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GAZA STRIP: HELP IN THE MIDST OF A HUMANITARIAN DISASTER

The people of the Gaza Strip have been suffering from the devastating consequences of the war for more than two years now. Almost 60,000 people have been killed, a third of them children. Many more people have been injured, some of them seriously. 94 percent of medical facilities have been destroyed or damaged. In these catastrophic conditions, DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS is carrying out life-saving work, including emergency surgery, obstetrics, physiotherapy and psychosocial support. The teams provide 1.4 million litres of drinking water every day. From the beginning of the war until June 2025, DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS performed more than 23,000 operations and provided more than one million outpatient treatments. Amidst the enormous challenges, the organisation's work is an indispensable ray of hope for the people in the Gaza Strip.



Palestine: More than 90 percent of the medical facilities in the Gaza Strip have been damaged or destroyed. Teams from DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS provide vital care with mobile clinics.



Palestine: Child psychologist Katrin Glatz Brubakk from DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS blows soap bubbles with three-year-old Maria. This deepens the traumatised girl's breathing and calms her nervous system.

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BANGLADESH: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN THE WORLD'S LARGEST REFUGEE CAMP

Around one million Rohingya have fled massive violence in Myanmar. Since then, the people have been living in the world's largest refugee camp on the Cox's Bazar peninsula in Bangladesh. Without legal status and the opportunity to work, they are dependent on humanitarian aid. The living conditions in the camp are catastrophic. Recently, there was a serious outbreak of hepatitis C and DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS expanded its activities. The organisation runs three hospitals in the camp and supports five other health facilities. The teams provide basic healthcare, assist with obstetrics, provide intensive care for newborns and offer psychosocial support. In 2024 alone, they provided more than 624,000 outpatient consultations and assisted with almost 4,000 births.



Bangladesh: DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS nurse Zannatul Arafat prepares four-year-old Shofi for a surgical procedure. Like a million other Rohingya, he lives in the world's largest refugee camp.



Bangladesh: DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS nurse Habiba Jannat Deba diagnoses 58-year-old Abu Hashim with a hepatitis C infection. One in five adults in the refugee camp in Cox's Bazar suffers from this viral disease. DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS has expanded its activities, organises awareness campaigns and treats patients.

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HONDURAS: SUCCESSFULLY FIGHTING MOSQUITOES WITH MOSQUITOES

A devastating dengue fever epidemic has been raging in Honduras for years. This is why DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS and its partners in the capital Tegucigalpa are breaking new ground: in order to reduce the transmission of the disease, the organisation is using mosquitoes that have previously been equipped with the naturally occurring bacterium Wolbachia. This bacterium inhibits the dengue virus in the mosquitoes and thus the spread of the disease. Over a period of months, more than eight million of the prepared mosquitoes were released in close co-operation with the local population, successfully: the insects pass the bacterium on to their offspring. Eight out of ten mosquitoes in the region carry the Wolbachia bacterium after one year of the project. The innovative approach is encouraging, even if the final results are still pending – the teams have already noticed that the number of dengue infections in the project area is falling.



Honduras: Teams from DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS use motorbikes to transport millions of mosquitoes to remote places in Tegucigalpa. The animals carry a bacterium that inhibits the spread of the dengue virus. In this way, they help to contain the dengue fever epidemic.



Honduras: The teams from DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS have released more than eight million mosquitoes together with volunteers from the local population. The innovative project is already showing initial success: after one year, eight out of ten mosquitoes carry the Wolbachia bacterium, which inhibits the spread of dengue.