

Community First: A Model for Community-Centred Emergency Response

Project Summary



TRANSFORMATIONAL
INVESTMENT
CAPACITY

Problem

Addresses challenges in providing medical humanitarian assistance to vulnerable communities without **deeply understanding community needs, priorities and cultures.**

Proposed Solution

Transforms the way that MSF works with **vulnerable communities** facing health crises. Pilots, tests, learns and adapts a **model for community-centred approaches.** Assists vulnerable communities to develop the skills and organizational processes to sustain their own culturally appropriate responses to current and future health emergencies, increasing their resilience and autonomy.



Potential Impact

- Develops a clear and adaptable model to **support community-driven solutions**
- Enables **community leaders to co-create and co-design** an adaptive, culturally appropriate and locally relevant response to health crises

Viability

- Engages a **strong collaboration with MSF LAT staff and association**, partnering with **SeeChange**, an NGO focused on vulnerable communities

Risk Mitigation

- Leverages **community-centred approaches** piloted in LAT during the COVID-19 crisis
- Builds-tests-adapts-and-learns with pilot sites

Scalability

- Aligns with **MSF's priorities** on community and people-centredness defined by all OCs
- Focuses on a model that can **scale across MSF**

Area/Type: OIT; Incubator

Sponsor/Support: *MSF LAT*

Length/Project Status: 12 months; **ONGOING**