

Privacy Field Fundamentals

Project Summary

Problem

Personal data protection is an integral part of humanitarian action. It furthers the objective of **safeguarding the life, integrity and dignity of the people, communities we work with and our employees**. While data protection has been a focus at headquarters, it is still underdeveloped in the field. This can lead to real harm to the staff, patients and communities we work with.

Proposed Solution

Identify the privacy fundamentals for implementing data protection in the field and **develop support resources** including Registers of Processing Activity, learning and training materials, and field data toolkits. **Pilot support resources with field staff** to develop recommendations for MSF to further resource field-based data protection implementation.



Potential Impact

- **Safeguards the life, integrity and dignity** of the people and communities MSF serves and our employees.
- Improves healthcare delivery by **building trust** between MSF and patients / communities.
- **Coordinates approach to data protection challenges**.

Viability

- Leverages oversight from the **MSF International Privacy Board**, supported by MSF International.
- Develops solutions based on **field needs** and with **field colleagues**.

Risk Mitigation

- Assesses data protection and privacy needs, risks and opportunities in more stable field contexts in **Nigeria** and **Mexico**.

Scalability

- Develops recommends for the Full Ex Com to resource field data protection implementation.

Area/Type: Operational Improvement

Sponsor/Support: MSF WACA sponsor, MSF CAMINO support

Length/Project Status: 18 months; **ONGOING**