

New Approaches for Addressing Extreme Violence

Project Summary

Problem

MSF's current approach to medical care primarily focuses on a patient's visible wounds, infections and pathologies; it does **not adequately meet the needs of patients suffering from the psycho-somatic consequences of extreme/recurrent violence** in conflict settings.

Proposed Solution

Identify, treat and help individuals and communities suffering from the **cumulative effects of exposure to extreme and recurrent violence** by using new **patient-centered approaches** that can be adapted to local contexts.



Potential Impact

- Increases **assistance** in high-conflict settings
- Improves **appropriateness/quality** of MSF interventions using a **holistic approach**
- Transfers **learning and knowledge** to improve **patient care and advocacy**

Viability

- Engages a **human-centered design approach** to build a **toolkit, adapted to local contexts**

Risk Mitigation

- Leverages **lessons learned** from other MSF projects to address challenges related to **culture change**

Scalability

- Engages **national NGOs** assisting the same target populations with complementary services

Area/Type: Operations Improvements and Technology; Incubator

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