

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**INTERNATIONAL
NETWORK**

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2023: A STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT NETWORK COMMITTED TO THE RIGHT TO HEALTH

We are honoured to present this year's Médecins du Monde Network Annual Report. This document is much more than a simple account of our activities. It testifies to our unwavering commitment to vulnerable and marginalised populations around the world.

2023 was marked by unprecedented challenges for a number of reasons, including humanitarian crises, natural disasters, and protracted conflicts. First and foremost, we would like to pay tribute to the colleagues we so tragically lost in the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria, as well as in the attacks in Gaza. Beyond the deep sorrow caused by their loss, their dedication and courage strengthen our determination to continue our mission in their honour. Despite these painful losses, Médecins du Monde's teams have continued to provide essential medical care to those affected, in collaboration with supportive partners. Witnessing this determination and sensitive to the horrors that these people experience on a daily basis, the members of the International Network mobilised to advocate for respect for human rights, including the right to health. The support offered by Médecins du Monde is not one-off, as demonstrated by our continuous mobilisation over many years and, in particular, over the last two years in Ukraine, where our efforts to meet the health needs of populations affected by the conflict are critical. Médecins du Monde acts not only by providing essential medical care to those affected, but also by highlighting shortcomings in health systems. In several countries in conflict, we have reminded all stakeholders to respect humanitarian law and protect humanitarian personnel.

To complement and support these actions in the field, we need to mobilise our efforts to have an impact on the systemic causes of health inequalities. To this end, advocacy work involving the entire Network has strengthened our commitment to reproductive rights, through a commitment to ensuring access to safe and accessible abortion for all women. With a view to acting on the causes upstream of the major crises that are disrupting our world, we also signed the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations, affirming our commitment to integrating sustainable ecological practices at all levels of Médecins du Monde. This initiative reflects our conviction that the fight against climate change is inseparable from our humanitarian mission.

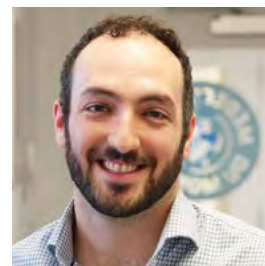
We have also begun to reflect on the future of our Network, seeking to innovate and adapt our governance and methods to broaden the scope of our actions. With this in mind, and to ensure that our decisions are taken with transparency, efficiency, and integrity, we have revised our minimum standards and best governance practices.

This report highlights the achievements of some of the hundreds of projects we are implementing in over 70 countries, as well as our advocacy for sustainable transformation of the life paths of people whose health rights are not respected. We would like to express our deep gratitude to all those who make up and support Médecins du Monde. Whether you are volunteers, employees, donors, funders, or supporters, together we make a difference.

Hendrik Verschuur



David-Martin Milot



Co-coordinators of the Network Presidents Council (NPC)

WHO WE ARE



Greece

Médecins du Monde's staff intervening after the Thessaly floods in Greece.

The Médecins du Monde International Network consists of 17 civil society organisations united by a shared vision: a world where health is recognised as a fundamental right.

We provide care, bear witness, and advocate for social change, also fighting injustice. We work collaboratively to ensure universal access to healthcare.

Our Network operates more than 400 programs, both domestic and international, across over 70 countries. Around the world, we enable people whose health is in danger to access quality medical services.

Our vision

Our vision is a world where barriers to health have been overcome, a world where health is acknowledged as a fundamental right.

KEY FIGURES 2023



11

MILLION PEOPLE
WERE REACHED BY
MÉDECINS DU MONDE IN 2023



408

PROJECTS
WERE RUN BY
MÉDECINS DU MONDE IN 2023



75

COUNTRIES WHERE
MÉDECINS DU MONDE
OPERATES



5,163

STAFF WORKING
FOR MÉDECINS DU MONDE WORLDWIDE

6,559

Volunteers

3,131

Members

International programmes in

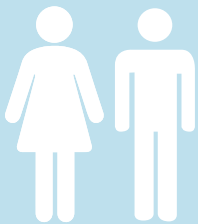
58 COUNTRIES

Domestic programmes in

17 COUNTRIES

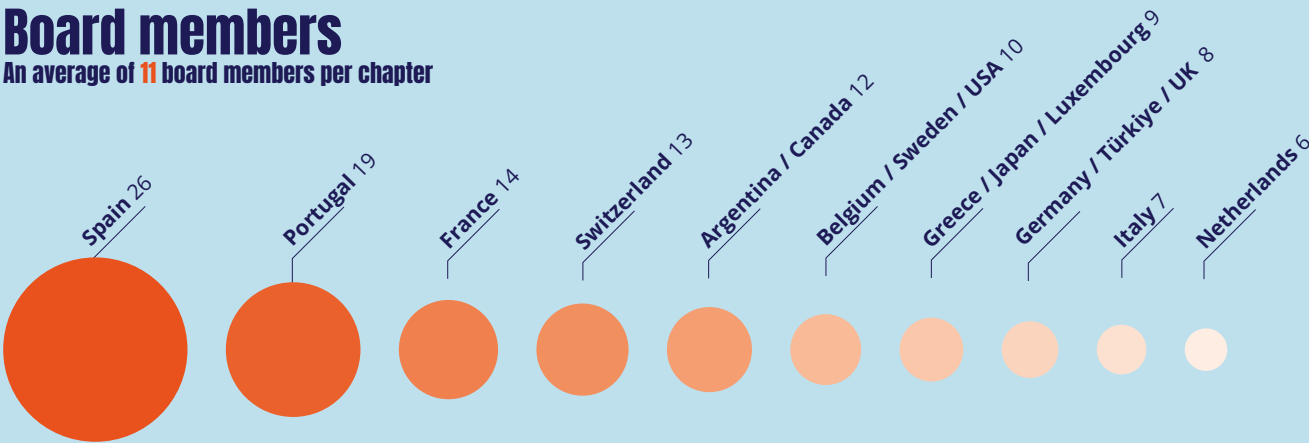
280,741,353 € TOTAL BUDGET

HUMAN RESOURCES



The 17 chapters of the Médecins du Monde Network differ in size and structure in terms of human resources. However, citizen commitment continues to be at the heart of our organisational model. In this global movement of volunteers, members, and salaried staff, everyone has a key role to play. Volunteers freely offer their time and skills to help fulfil Médecins du Monde’s vision and mission. Members have voting rights and can be part of the chapters’ boards. This commitment from Médecins du Monde’s volunteers, members, and salaried staff guarantees the quality of the actions implemented and extends the reach of our advocacy.

Board members
An average of 11 board members per chapter



6,559 Volunteers

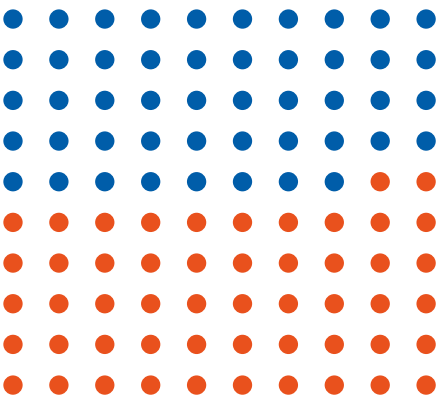
3,131 Members

	0	500	1,000	1,500	2,000	0	250	500	750	1,000
Argentina	101					59				
Belgium	477					71				
Canada	140					113				
France	1,575					708				
Germany	154					82				
Greece	1,057					247				
Italy	22					33				
Japan	379					42				
Luxembourg	160					51				
Netherlands	277					123				
Portugal	117					102				
Spain	1,661					1,005				
Sweden	256					277				
Switzerland	60					162				
Türkiye	28					46				
UK	60					10				
USA	35					0				

5,163 salaried staff

48.4%
Male

51.6%
Female



Salaried staff

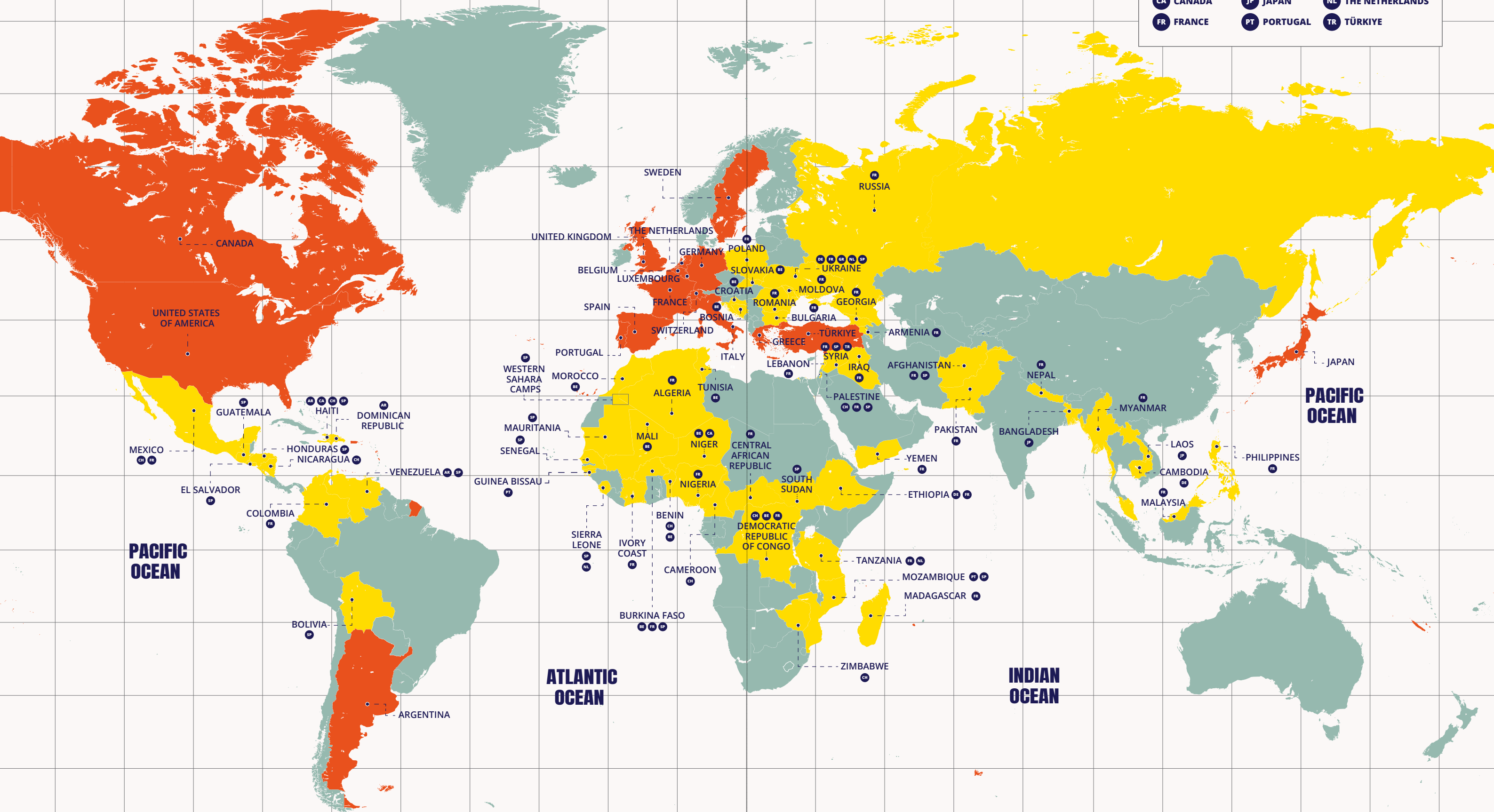
● Salaried staff in HQ ● Salaried staff in domestic programmes ● Salaried staff in international programmes

Argentina	5	4	38	• 1 Expat / 37 National staff
Belgium	62	97	419	• 34 Expat / 385 National staff
Canada	25	30	34	• 5 Expat / 29 National staff
France	301	149	1,698	• 116 Expat / 1,582 National staff
Germany	39	20	160	• 11 Expat / 149 National staff
Greece	22	48	10	• 2 Expat / 8 National staff
Italy	5	6	0	• 0 Expat / 0 National staff
Japan	8	1	13	• 1 Expat / 12 National staff
Luxembourg	5	10	0	• 0 Expat / 0 National staff
Netherlands	18	22	2	• 0 Expat / 2 National staff
Portugal	15	37	4	• 1 Expat / 3 National staff
Spain	176	347	774	• 44 Expat / 730 National staff
Sweden	5	10	0	• 0 Expat / 0 National staff
Switzerland	19	12	153	• 8 Expat / 145 National staff
Türkiye	35	54	241	• 6 Expat / 235 National staff
UK	7	15	0	• 0 Expat / 0 National staff
USA	7	1	0	• 0 Expat / 0 National staff

MÉDECINS DU MONDE NETWORK PROJECTS MAP 2023

- MDM DOMESTIC PROJECTS
- MDM INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

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|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| AR ARGENTINA | DE GERMANY | SP SPAIN |
| BE BELGIUM | GR GREECE | CH SWITZERLAND |
| CA CANADA | JP JAPAN | NL THE NETHERLANDS |
| FR FRANCE | PT PORTUGAL | TR TÜRKIYE |



KEY MILESTONES OF THE NETWORK IN 2023

6 FEBRUARY
EARTHQUAKE
IN TÜRKIYE-SYRIA



A 7.8-magnitude earthquake and various aftershocks hit southern Türkiye and northern and western Syria, causing loss of life, displacement, and significant damage. In the aftermath of the seismic event, Médecins du Monde provided a comprehensive emergency response to the affected population.

20 AND 21 MARCH
EUROPEAN
HUMANITARIAN FORUM



A delegation from Médecins du Monde attended the European Humanitarian Forum in Brussels to advocate for the protection of humanitarian workers and access to humanitarian aid. They also distributed a joint one-page paper detailing our teams' activities in Syria.

14 AND 15 JUNE
SEVENTH BRUSSELS
CONFERENCE ON
'SUPPORTING THE FUTURE
OF SYRIA AND THE REGION'



On the occasion of the conference, a joint statement on the health situation and needs in the conflict areas was published by Médecins du Monde.



24 FEBRUARY
ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OF WAR IN UKRAINE

Médecins du Monde has been mobilising significant resources to address the needs of affected populations since the escalation of violence. An accountability report was issued after the first year.



21 TO 30 MAY
WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
(WHA76)

Several members of the Médecins du Monde International Network took part in the World Health Assembly in Geneva. A special focus for the delegation was to follow the discussions on the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

17 TO 20 JULY
WOMEN DELIVER 2023
CONFERENCE



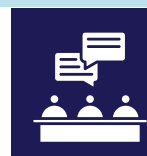
Médecins du Monde was represented at the conference in Kigali, Rwanda, by staff from France, Canada, and several country missions. They promoted our positions and actions on sexual and reproductive health as well as on gender-based violence.

7 OCTOBER
START OF THE WAR
BETWEEN
GAZA AND ISRAEL



In reaction to Hamas launching Operation Al Aqsa Storm and attacking southern and central Israel, Israel declared a state of war. In the following weeks, Médecins du Monde's efforts focused on immediate medical assistance, staff protection, and advocacy.

25 TO 27 OCTOBER
NETWORK GENERAL
ASSEMBLY



The Network General Assembly was hosted by the Médecins du Monde's chapter in Luxembourg. All 17 chapters were represented through their Presidents, Executive Directors, Board members and/or staff (53 participants in total).



21 SEPTEMBER
UNITED NATIONS HIGH-
LEVEL
MEETING ON UNIVERSAL
HEALTH COVERAGE

The Executive Director of the Médecins du Monde's chapter in the US, Fraser Mooney, represented Médecins du Monde at the high-level meeting in New York. A statement was submitted to address the shortcomings and social inequalities related to universal health coverage.



10 TO 12 OCTOBER
HUMANITARIAN CONGRESS
BERLIN

In 2023, the Humanitarian Congress Berlin, co-hosted by the Médecins du Monde's chapter in Germany, focused on the topic 'Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Unveiling Attention and Neglect in Humanitarian Action and Global Health.'

FOCUS: GAZA

IN 2023, THE MÉDECINS DU MONDE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ACTIVELY RESPONDED TO THE ESCALATING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS RESULTING FROM THE GAZA-ISRAEL WAR THAT ERUPTED IN OCTOBER. OUR EFFORTS WERE FOCUSED ON PROVIDING IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR TEAM, AND ADVOCATING FOR THE RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND THE PROTECTION OF HUMANITARIAN AND HEALTH PERSONNEL AMID THE INTENSE CONFLICT.



A snapshot from Gaza

“Every moment seems to be our last,” described Nour, a psychologist with Médecins du Monde in Gaza, a few days after 7 October 2023. This poignant statement captures the harrowing daily life of 2.2 million Gazans amidst unprecedented conflict. The deadly attack by Hamas on Israeli civilians provoked a severe military response from Israel. This led to massive civilian forced displacement and the targeting of health facilities and humanitarian personnel, in violation of the Geneva Conventions on the protection of non-combatants.

Médecins du Monde’s immediate response and initial actions

At the onset of the conflict, protecting our staff was paramount to ensuring the continuation of our operations. We also provided psychosocial support to health personnel,

Sustained commitment: beyond the war

Since 2006, Médecins du Monde has witnessed the devastating effects of decades of occupation, wars, and blockade on Gaza’s civilian population. Despite the sudden and repeated surges in violence and restrictions on movement that have been imposed since Hamas took over in 2007, Médecins du Monde has continued its operations, supporting health facilities and working with local partners. In 2023, Médecins du Monde provided over 15,000 primary care consultations and more than 27,000 mental health and psychosocial consultations, adapting to immense constraints and access difficulties.

first aiders, and affected populations.

On 17 October, a logistician was deployed to Egypt to procure medicines and supplies. In November, six tonnes of equipment and medicines were shipped to Egypt, sufficient to provide primary healthcare for 20,000 people for three months and to enable 25 major or 50 minor surgical interventions. Efforts were made to deliver these supplies to Gaza via the Rafah and Erez crossings. The same

month, some staff members volunteered in Gaza hospitals, providing critical information and testimonies about the situation.

In the West Bank, Médecins du Monde procured medicines for Gaza, awaiting the opening of a humanitarian corridor. Médecins du Monde has consistently condemned Israel’s orders to displace patients from hospitals in northern Gaza within two hours, while still treating them. We warned that such demands must not be used as pretexts for further attacks on Gaza’s health system, which should be protected under International Humanitarian Law.

Coordinated advocacy efforts in the first months

The three operational chapters of Médecins du Monde (France, Spain, and Switzerland) coordinated to establish unified analysis, positioning, and advocacy goals in response to the Gaza conflict. They addressed the rapidly evolving context and humanitarian emergencies in the occupied Palestinian territory through joint Médecins du Monde Network and/or INGO statements.

“The first months of the war in Gaza were extremely difficult due to the loss of one of our colleagues in a strike. It marked the beginning of a war that has been unexpectedly devastating and destructive, far surpassing previous conflicts. Mahmoud Isleem, General Coordinator in Gaza for Médecins du Monde’s French Chapter

To convey the urgency of the humanitarian crisis, information was disseminated to the public, media, and policymakers through joint op-eds, a Global Day of Action, and briefings. False narratives about the situation in Gaza were debunked, and the dangers of forced displacement in the West Bank were highlighted. Key demands included respect for International Humanitarian Law and human rights, a call for a ceasefire, the cessation of forced displacement orders, and an end to forced displacement in the West Bank. Press conferences and the #CeasefireNow campaign were pivotal in these efforts.

KEY EVENTS

7 OCT.

Hamas launches a terrorist attack, firing thousands of rockets on southern and central Israel and announcing the start of Operation Al Aqsa Storm. Hamas takes 200-250 people hostage. In response, Israel declares a state of war and launches Operation Iron Swords.

9 OCT.

The imposition of a total siege on the Gaza Strip cuts off access to water, electricity, and fuel as well as essential goods.

13 OCT.

The Israeli government orders the displacement of 1.1 million civilians in the northern Gaza Strip. However, Israeli forces continue to bombard the south of the Strip.

27 OCT.

The second phase of the Israeli military operation begins with a ground incursion in the north of the Gaza Strip. Communication is interrupted for 36 hours, disrupting the ability of organisations to provide humanitarian assistance.

28 OCT.

Ten hospitals housing 10,000 displaced and/or injured people receive displacement orders. Thousands of desperate people break into UNRWA warehouses to access food and other essential goods.

4 NOV.

The Israeli government announces that Gaza city is surrounded, dividing the Gaza Strip in two.

9 NOV.

At the Humanitarian Conference for the Civilian Population in Gaza, Médecins du Monde and several other NGO launch an open appeal calling for an immediate ceasefire.

3 DEC.

Israel announces it will expand operations to the whole of Gaza and starts invading southern areas.

29 DEC.

South Africa brings a genocide case against Israel before the International Court of Justice.



120 projects
with a safe abortion
component

FOCUS: SAFE ABORTION

IN 2023, THE MÉDECINS DU MONDE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN ADVOCATING FOR ABORTION RIGHTS IN MULTIPLE COUNTRIES. THROUGH COORDINATED EFFORTS, INNOVATIVE CAMPAIGNS, AND COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES, THE NETWORK HAS REINFORCED ITS COMMITMENT TO ENSURING SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE ABORTION SERVICES WORLDWIDE.



FRANCE

Advancing safe abortion: Médécins du Monde's ambitious commitment

In a continuation of Médécins du Monde's long-standing commitment to defending

sexual and reproductive health and rights, particularly the right to abortion, the French Board approved the Network's commitments on abortion in February. These commitments have been widely approved by the members of the Network. Additionally, Médécins du Monde France declared an

ambitious goal to ensure access to safe abortion in all its programmes within five years. To support this objective, an interdepartmental task force was established to mobilise a wide range of internal resources and skills on a sustained basis, ensuring the effective implementation of the Board's ambitions.

ITALY

The "Impossible Pill" campaign: shedding light on abortion challenges

On 28 September, International Safe Abortion Day, the Médécins du Monde's chapter in Italy published a report entitled "Pharmacological abortion in Italy: between delays, opposition, and international guidelines". The report highlights that the right to abortion remains unmet in the country. Data from the Italian Ministry of Health in 2020 shows that only 31.9% of terminated pregnancies involved medical abortion, compared to over 70% in France and the UK, and up to 90% in northern European countries.

Obtaining an abortion in Italy is "mission impossible," fraught with obstacles such



as regional disparities, outdated practices, a high rate of conscientious objection (over 60% nationwide), inadequate information, and significant political opposition. With Laura Formenti, comedian and ambassador of the "Impossible Pill" campaign, staff from Médécins du Monde

in Italy travelled from Sicily to Mont Blanc, highlighting the challenges of accessing medical abortion. The "Impossible Pill" campaign showcases the daily struggles faced by patients, activists, and health professionals in reclaiming what is a fundamental human right.



TUNISIA

A bootcamp for abortion rights for Médécins du Monde and partners

Since 2019, Médécins du Monde's Belgian chapter has collaborated with several Tunisian civil society organisations on various Sexual and Reproductive Health and

Rights (SRHR) programmes. In September 2023, these organisations convened for a multi-day SRHR bootcamp, designed as a learning event and a platform for exchanging best practices and sharing knowledge. The bootcamp also laid the groundwork for a multi-stakeholder advocacy strategy to improve young people's access to sexual and reproductive rights.

Through feminist activism in the 1960s and 70s, Tunisia was a pioneer in the fight for the right to safe abortion, legalising it during the first trimester. However, resistance persists within the medical profession and society, culminating in an attempt in 2013 to abolish abortion rights.

Médécins du Monde and its partners, including the Tawhida Ben Cheikh Group—leaders in abortion rights advocacy in Tunisia—left the bootcamp empowered and motivated to combat this backlash. They are convinced that a feminist approach to SRHR is crucial to understanding that the right to abortion embodies the right to bodily autonomy and gender equality.

INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

2023 WAS A VERY CHALLENGING YEAR DUE TO THE DRAMATIC RISE IN HUMANITARIAN NEEDS. MÉDECINS DU MONDE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK AND ITS PARTNERS REACHED OVER 11 MILLION PEOPLE THROUGH MORE THAN 220 PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES ACROSS 58 COUNTRIES, FOCUSING ON MAKING HEALTHCARE MORE PEOPLE-CENTRED.

On 6 February 2023, earthquakes struck southern Türkiye and northwest Syria, resulting in over 53,000 deaths and widespread destruction. Médecins du Monde provided an emergency response with over 278,450 services, including mobile medical units, primary health care centres, community centres, case management, and distribution of dignity, hygiene and maternity kits, reaching affected populations in Türkiye, northwest Syria, government-controlled areas of Syria, and northeast Aleppo (Kobani).

Another severe earthquake struck near Oukaïmeden in western Morocco on 8 September, killing over 2,900 people and injuring a further 5,500. Médecins du Monde provided psychosocial support to affected populations through existing NGOs and communities in Al Haouz (Marrakesh-Tensift-Al Haouz Region).

Significant resources were dedicated to the crises in Ukraine and Palestine, where coordinated action from several Médecins du Monde chapters had a substantial impact. The conflict in Ukraine continues to affect protection, health, and other basic needs. Through the combined efforts of five chapters (Spain, Germany, France, Greece, and the Netherlands) we provided emergency medical support, reaching over 144,000 people with health consultations and supporting 307 health facilities and 217 facilities for internally displaced people. We also helped the local health system to increase its resilience.

The Network actively addressed forgotten crises, which often face funding gaps, in Haiti, Western Sahara, the Sahel region, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Yemen, and Afghanistan.

Médecins du Monde prioritised tackling health inequalities, with gender mainstreaming as an entry point for women's empowerment and gender equality. Projects often included the clinical and psychosocial management of gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health and rights, along with social mobilisation against violence and the promotion of gender rights. For instance, the DEVENIR project was launched in Niger. This five-year initiative, led by the Médecins du Monde's Belgian and Canadian chapters, and the Canadian NGO SOCODEVI, aims to contribute to the socio-economic development of Niger by reducing gender inequalities impacting the rights, health, and economic empowerment of 30,000 women and adolescent girls in Niamey and Agadez.

Médecins du Monde also addressed transborder crises in Central America and supported migrants facing barriers to healthcare along migration routes to reach the US and Mexico. Mental health issues were addressed through counselling and psychosocial support, and partnerships were formed with civil society and community-based organisations to uphold migrants' rights.

Médecins du Monde also aimed to bridge humanitarian and development efforts. At the country level, we coordinated with government, humanitarian, and development actors to promote coherence between different types of financing, collective outcomes, and the transition from crisis response to longer-term recovery and system strengthening.

2023 marked a critical point for the escalating violence inflicted on health care, with an increase in fatalities (487 health workers killed)¹ and rising attacks on health facilities

DRC

At the Nyamukubi health centre in South Kivu, Médecins du Monde organises group therapy sessions for survivors of the 4 May 2023 disaster in Kalehe. Following devastating floods that killed nearly 500 people and left thousands missing, play and dance contribute to the mental health and well-being of those traumatised.

The emergency intervention aims to improve the psychosocial well-being of those affected by this natural disaster.

1. 2023 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Incident data. Available at: <https://data.humdata.org/dataset/02995168-3644-4b78-92be-cdf67275b39d/resource/9ce3ac0a-7626-40d6-a2ff-65b957101fd0/download/2023-shcc-incident-data.xlsx> (accessed 15 July 2024).

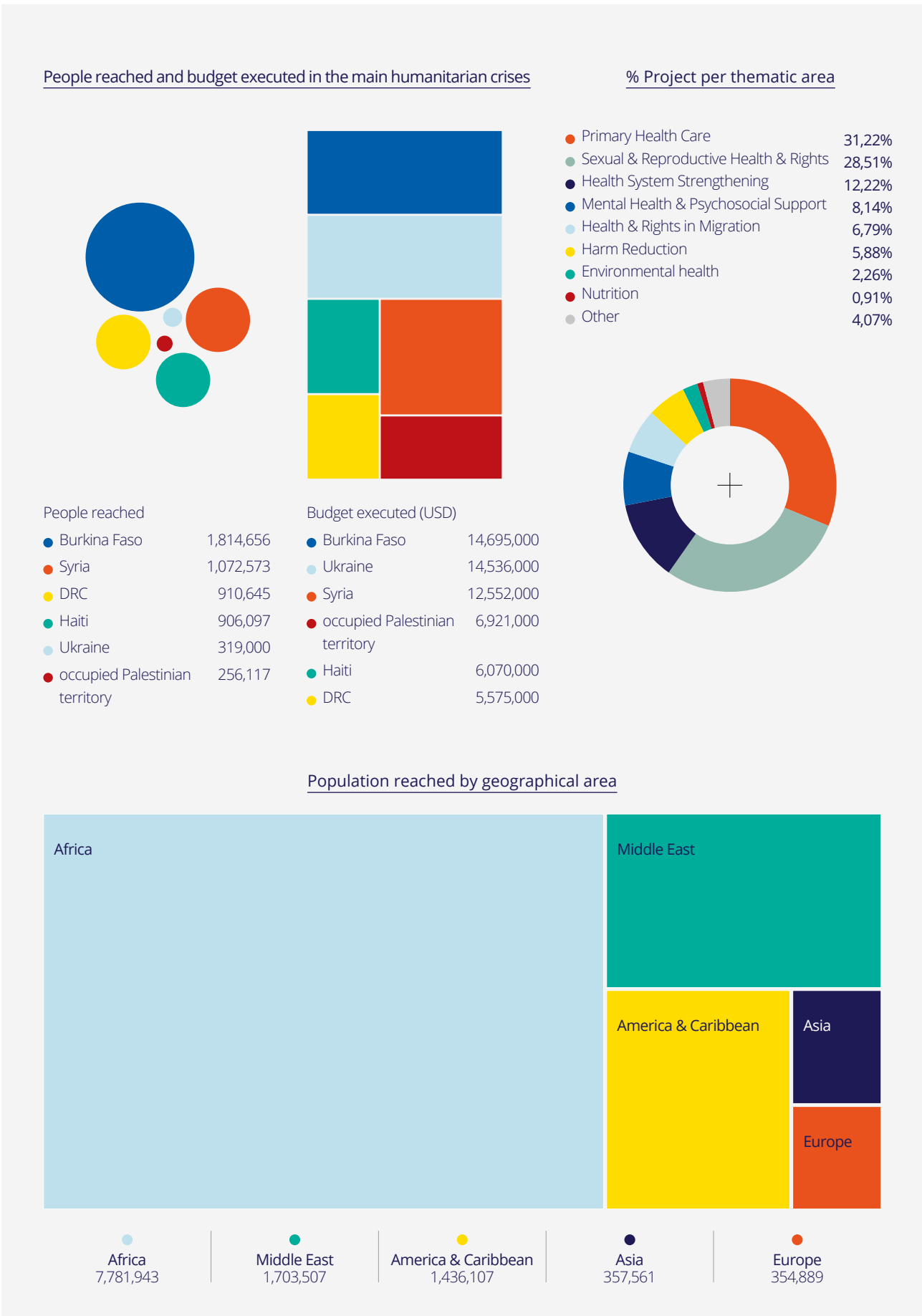


Ukraine
Lisa, a child from Kramatorsk, Ukraine, was evacuated to Dnipro with her parents. She spends a lot of time at the “My Razom Hub,” where her mother works. The centre offers humanitarian aid, free food, medical and psychological support, and educational activities for children. Médecins du Monde visits weekly, providing much-needed medical care.

and personnel (with a 25% increase in incidents compared to 2022)². This disregard for International Humanitarian Law poses significant challenges. Médecins du Monde has been actively calling for the protection of humanitarian workers and the cessation of attacks on health workers and civilians. In collaboration with the European Commission and partners

including NRC, Geneva Call, Action Against Hunger (ACF), and Humanity and Inclusion, we issued a report aiming to improve humanitarian coordination and effectiveness in responding to the shrinking humanitarian space by supporting compliance with IHL³.

2. Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC), (2024), ‘Critical Condition, Violence Against Health Care in Conflict 2023’. Available at: <https://insecurityinsight.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2023-SHCC-Critical-Conditions.pdf> (accessed 15 July 2024).
3. Médecins du Monde, Action Against Hunger, and Humanity and Inclusion report (2023), ‘Advancing the protection of humanitarian and health workers’. Available at: https://www.hi.org/sn_uploads/document/Protection-of-humanitarian-workers---Report_ENG-16082023.pdf (accessed 15 July 2024).



DOMESTIC OPERATIONS

IN MOST OF THE COUNTRIES WHERE MÉDECINS DU MONDE OPERATES, PRECARITY IS ON THE RISE. THROUGHOUT 2023, WE OBSERVED INCREASING SOCIAL POLARISATION AND, IN SOME CASES, COLLAPSING WELFARE SYSTEMS. CONFRONTED WITH THESE CHALLENGES, MÉDECINS DU MONDE IS MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO ADDRESS HEALTH INEQUALITIES.

During 2023, Médecins du Monde expanded healthcare services in several locations, including opening a medical clinic in Berlin, a new medical and psychosocial clinic in Helsingborg (southern Sweden), and a midwifery clinic in Stockholm.

Following the containment of the COVID-19 pandemic, migration resumed and greater numbers of asylum seekers arrived in Europe and the United States. Many Western countries, including Germany, Sweden, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, and France, tightened their asylum and migration policies. Similar trends were observed in the US, which also saw an increase in the proportion of families crossing its borders.

The lack of housing and protection remained critical issues in many countries, including Greece and Belgium. Médecins du Monde continued to support individuals throughout their journey—along migration routes to arrival points, reception centres, and camps (such as in Lesbos in Greece, which was operating at over-capacity, and in Reggio Calabria and Ventimiglia in Italy). We ensured access to a comprehensive package of primary healthcare services, including sexual and reproductive health and mental health and psychosocial support, alongside cultural mediation.

Concerned about the rise of anti-immigration sentiment, Médecins du Monde actively engaged in anti-discrimination efforts, cultural mediation activities, campaigns, and communications to reshape the narrative on migration.

In the Mexico-US border region, 2023 saw the expansion of Médecins du Monde's El Paso health programme, focusing on providing transitional care to migrants and asylum seekers in transit. This programme enabled us to monitor migration paths and improve continuity of care from El Paso to destinations across the US.

Médecins du Monde was also involved in search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea through partnerships with SOS Méditerranée and ResQ People Saving People in Italy. We provided technical support on health and safety, standard

operating procedures, and training for medical teams.

Additionally, in France, Médecins du Monde collected, analysed, and shared comprehensive, comparable, and standardised data on health inequities through the 2023 report from the Observatoire de l'Accès aux Droits et aux Soins⁴. This report highlighted that social, environmental, and economic determinants significantly affect access to healthcare rights.

In Belgium, after extensive consultations, Médecins du Monde, along with over 70 civil society actors and rights holders, published a memorandum advocating for the simplification and harmonisation of procedures for accessing emergency medical aid (aide médicale urgente, AMU) for undocumented migrants. Similarly, in Canada, the Commission on Human Rights and Youth Rights has awarded the 2023 Prix Rights & Libertés to Médecins du Monde for its commitment to ensuring access to healthcare for all children residing in Quebec. This mobilisation led to the adoption of Bill 83, which guarantees health and drug insurance coverage to all children in Quebec, regardless of their migratory status or that of their parents.

In several countries, Médecins du Monde scaled up multisectoral responses, strengthened partnerships with other organisations, and addressed key issues such as housing and social support.

During 2023, Médecins du Monde launched the SHINE project, a new multi-year Network programme targeting 23,000 women living in precarious conditions across Bulgaria, Croatia, Spain, France, and Italy. The project focuses on promoting women's rights and improving access to sexual and reproductive health services.

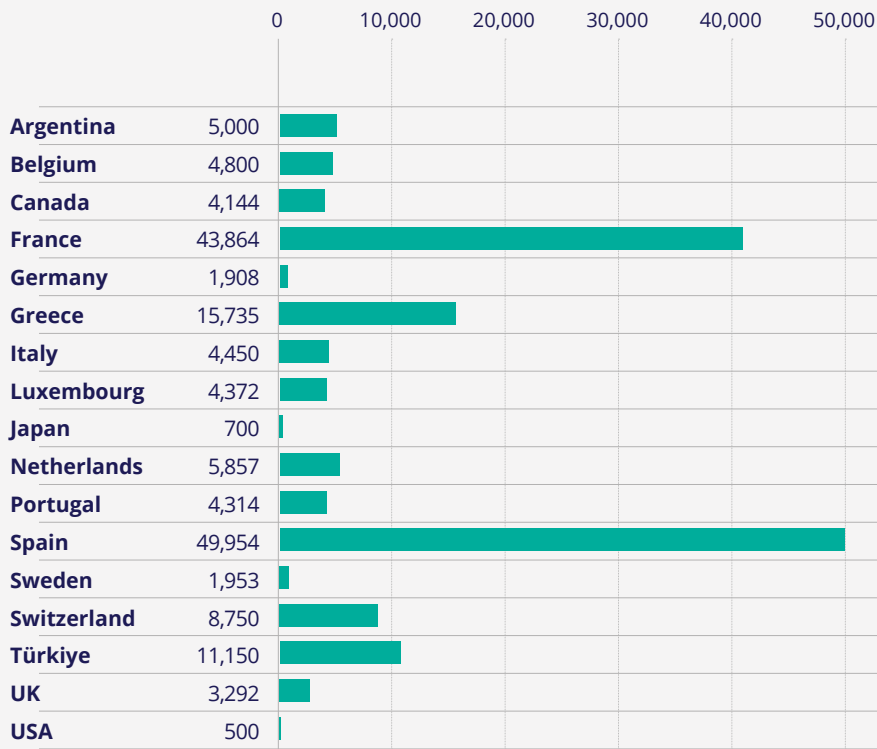
Médecins du Monde also expanded access to safe abortion care and other sexual and reproductive health services to overcome barriers to access, provide accurate health information, and combat stigma and misinformation.

Germany

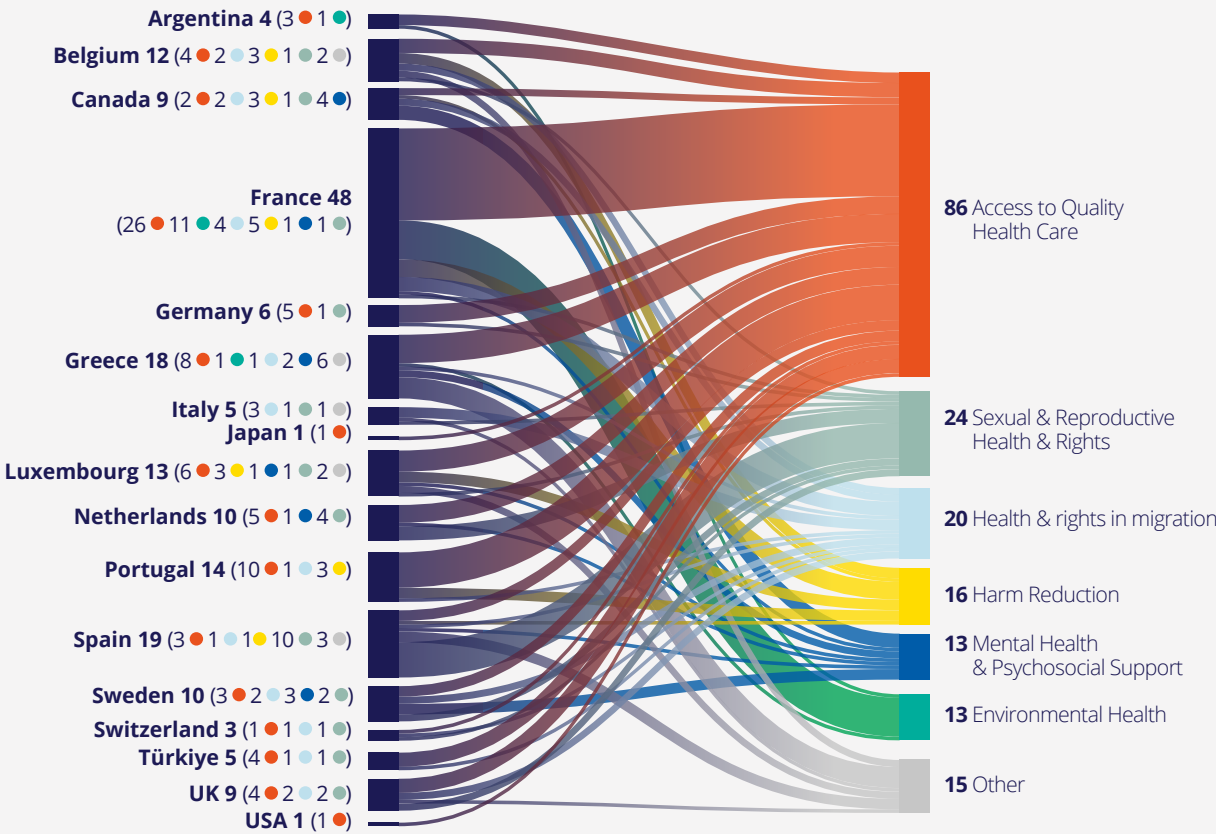
In 2023, a new clinic opened in Berlin, Germany, contributing to the expansion of Médecins du Monde's services across several locations. It offers basic care and helps patients regain their rights within the regular healthcare system.

4. Médecins du Monde 2023 report (2024), 'Observatoire de l'accès aux droits et aux soins'. Available in French at: <https://www.medecinsdumonde.org/app/uploads/2023/10/MDM-RAPPORT-OBSERVATOIRE-2023-PaP.pdf> (accessed 15 July 2024).

Population reached per chapter



Number of projects per thematic area and per chapter



Pakistan
A nursing assistant conducts a mid-upper arm circumference measurement at the nutrition screening corner for a 3-year-old at the Basic Health Unit in Agra, Pakistan, which is supported by Médecins du Monde.

ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

IN 2023, THE MÉDECINS DU MONDE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK INTENSIFIED ITS ADVOCACY EFFORTS, AMPLIFYING ITS COMMITMENT TO KEY ISSUES. THESE INCLUDE PROMOTING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR) AROUND THE WORLD, IMPROVING ACCESS TO MEDICINES, AND ADVANCING ACTION ON CLIMATE AND HEALTH.



SRHR seminar for African programmes

WHO Climate and Health Group

Médecins du Monde joined the WHO Civil Society Working Group on Climate and Health early in 2023, with the participation of José Felix Hoyo from Spain and Peter Frank from Germany. This group, facilitated by the Global Climate and Health Alliance, advises the WHO secretariat and contributes to the production of essential reference documents.

SRHR seminar for African programmes

A regional seminar on SRHR was convened in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, in January. Over three days, Médecins du Monde's staff from twelve countries gathered and exchanged insights and strategies for promoting wider access to SRHR services, particularly safe abortion.

Commitments on abortion

Responding to the escalating restrictions on safe abortion, Médecins du Monde reinforced its collective commitment to this fundamental human right. In January, a Joint Task Force finalised the Network's Commitments on Abortion, establishing eight principles for universal access to safe abortion. Fifteen chapters have since ratified this pivotal document, which sparked a constructive panel discussion

at the 2023 Network General Assembly in Luxembourg.

Webinar on access to medicines

In February, an online webinar to discuss Médecins du Monde's commitment to enhancing access to medicines was organised by the advocacy officers from France, Spain, Germany, and the Network Advocacy Coordinator. Many more chapters took part. During this half-day webinar, Médecins du Monde's staff



Webinar on access to medicines



Observatory data workshop

from different missions and chapters presented their activities and shared best practices and challenges. It underscored the critical link between access to medicines and our vision of healthcare for all.

Observatory data workshop

As part of the initiative to re-focus the Médecins du Monde Observatory report, members from the Médecins du Monde International Network gathered for a workshop in London in May. Focal points from

domestic operations and advocacy across eight chapters convened in person, while nine others joined partially online, to discuss potential shared indicators for data collection and platform integration. The workshop was co-hosted by the University College London.

Women Deliver

In July, women's rights activists convened at the Women Deliver conference in Kigali, Rwanda, where Médecins du Monde significantly bolstered its presence and impact.

The delegation, composed of 23 staff members from France, Canada, along with staff members from various country missions, actively championed our values on sexual and reproductive health and rights through a Médecins du Monde booth, an official side event, and active participation in various panel discussions. They even organised a spontaneous parade in response to the presence of a well-known anti-abortion politician.

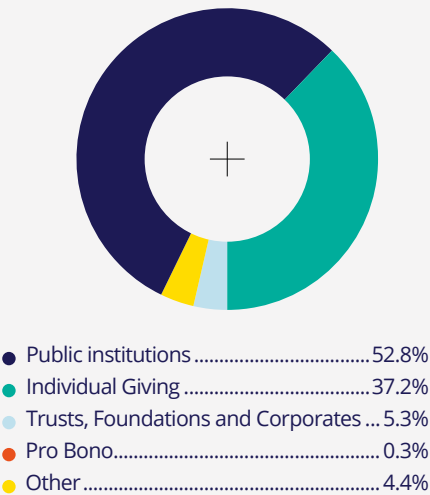


Women Deliver

FUNDING

MEMBERS OF THE NETWORK ACT AS INDEPENDENT ENTITIES IN THEIR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS. HOWEVER, THEY UNITE AND EXCHANGE FUNDING AS WELL AS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO MAXIMISE THEIR OPERATIONAL RESPONSE IN THE COUNTRIES OF INTERVENTION.

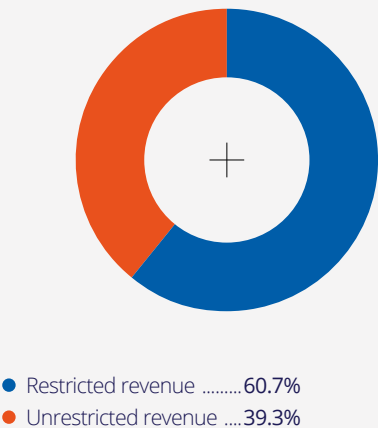
Sources of revenue 2023



The list of 3 biggest donors

- 1 European Union (including ECHO)
- 2 German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)
- 3 United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Revenue 2023

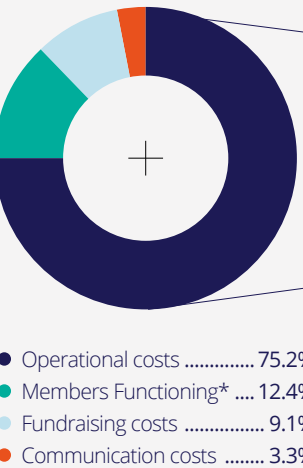


Restricted revenue:
revenue for which the use is designated by any type of donor for a specific purpose (e.g., specific countries, projects, or expenses), restricted in time and scope.

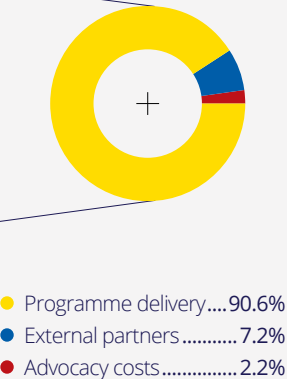
Unrestricted revenue:
revenue that is freely expendable at the discretion of the organisation, i.e., revenue not restricted by external conditions.

TOTAL REVENUE: 332,431,428 €

Expenses 2023



Operational Costs Breakdown



*HQ costs, marketing & functioning grants to network members, network expenses

TOTAL EXPENSES: 280,741,353 €



ITALY
Médecins du Monde's staff supports refugees at the border inside the health clinic at Caritas, next to the Ventimiglia train station.

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ARGENTINA - In 2023, the Médecins du Monde's chapter in Argentina operated its Mobile Health Teams Clinic in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, focusing on providing essential medical services to populations displaced by armed gangs in Cité Soleil and Martissant. This clinic plays a crucial role in delivering healthcare and support to vulnerable communities amid ongoing violence and instability.



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BELGIUM - The Médecins du Monde's Belgian chapter partners with local communities in the Kahuzi-Biega National Park in Congo for the innovative project "One Health." They work on preventing and containing potential global pandemics through a holistic approach that focuses on humans, animals, and nature. They support health facilities in implementing epidemiological surveillance activities, reduce rainforest destruction through reforestation, and develop sustainable alternative income sources through controlled livestock and agriculture.



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CANADA - The Médecins du Monde's chapters in Canada, France, Spain and Switzerland collaborate on the RESPECT project in Benin, Burkina Faso, and Haiti. This project promotes safe and pleasurable sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for young people by removing barriers to access. This year, it trained healthcare personnel on youth SRHR, and strengthened partnerships for the holistic care of gender-based sexual violence. Increased SRHR consultations in Burkina Faso reflect the impact of this project.



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FRANCE - Following Azerbaijan's lightning offensive to seize Nagorno-Karabakh on 19 September 2023, almost the entire Armenian population of this landlocked territory was forced to flee to Armenia. The Médecins du Monde's chapter in France set up in Goris, in the south-east of the country, to provide medical and social services and mental healthcare for these refugees. At the end of the year, three additional centres were scheduled to open in Yerevan, Ashtarak, and Masis.



GERMANY - "Without you, I simply don't know what I would do": these words, spoken by a patient of the Médecins du Monde's chapter in Germany, highlight why its new Berlin clinic was essential. Like the clinics in Munich, Hamburg, and Stuttgart, it offers basic care and helps patients regain their rights within the regular healthcare system. Despite compulsory health coverage in Germany, needs are growing, prompting Médecins du Monde to plan to open another clinic in 2024.



GREECE - The Médecins du Monde's Greek teams responded to storm Daniel, which caused destructive floods in residential and rural areas of Thessaly. Since September 2023, field teams and volunteers have provided medical assistance, psychosocial support, and material aid through a permanent helpdesk and mobile health units that conducted home visits, even in the most remote areas. By the end of 2023, 75 tonnes of material aid had been delivered.



ITALY - On 28 September, International Safe Abortion Day, the Médecins du Monde's chapter in Italy published a report highlighting that abortion rights are still unfulfilled in the country. In 2020, only 31.9% of terminations took place through medical abortion, compared to over 70% in France and the UK, and up to 90% in northern European countries. Médecins du Monde's teams in Italy and the comedian Laura Formenti, ambassador of the "Impossible Pill" campaign, travelled across the country to highlight the challenges of accessing medical abortion.



JAPAN - The Médecins du Monde's chapter in Japan implemented a paediatric capacity project in Laos, training four county medical trainers for regional hospitals, and educating 11 trainers and 219 local health officials across 30 villages. Médecins du Monde also collaborated with Adobe Inc. and Japanese vocational students to create a plain language health education tool which local health officials can use. These activities strengthened county and district relations and increased government support for paediatric capacity issues.



LUXEMBOURG - In 2023, the Médecins du Monde's chapter in Luxembourg celebrated its 10th anniversary and expanded its services. The Healthcare, Advice, and Referral Centre (CASO) in Esch-sur-Alzette moved to a new location in August, offering extended care hours with free consultations by a team of volunteers. In November, a second shift was added to meet the growing needs of those without access to healthcare. In Luxembourg, Médecins du Monde operates through the dedication of 160 volunteers.



NETHERLANDS - In 2023, the Médecins du Monde's Dutch chapter opened a medical post in Amsterdam for individuals who need care but cannot access a general practitioner, including undocumented and homeless people. Over 600 individuals consulted at this medical post in 2023, receiving care, assistance with hospital referrals, and help finding a regular general practitioner. Specific consultation hours for dental and sexual and reproductive care are also offered.



PORTUGAL - In 2023, the Médecins du Monde's chapter in Portugal held its first open house, fostering a closer connection with the community and members of the public. Visitors had the opportunity to learn about the organisation's day-to-day operations in Portugal, take guided tours of the office and mobile health unit, watch videos and TV reports about Médecins du Monde, and view an exhibition of paintings from a collection donated by a Portuguese painter.



SPAIN - In 2023, the Médecins du Monde's chapter in Spain launched the 26th Luis Valtueña International Humanitarian Photography Award, which seeks to denounce unjust situations and make forgotten crises visible through the power of photography. For the first time, the prize winner, Maria Clauss, travelled to the United States for an exhibition organised in New York, in collaboration with the Médecins du Monde's chapter in the US and the Cervantes Institute of New York.



SWEDEN - In 2023, the Médecins du Monde's chapter in Sweden and Amnesty International filed a complaint with the European Committee of Social Rights against Sweden for violating European Union migrants' right to health. The complaint highlighted that Sweden routinely denies vulnerable European Union citizens access to care and charges them the full cost of necessary treatment. This practice has created a deterrent effect, leading many vulnerable European Union citizens to forgo essential healthcare, thereby posing serious risks to their lives and health.



SWITZERLAND - To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Médecins du Monde's Swiss chapter, the public was invited to an unprecedented artistic experience, resonating with its history and commitment both in Switzerland and internationally. The "ON S'EN FOUT" campaign was revisited freely by artists in Neuchâtel, offering a space for reflection. Featuring a radio piece, an entropic landscape, installations, and visual arts, the "30 Years - The Journey" exhibition was dedicated to the colleagues in Gaza.



TÜRKIYE - The Médecins du Monde's Turkish chapter has provided on-the-ground emergency response since the onset of the 7.8- and 7.6-magnitude earthquakes in Türkiye and northwest Syria, which caused over 58,000 deaths and displaced millions. It has delivered essential services, such as primary healthcare, medicine distribution, sexual and reproductive health services, dignity and hygiene kits, mental health and psychosocial support, protection, case management, and secondary healthcare support throughout the year.



UK - In 2023, the Médecins du Monde's chapter in the UK led a campaign against the Illegal Migration Bill, which threatens to detain and remove asylum seekers from the UK. Over 1,700 people wrote to their members of parliament, and the advocacy briefing was used by the House of Lords to challenge the bill on medical grounds. Although the Bill became an Act, it mobilised existing and new supporters against the hostile environment and for refugee protection.



UNITED STATES - In 2023, the Médecins du Monde's US chapter addressed the humanitarian crisis at the US-Mexico border by improving health outcomes for migrants and enhancing local health systems. The ongoing programme offers transitional medical care, prioritises data management for public health policy, and trains local providers on migration and public health. Partnering with Texas Tech and local shelters, it provides hands-on learning and fosters future research and curriculum development.



DRC
A consultant clinical psychologist for Médecins du Monde meets a 55-year-old farmer who lost her son and daughter-in-law in the terrible floods that devastated their village of Nyamukubi, South Kivu, on 4 May 2023.

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COVER

Türkiye
After the earthquake in Antakya, the Médecins du Monde Medical Mobile Unit provides assistance. One of Médecins du Monde's psychologists meets a child in a tent in Harbiye.



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