

MSF NEEDS YOU! MSF NEEDS YOU!



Séverine Caluwaerts and colleague conduct a caesarean section for prolonged labour.
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“Masisi is a convoluted town of mud huts and shacks in eastern Congo, where people suffer from the effects of violent conflict and continual poverty. Here, as in hundreds of other remote rural hospitals across the developing world, the international medical charity Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) provides much-needed healthcare for local people, for free. I’m an obstetrician and gynaecologist, and Masisi hospital is where I’ve been working.

Obstetrics in places like Masisi are genuinely life-saving: we might do a caesarean section for a patient with a bleeding placenta praevia; then a

cord prolapse; and then a postpartum hysterectomy for uterine rupture. All of these happened. If MSF hadn’t been there, all these patients would probably have died.

But MSF is in trouble. We are struggling to find enough obstetricians and gynaecologists to work for us: skilled, flexible people who are open to new ideas; people who relish a challenge.

I can’t promise it is easy – every day you’ll face frustrations. But every day, too, you’ll find something to feel good about, something to laugh about, or you’ll hear a patient’s story that will touch you deeply.

What I can promise, too, is that you will be part of a fantastic, multicultural team, and will get to see the whole obstetrical textbook – often in the course of a single day! And, above all, you’ll provide care for the patients who have nowhere else to go.

There is no reason why a woman and her baby in Sierra Leone, Congo or Burundi shouldn’t have the right to the same standard of care that we have: she and her baby deserve it.

So, if you feel about it as I do, please apply – MSF needs you!

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We offer:

- A unique opportunity to work with remarkable people in fascinating and challenging environments overseas.
- Fixed-term contracts (six months upwards) with a comprehensive benefits package.
- All flights, accommodation and health costs.

You will need:

- Post-ST3 and above.
- Membership of Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. GMC or IMC registration.
- The ability to work resourcefully and independently.
- To be at ease in uncomfortable and possibly insecure environments.
- Experience of travel or work overseas, ideally in developing countries.
- Experience of training and staff supervision.

Knowledge of other languages helps - even basic skills - and especially French.

We can’t guarantee it will be comfortable but we can guarantee you could make a big impact for people who usually get little medical help. Please consider it!

If you’re in the UK, please call Liz Crawford at MSF in London on 0207 067 4263 or email Liz.Crawford@london.msf.org with ALSG 2010 in the title.

If you’re in Ireland, please call Sophie Chaix in Dublin on 01 660 3337 or email Sophie.Chaix@dublin.msf.org with ALSG 2010 in the title.

For more information on working with MSF:

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