic events.
When a major medical emergency breaks, we respond:

Doctors Without Borders is often the first international humanitarian organization to arrive at the scene of an emergency.

Our rapid-response teams have the specialized medical kits and supplies we need to get on the ground to provide direct care—often within hours of a developing crisis.

Treating severely malnourished children
Our medical teams treat children suffering from severe and acute malnutrition. In 2005, we greatly expanded the use of ready-to-use therapeutic food, which revolutionized malnutrition treatment.

Moving quickly when natural disaster strikes
When hurricanes, earthquakes, typhoons, and floods devastate entire regions, our teams respond quickly. We set up inflatable hospitals and run mobile clinics to reach injured people wherever they are.

Fighting and preventing deadly epidemics
We respond to epidemics including cholera, Ebola, and measles. Our teams treat the sick and run massive vaccination campaigns to prevent and limit outbreaks.

Delivering medical care in conflict zones
We work in war zones to bring urgent care to people caught in the crossfire. We provide emergency surgery, maternal and newborn care, malnutrition treatment, and preventive care.
Dr. Joanne Liu, Doctors Without Borders International President, addresses the UN Security Council in 2016.

“We are not sure that words can always save lives, but we know that silence can certainly kill.”

–Dr. James Orbinski, Former Doctors Without Borders President

Doctors Without Borders unites direct medical action with a commitment to speaking out about what we witness directly in our projects: the suffering of populations and obstacles to providing care to them. We raise the concerns of the patients we treat with local authorities, international bodies, and the public.

By speaking out, we seek to alleviate suffering, protect life and health, and restore respect for human rights.
In 2017, contributions to Doctors Without Borders USA were spent as follows:

- **Programs**: 89.4%
- **Fundraising**: 9.1%
- **Management & General**: 1.5%

“Donor support helps pay for my surgical instruments, my gloves, the dressings I put on people’s wounds—it has a visceral and direct impact on our ability to heal.”

—Dr. David Kuwayama, Doctors Without Borders Surgeon *pictured above, center*
Our decision to launch projects in any crisis is based solely on our expert assessment of people’s medical needs, regardless of race, religion, or political affiliation.

Our impartiality, neutrality, and independent funding allow us access to patients in conflicts where others cannot go. We make it clear to all parties that we serve no agenda other than delivering quality medical care.

In 2017, Doctors Without Borders received less than 5 percent of our global funding from public institutions, relying on unrestricted funds from individual donors.

Our staff often work in the most remote and dangerous parts of the world. When crises unfold, they make themselves available at a moment’s notice, usually dedicating 9-12 months to each assignment. Our medical teams are composed of both local and international staff. Nine out of ten staff members are hired in-country.
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