

With Medecins Sans Frontieres in Africa – Pippa Tagart

Central African Republic, Nigeria, Tchad, DRC.



Founded in 1971 by a group of French doctors and journalists





MSF programmes around the world

MSF has around 67,000 local and international staff working in over 75 countries.



MSF provides emergency medical aid to people affected by:

War
Natural disasters
Epidemics/Pandemics
Those excluded from
healthcare







CAR - 2012 - 2013 - Boguila - TB / HIV - Hospital based.

CAR - 2013 - Zemio / Mboki - Outreach , Nutrition; Primary Health Care.

CAR - 2014 - Emergency - Bossangoa - Inpatient Feeding Treatment Centre.

NIGERIA - 2014 - Emergency – Sokoto, Zamfara & Kebbi States - Cholera Outbreak.

TCHAD - 2015 - Am Timman - Outreach Feeding Treatment Programme.

DRC - 2023 - Goma - Cholera Outbreak - Displaced Population - Camps

TCHAD - 2023 - Emergency - Sila/Dogdore - Primary Health Care - Camps.

Central African Republic



Regions where MSF had projects in 2023





Newly constructed TB accommodation - single rooms - specially adapted - maximum ventilation - primarily for TB suspects; MDR patients; new 1 year long regime being trialled- overseen by Esher, medical advisor in Amsterdam: 3 patients - 2 co-infected TB/HIV; + one older woman;





Clementine





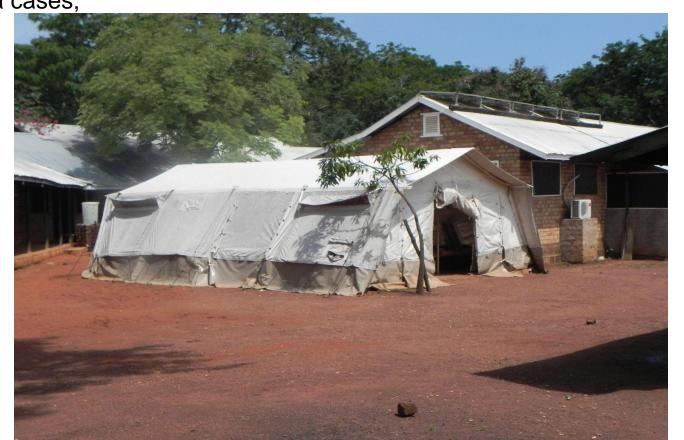
Clementine & Onella going home on Christmas Eve!



First patient cured TB on new 1 year regime.



Standard MSF tent - extra accommodation - eg in the raining season for increased malaria cases;



Operating theatre with Tech Log



Papa Elysee; trained by missionaries to perform C Sections and Hernia repairs



Kitchen for caregivers;

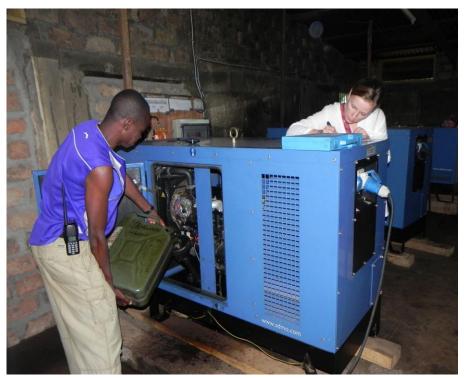


Purl women; Nomadic group; cattle traders



Filling the generator with Kerosene; At the weekend;





Odete the midwife; Maternity Department; 8 midwives; AN clinic > 100 weekly; tested malaria, HIV, Syphilis; 90% positive for malaria. Women from far away villages would come and stay in a waiting house prior to delivery.





Warehouse; Stock count - weekend -all international staff!





Walking to the Rock along the Airstrip





The Big Rock, about 20km away



Zemio - Outreach Primary Healthcare

2013 - Seleka - generally Muslim rebel forces; Auto Defence groups – generally Christian;

SE of CAR; UPDF (Ugandan army) at Dembia, frontline preventing advance of Seleka to Zemio; in Zemio, the Peurl community v the local population;

MSF supports Z hospital; TB/HIV; maternity; paediatric ward; plus Outreach.

Mboki, Outreach 135km east of Z; Plan for permanent MSF presence in Mboki 2014; Ugandan army post; looking for LRA J Kony, known his wives & children close by in Sudan;

Movement security: 1st contact 25 km from base; then 30 minute intervals until arrival at destination; 1. Your position; 2. Situation. 3. Next contact time. 10 minutes delay triggers call from Base. HOM notified.

Incident at Zemio caused immediate closure of that project; Mboki team flown to Bangui; MSF vehicles left in the care of the Ugandan army; Ugandan intelligence officer acted as interpreter with Ugandan officer;

Offered nutrition post in Bossangoa.

Bossangoa - Inpatient Nutrition Treatment Centre



Social time before giving the milk; 3 hourly drinks of milk including throughout the night.

Bossangoa - Inpatient Nutrition Treatment Centre

Dutch doctor doing the morning ward round; assessing progress or not!
Checking protocol followed Albendazole; Vit D; 5 day course of amoxicillin



Newly re-opened adult ward



Ward Round



2 Patients - snake bite; girl with malnutrition and eventually treated for TB.



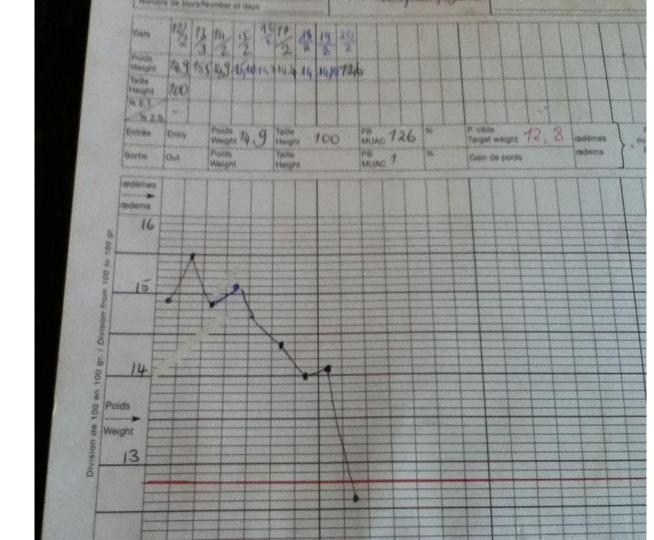






Boy with malnutrition causing oedema; could be caused by lack of protein;

This is the evolution hoped for; loss of weight



Hygienists

Achta & Felicite



TCHAD- Am Timman Outreach 2014 Dogdore 2023



MSF supporting Maternity, Paediatrics, HIV, TB



2015 - Am Timman - Nutrition Outreach Programme

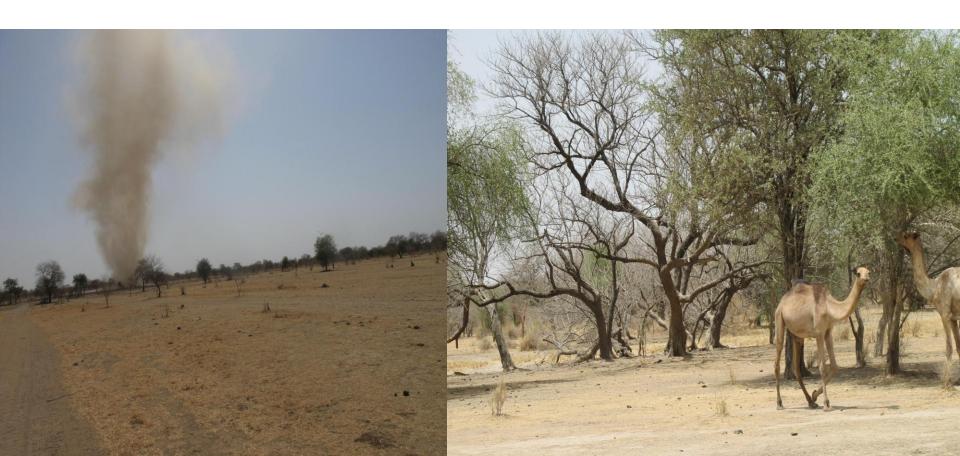
3 Villages - 1-2 hours drive from Am Timman.

I village 4 hour drive - overnight stay;

Problems with nutrition programme:

- -no weight gain
- -sharing plumpinut with siblings.
- -selling of plumpinut in market.
- plumpinut seen as aphrodisiac





Chad Historic Review

1905 - 1960 - French colonial Rule; source of raw cotton & untrained labour;

1960 - 1990 - Succession of regimes dictators deposed by coup and military rule; short government of national unity 1979; presence of French army;

1990 - 2021 - Ethnic wars Chad & Sudan; Idriss Deby - President; in 2023 died in active combat during rebellion;

2003/5 - 2010 - War with Sudan & Chadian rebel groups; 200,000 refugees from Darfur; 2003 - Oil production - Logone Orientatle region;

From 2008 - robberies, abductions and murder of international humanitarian staff in E Chad; ICRC (Kawa), Oxfam (Koukou, Abeche), MSF (Adre).

2010 - Chad / Sudan peace deal; agreement on oil production; the Norwegian system, fair & transparent allocation of revenues.

SE Chad 2023 - Displaced population - PHC Camps

3 camps - IOM responsible not UNHCR;

Daguessa - HC MSF stabilisation tent 10 beds; 45 minutes; army camp near by; 19,000 in camp;

Watsan - 1 hand pump (constantly broken - overuse); Wadi water; high iron level; filtration, trucking and bladders with taps near camp.

Andressa - 2 hours; health post; 400 households displaced; close to Sudan across the wadi.

Goz Achie - 1 1/4 hours; 5-8,000 people;

Stabilisation Tent



Isolation Tent



Goz Achie clinic - under the tree



NE Nigeria - Cholera Outbreak - 2014

MSF in Nigeria 2023





MSF in Democratic Republic of Congo in 2023



PostScript – Mental Health

- When I started, there was hardly any Mental Health component in MSF projects
- Now all projects include significant Mental Health provision
- MSF employs many Mental Health staff at all levels.