



MÉDICOS DEL MUNDO

WE FIGHT ALL DISEASES, INCLUDING INJUSTICE

SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Who We Are

Médicos del Mundo is an independent association that works to make the right to health a reality for all people, especially those living in a situation of poverty, gender inequality and social exclusion or are victims of a humanitarian crisis.

We are a medical-humanitarian organization, committed with the vulnerable, excluded populations or victims of natural disasters, famine, diseases, armed conflicts or political violence. We believe that the right of victims to be cared for must prevail over any other consideration.

We do not only operate in Southern countries: we also work with excluded

groups in the welfare societies, especially with those who have difficulties to access the public health system. Our intention is not to create parallel healthcare systems, but to ensure all people have adequate health conditions, as is their right.

Care and Denouncement

As well as caring for people whose human rights have been violated, Médicos del Mundo undertakes awareness actions as a means for social change and to denounce the causes of injustice.

Médicos del Mundo is an association led by its members, who participate as volunteers and are politically and financially involved.

WE ARE

745 : people are members of
: Médicos del Mundo Spain
: (298 men and 447 women)

1,383 : volunteers
: (349 men and 1.034 women)

66,497 : donors

44,342 : collaborating
: members

368 : public and private
: collaborating entities

62 : aid workers
: (31 men and 31 women)

387 : national workers
: (249 men and 138 women)

185 : workers at the headquarters
: and regional delegations and
: branches
: (46 men and 139 women)

Brief Analysis of the Year

2013 was a year of contrasts, a year in which our society showed its worst face through increased social inequality, the dismantling of the welfare state and rising xenophobia and racism. But it was also a year when we learned that coordinated social mobilization can change our governments' agendas and our world with it.

In Spain and in Europe, 2013 was a year that the **economic crisis** hit even harder and in year in which it became evident that the social welfare model built over the last few decades is being brutally severed by **austerity policies** applied by governments in the Old World.

Yet at the same time it was a year when we realized how **citizens' mobilization** can reverse injustices as it was able to curb both the privatization of the health system in Madrid and evictions.

Internationally, armed conflict in **Syria** was (and continues to be) the gravest situation unleashed by war since the Second World War. Yet in the face of this, the international community wavers between impotence and a lack of the political will needed to demand the parties cease their hostilities and seek a negotiated solution.

Furthermore, the drastic cutbacks applied across Europe over the last few years in international cooperation and humanitarian action, with Spain leading in the ranking, have clearly wrested our country's capacity to respond to both poverty and humanitarian crises.

In 2013 we continued our work to denounce Royal Decree Law (Real Decreto Ley) 16/2012 (known as the health reform) through the campaign **Nadie Desechado** (No One Left Astray). We presented a report with 1,200 perfectly documented cases of violations of the Right to Health to the *Defensoría del Pueblo* (Ombudsman) and also presented the conclusions we have been finding since this law came into force to the Parliamentary Health Committee (*Comisión de Sanidad del Congreso de los Diputados*). We have also participated in a round table in the *European Parliament* on the access pregnant women and minors' access to health. These were all significant landmarks for our organization.

Warm regards,

Álvaro Glez



Álvaro González
Médicos del Mundo Chairman
2000 - 2014

International Cooperation and Humanitarian Action

More than ever, in 2013 our work was based on the recognition of health as a fundamental right both here in the Global North and in countries in the Global South.

We combine action in **55 development cooperation projects** in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East by supporting civil society and improving health system capability in the countries where we work while denouncing injustice. We consider these two courses of action to be mutually enhancing. In 2013, we focused mainly on sexual and reproductive rights in primary health care.

We pay special attention to a human rights, gender and intercultural approach and continue to work in advocacy together with other NGOs in our field. Currently, we are **participating in 161 international health and cooperation networks.**

In emergency relief, in 2013 ‘Yolanda’ or ‘Haiyan’ triggered a disaster in the Philippines leaving 14 million persons affected. 4 million were displaced, more than 6,200 people lost their lives, and nearly 2,000 disappeared in addition to the nearly one million dwellings that were destroyed in the wake of the typhoon. Médicos del Mundo is working in Tacloban and Carigara, on the island of Leyte, to provide health care to the population of 200,000 people, and is participating in the rehabilitation of two of the hospitals in these areas.

In Burkina Faso we work in the Goudebo refugee camp. Through the international movement we were also present in the conflict in Syria through our presence in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. **In total, we intervened in 7 crisis situations over the course of the year.**

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

55 projects

48 for primary healthcare

7 for Humanitarian Action

20 countries or territories

127 national member organizations

873,601 people directly affected by our projects

8,200,476 people indirectly affected by our projects



In Spain

Médicos del Mundo is characterised by being the **only health NGO working both nationally and internationally at the same time**, not only through direct intervention, but also by denouncing the causes of injustice.

In our country we have focused our work on helping to galvanize the **rejection of the 2012 health reform** that excluded irregular immigrants from standard public health and that increased co-payment for prescribed pharmaceutical treatment, bringing about grave consequences for the most vulnerable groups in our society.

Since the approval of Royal Decree Act 16/2012 (*Real Decreto Ley 16/2012*) which put an end to universal health coverage in Spain, Médicos del Mundo has worked intensely towards the repeal of the law, and carried this work forward into 2013 along different lines including the “*Nadie Desechado*” (No One Left astray) campaign. This campaign brought to light that the health reform did not only leave immigrants behind, but also left the most vulnerable groups in Spanish society unprotected, including those with Spanish nationality who are unable to afford co-payment for their prescribed medication.

Médicos del Mundo denounced this reform through activities including the presentation in the Parliamentary Committee on Health (*Comisión de Sanidad del Congreso de los Diputados*) of our analysis on the new law's impact in terms of exclusion from access to health. The organization also participated in the Parliamentary Seminar organized to analyse the consequences of the reform. Hinging around the first anniversary of the

entry into force of the law on 1 September, thanks to our volunteers, our regional offices held demonstrations to draw the public's attention to these issues.

Médicos del Mundo took a stand against the Internment Centres for Foreigners (*Centros de Internamiento Interno - CIEs*) and demanded that, until the centres are closed, the dignity of those detained there be guaranteed and their rights be safeguarded, particularly the right to health. To this end, Médicos del Mundo belongs to the platform **Que el derecho no se detenga a la puerta de los CIE** (No Detention of Rights at the CIEs' Doorstep) through which it has put forward proposals for respecting human rights in these centres and has worked to impact the drafting of the regulation on their functioning.

At Médicos del Mundo we put thought into how to make development cooperation better and how to expand it, and we provide opportunities to discuss this, such as the European Development NGO network Action for Global Health which in 2013 organized the conference *Los nuevos desafíos para la Cooperación internacional y la cobertura sanitaria universal en la próxima agenda de desarrollo* (New Challenges for International Cooperation and Universal Health Coverage on the Upcoming Development Agenda) in Madrid.

Médicos del Mundo's Work to Combat Social Exclusion

In Médicos del Mundo we stand with the most underprivileged groups in our society, and much of our work is devoted to one of these groups, immigrants. The organization



has 18 Immigrant Care Centres where basic health care is provided. This is the organization's way of doing outreach to support them in defending their rights, particularly the right to health.

We also work to prevent **female genital mutilation**, especially in families from countries where this practice continues and who are residing in Spain. We consider female genital mutilation to be a violation of women's fundamental rights. In 2013 we presented a photography exhibit on this issue, "*Un viaje con compromiso*" (A Trip with Engagement) that brought out the value of prevention and the role of mediators belonging to the same culture as those involved.

Gender violence and the **fight against human trafficking** for sexual exploitation continue to be lines of research pursued by the organization, which pays close attention to women involved in prostitution, for whom

we do outreach through **13 mobile units over 15 provinces**.

The organization also provides outreach for the **homeless and drug users**. Both of these groups have been hit particularly hard by the economic crises and cutbacks in social spending.

All of this is done without overlooking **Development Education**, which includes awareness-raising activities in formal and informal educational settings alike. On this count we can highlight projects such as "*Otra mirada hacia la inmigración*" (Immigration seen with different eyes) that seeks to foster positive attitudes among youth towards immigrants, and the publication of educational materials such as the *Guía Didáctica de Género y Desarrollo* (Gender and Development Teacher's Guide) and the sexual and reproductive rights handbook "*Tejiendo Cambios*" (Weaving Change), compiled for use with youth.

IN SPAIN

62 Social Mobilisation projects, carried out from

12 regional venues and

9 branches

55,666 healthcare, social, psychological and educational interventions in

82 Social Inclusion projects for

23,473 target people



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The International Network

Through delegations in its International Network, Médicos del Mundo is present in **14 countries: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Japan, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.**

Mobilization in Europe in the Face of the Economic and Social Crisis

In the **10 European Countries** where we work (Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) 2013 was marked by the **continuing economic and social crisis**. Austerity measures are impacting social protection programmes, including those covering health. European residents who do not have health coverage are deprived of the opportunity to access care and undocumented immigrants from third countries are also often unable to access medical care.

In addition, we have observed a rise in xenophobic behaviour and legislation in Greece as well as in other European Countries. Another effect of the **increase in**

poverty is an escalation in the number of internal migrants.

Through Médicos del Mundo's International Network, a total of **316 programmes** are carried out in **78 countries** with an overall budget of **114 million euros**.

In international cooperation, the Médicos del Mundo Network carries out 147 programmes:

- **Sub-Saharan Africa:** 54 programmes in 26 countries
- **America:** 41 programmes in 13 countries
- **Asia:** 23 programmes 14 countries
- **Middle East and the Magreb:** 26 programmes in 8 countries
- **Europe:** 3 programmes in 3 countries

In social inclusion, Médicos del Mundo has been carrying out 169 programmes broken down as follows:

- **America:** 12 programmes in 3 countries
- **Europe:** 154 programmes in 10 countries (together with the European cross-cutting project)
- **Asia:** 3 programmes in 1 country

THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

12,800 actors

78 countries or territories

316 projects

114 million budget



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www.mdm.org.ar

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www.medecinsdumonde.be

Médecins du Monde Canada [3]
www.medecinsdumonde.ca

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www.medecinsdumonde.org

Ärzte der Welt Germany [5]
www.aerztederwelt.org

Γιατροί του Κόσμου Greece [6]
www.mdmgreece.gr

世界の医療団 Japan [7]
www.mdm.or.jp

Dokters van de Wereld Netherlands [8]
www.doktersvandewereld.org

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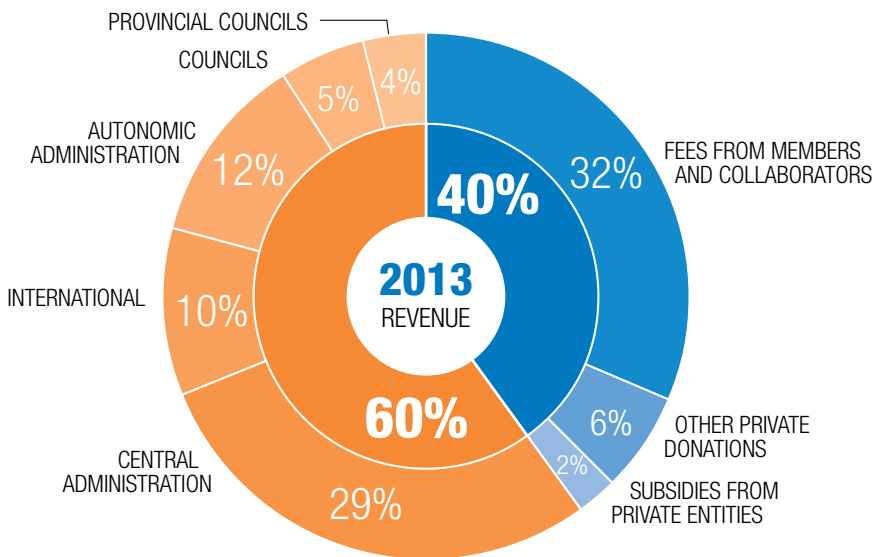
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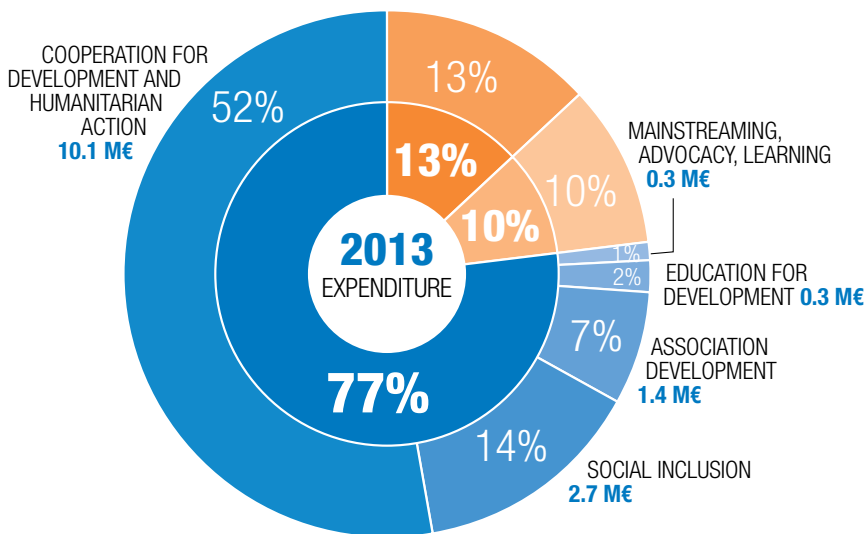
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HOW TO GET INCOME

40% PRIVATE 7.8 M€ | 60% PUBLIC 11.7 M€ | TOTAL 19.5 M€



HOW WE USE OUR FUNDS

77% MISSION 14.8 M€ | 13% SUPPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2.5 M€ | 10% FUNDRAISING 2.0 M€

What You Can Do

Your help can change lives. By supporting Médicos del Mundo you're improving access to health for all.

MAKE A DONATION

Join Médicos del Mundo by becoming a collaborating member or by making a one-off contribution.

YOU CAN DO IT:

on our website

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LEAVE A BEQUEST

Contact us by calling **902 286 286** to let us know you would like to leave a bequest or include us in your will. We will get back in touch with you personally and directly to provide you with any legal advice you need to include Médicos del Mundo in your will.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Médicos del Mundo is a volunteer association, a platform for action and participation to change the world we know is unjust.

Volunteers act, and mobilize to defend the rights of the underprivileged particularly in terms of access to the public health system. To become a volunteer, contact your closest Médicos del Mundo office or write to

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SPREAD THE WORD

You can always help us disseminate **our campaigns** among your friends, subscribe to our newsletter, or send us your comments and suggestions. You will also find us on **Facebook** and **Twitter**, and on our blogosphere and on our **Youtube** channel. Will you help us spread the word?



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