

OUT OF SIGHT – OUT OF MIND?

MSF and Medical Ethics on a global scope during the Covid-19 pandemic

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Out of sight – out of mind?

- Impact of crises (incl. pandemics) on access to health services
- Three main "killers"
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Tuberculosis
 - Malaria
- What impact have we seen of the Covid 19 pandemic on these three diseases?

Impact of Covid

Decreased access
to health care

Change in
health-seeking
behaviour

Shift in
funding

*Availability of
services before
the crisis*

*Previous
funding
situation*

*To what degree
did people seek
health-care?
For what?*

Tuberculosis

- Increase in TB-related deaths
- 10M new cases in 2020 (1.1M children)
- Guinea 1.3% increase TB incidence
- Covid impact
 - Movement limitations
 - Stigma
 - Fear of going to health facilities
- Maximise benefits vs disease impact



HIV/AIDS

- Prevention services were hit the hardest
 - HIV testing ↓22%
- Myanmar: Lack of access to care
 - ART initiation
 - Discontinuation
- Protection from C19 or obstacle for HIV treatment?



Malaria

- Case incidence increasing
- 14 million additional cases in 2020 vs 2019
- 69,000 additional deaths
 - 2/3 related to disruption of access to dx/tx
- South Sudan: Priorities of donors vs priorities of community?



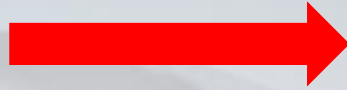
Funding

- Lack of funding
- Diversion of funding / resources
- Donor fatigue + competing priorities
- Lack of flexibility to quickly adjust according to needs



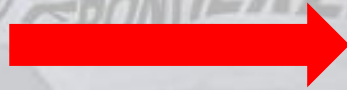
In conclusion...

- Widening service gaps
- Shortfalls in funding



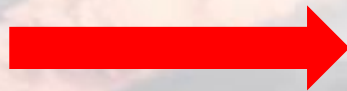
Loss of coverage
Pace of response

- Doing good

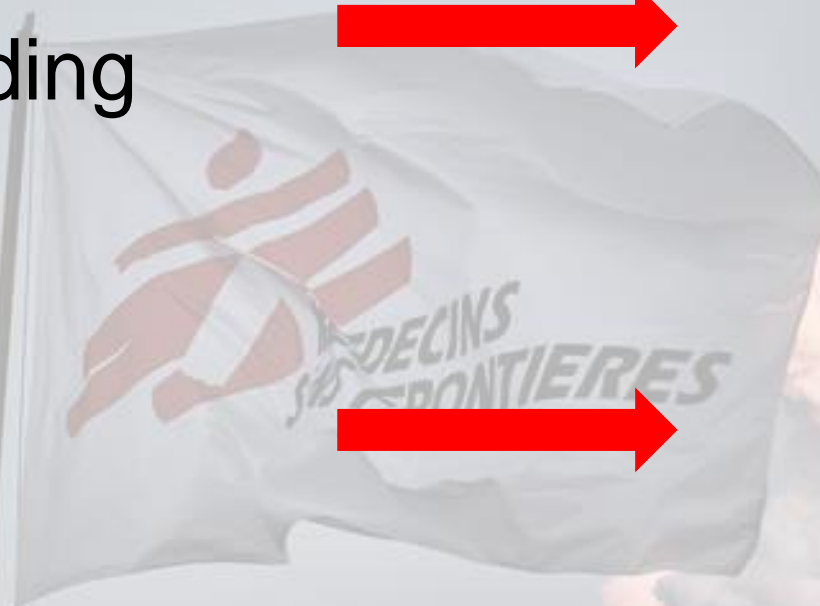


Doing no harm

- Utility for whom?



Autonomy principle





THANK YOU!

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