

# MEDICAL CARE FOR REFUGEES AND HOST COMMUNITIES



**DAGAHALEY CAMP,  
DADAAB**

## BACKGROUND



The Dadaab refugee Camp consists of four camps of Dagahaley, Ifo, Hagadera and Ifo 2 and currently hosting 406,725 refugees (UNHCR, Dec 2025), many of whom have lived in the camps for more than three decades. Dagahaley Camp hosts an estimated 102,048 refugees. MSF has been delivering healthcare in and around Dadaab for most of the camp's 32-year existence.

**The project's objective** is to reduce suffering from diseases, disease outbreaks and prevent death among the refugees living in the camp, including the host communities. We provide comprehensive healthcare, including basic and specialist care; responding to emerging emergencies, disease outbreaks and humanitarian needs through three health posts and a 90-bed hospital.

## MEDICAL ACTIVITIES

Healthcare services are both preventive and curative, and include:

**Primary Health Care:** Medical consultations, non-communicable diseases care, antenatal and postnatal care, expanded program on immunization, reinforced outpatient nutrition services, sexual and gender-based violence response services, mental health and psychosocial support integration of non-communicable diseases and palliative care.

**Secondary health care:** through the main hospital which includes triage, emergency room, outpatient services, adult wards, maternal healthcare, pediatrics and nutrition, operating theatre, new-born unit, mental health, and TB/HIV & diabetes management. It also includes basic surgery with referral of patients to other health facilities for specialized care.

**Community outreach activities** through community engagement, health promotion and prevention activities like surveillance, patient referrals, and defaulters tracing.

**Referral of severe patients** from Dagahaley to Garissa and Nairobi for specialized treatment.

**Emergency preparedness and response activities** include surveillance for potential disease outbreaks for case identification, investigations, and response. This includes mass vaccination campaigns and relevant water sanitation and hygiene activities in the recent floods and influx of newly arrived refugees.

**Operational Research and Innovation:** Focused on improving access, quality of care, immunization coverage, diabetes management, and patient satisfaction



## WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1971 Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)/Doctors Without Borders is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, exclusion from healthcare and natural disasters in more than 70 countries around the world.

MSF offers assistance to people based on need, irrespective of tribe, race, religion, gender or political affiliation. Our actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of neutrality and impartiality

MSF has been working in Kenya since 1987, providing medical services including treatment for HIV, TB and non-communicable diseases, providing adolescents and youth friendly services, healthcare for refugees, support for survivors of sexual violence, and responds to several emergencies such as disease outbreaks and consequences of climate change.

MSF works in Garissa in Dadaab Refugee Camp, Homa Bay, Nairobi, and Mombasa,, and responds to emergencies in different regions of the country.

**In 1999, MSF was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.**

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## 2025 ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



**183,567**  
Total consultations



**3,861**  
Deliveries



**1,378**  
Children admitted for malnutrition



**1,102**  
Surgeries



**4,485**  
Total consultations ((Patients from other camps)

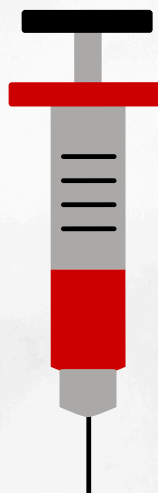


**13,176**  
Total admissions



**1,290**  
Total admissions (Patients from other camps)

**41**  
TB active patients



**70,007**  
Schistosomiasis mass drug administration

**92**  
Home based insulin management



**64**  
Palliative Care patients

**58,860**  
Measles Vaccinations

**31**  
HIV patients

**4,738**  
Routine vaccinations



**135**  
Emergency referral patients

**13,108**  
Non-Communicable Diseases consultations



**7,942**  
Health Education Sessions



**4,426**  
Mental health consultations



**41**  
Elective referral patients