

Médecins Sans Frontières

- 1** The following text contains about 380 words. Reduce it to about 230 words by eliminating words, phrases or sentences that do not supply essential information.

MSF is one of the world's leading independent organisations for medical humanitarian aid, giving quality medical care to people in crisis regardless of race, religion, or political affiliation. Every day, more than 30,000 MSF field staff across 75 countries provide assistance around the world to people suffering from violence, neglect, or catastrophe, primarily caused by armed conflict, epidemics, malnutrition, exclusion from health care or natural disasters.



In 2018, MSF carried out over 11 million **outpatient** consultations and dealt with over 750,000 **inpatients**. MSF teams vaccinated 1.5 million people against **measles** or meningitis, treated more than 2.4 million people for malaria, and 1.5 million children against

severe malnutrition. 300,000 **deliveries**, including **caesarean sections**, 400,000 mental health individual consultations and 100,000 major surgical interventions were carried out.

Formed in 1971 by a group of doctors and journalists who wanted to establish an independent organisation focused on emergency medicine and speaking out about the cause of human suffering, MSF's work is based on the humanitarian principles of medical ethics.

MSF has offices in 21 countries, supporting projects in around 75 countries. There are five *operational centres* which directly projects, deciding when, where and what aid is necessary and when to end a programme. The primary functions of the remaining offices are to **recruit** volunteers, **raise** funds and **advocate on behalf** of populations in danger and raise private funds to maintain MSF's financial independence.

MSF field staff includes doctors, nurses, administrators, epidemiologists, laboratory technicians, mental health professionals, logistics and water and sanitation experts. The majority of the teams are made up of national field staff from the countries where the crises are occurring with ten percent made up of international field staff. All of MSF's members agree to honour the principles set out in the MSF **Charter**.



to advocate on behalf: *prendere le difese di/per conto di*
caesarean section: *parto cesareo*
charter: *atto costitutivo*
deliver: *parto*
inpatient: *paziente interno, ricoverato*
measles: *morbillo*
outpatient: *paziente esterno, ambulatoriale*
sanitation: *igiene*
to raise: *raccogliere*
to recruit: *reclutare*

2  Now listen to the charter¹ of Médécins Sans Frontières and complete each sentence with the correct alternative.

- a. Médécins Sans Frontières is
 - 1. a private, international association.
 - 2. a public international association.
 - 3. a private national association.
- b. The association is
 - 1. open only to doctors.
 - 2. open to other professions in the medical field.
 - 3. made up mainly of doctors and health sector workers but also of other professions.
- c. Médécins Sans Frontières assists
 - 1. victims of war only.
 - 2. victims of war and natural disasters.
 - 3. victims of war, natural and man-made disasters, and people in distress.
- d. Members have to respect
 - 1. their professional code and be independent from political, economic or religious powers.
 - 2. their professional code and be independent from political and economic powers.
 - 3. their professional code.

1. *charter*: a document outlining the principles, functions and organization of a corporate body.