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pour : Jean-Herve BRADOL à MSF-PARIS
cc : Graziella GODAIN à MSF-PARIS
Objet : A 18.30 Heure de Paris Today
Tres bonne idee: 18-30 chez toi

Pourrons nous parler ; (de mon cote j ai sur le feu...)
- Kosovo - Macedoine - Albanie- Montenegro - (Update, Food Air Dropping et food security au Kosovo (!), UNHCR (Messages, Operations et Financements), Enquete epidemic des autres sections (?)
- Ope des Beelges en Albanie, message d Alex que je te copie ici dessous
- Rapport Stephane et feed Back Ope
- AG et semaines Coordo
- Reunion le Juin

Amities a toi et a ta1 heure

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Je reconfirme c'est que MSF n'a pas impliqué dans les opérations impliquant les réfugiés kosovar. Il y a cependant un camp laissé par UNHCR à MSF (il y a un document signé entre MSF et HCR pour confirmer cette information, rien de plus).

Le prochain camp de Fier est pour le moment un camp MSF sur des financements privés, sans aucune implication de l'HCR, direct deal entre MSF et les autorités locales.

As from my meetings in Albania, it is not really recommended to take HCR money but on the other hand it makes it really difficult for our teams to fight for operational space since HCR is dealing major issues at top level with the Albanian Govt and NATO. Therefore the only solution for MSF, without HCR money (and without a real memorandum of understanding) is to be largely operational and to occupy as much space as possible, based on our own strenghts.

This need of operationality is reinforced by the fact that Mushu, representing HCR in Albania will, if he finds the opportunity, kill us in the back, especially if he feels we are weak. This impression comes from a long meeting Christopher, Vincent and myself had with him in Albania. It seems the anger from the early declarations in Macedonia is still very much present, even at the level of Mc Namara. On a more local basis, as in Kukes, relations are good, and folloowing a meeting with their representative, MSF could at that level develop a rather coherent partnership... but the global logic will come from Tirana.

alex

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Thanks Alex, for your answer,

It still remains some question for me:
- We have been vocal to reinforce the role of UNHCR in this crisis, (Coordination and Operations)
- We would like to see less leadership from Gov., specially by Humanitarian Gov. Agencies (i.e. OFDA)
- by not taking UNHCR money we are weakening the UN agencies and develop the competition spirit by gaining camps as the Gov. Humanitarian Agencies are doing.
- Nations like Japan have given the major contribution to UNHCR for the Kosovo Emergency, The Swiss Gov. (Do you associate Japan to the NATO strategy?)

I don't see so far our logic to ignore UNHCR funds and the same time advocating for more coherence and leadership by the UNHCR. We are sending signs here that UNHCR has been used by the funding countries (NATO and others) as a political tool in this crisis.

Unfortunately, I have no field perspective regarding this crisis and I might miss some realities.

It might be the reason I do have problem to second your position. "Therefore the only solution for MSF, without UNHCR money (and without a real memorandum of understanding) is to be largely operational and to occupy as much space as possible, based on our own strenghts"

Thanks to develop.