Founded in 1971, MSF is an international organisation that has been providing medical humanitarian care to people who need urgent help for more than 47 years, with the aim of saving their lives, alleviating their suffering and restoring their dignity. The action is immediate and direct. Grounded in the humanitarian principles of independence, impartiality and neutrality, MSF provides care to populations in distress, victims of natural and man-made disasters, and victims of armed conflict, regardless of race, religion or political beliefs.

**NEWS**

MSF is assessing the medical and humanitarian needs of the population in the South-West Region of Cameroon following the events of the last months. The organisation has operated temporary mobile clinics in Kumba town to provide free primary healthcare consultations targeting displaced people.

MSF carried out consultations during two and half days between 9th and 12th June and for five consecutive days from 26th to 30th June. Nearly 70% of the patients were above the age of 15. The most common morbidities seen by the teams were malaria, upper and lower respiratory tract infections and diarrhoea, a pattern similar to other situations of displacement. In adults, muscular-skeletal pain, which is related to stress, anxiety, and poor living conditions, was common.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

- **366** External consultations
- **31** Cases of malaria
- **52** Cases of respiratory tract infections
MSF IN THE WORLD

Around 96% of MSF’s funding comes from private sources; the organisation receives donations from more than 6.3 million donors worldwide. As a result, the organisation is independent and can decide where and when to respond, based on population’s needs and never on political, economic or military interests. The organisation works in more than 70 countries and employs almost 2,900 international staff who work alongside 31,000 locally hired professionals.

Patients and services

Many patients treated by MSF in Kumba have been internally displaced and expressed concern about a lack of resources, overcrowded conditions and an inability to return to their homes. Those living in the bush described lack of adequate shelter, access to clean water or food. While many are living on or near their farms and thus have access to some food, without access to money or to markets, they cannot purchase other necessities or sell their agricultural goods.

MSF has set up a base in Kumba town and is assessing the feasibility of carrying out mobile clinics in different areas of Meme Division in order to reach populations without access to healthcare.

Earlier this year, MSF carried out capacity building activities for health professionals in both the North-West and South-West Regions of the country and donated medical materials to the regional hospitals of Buea and Bamenda.