MSF: MSF Greece reintegrated into the MSF international movement

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Athens/Geneva - Representatives from the International Office of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and from MSF Greece have signed an agreement granting MSF Greece the license to use all MSF trademarks and related distinctive signs, thus reintegrating the Greek section into the International Movement of MSF. As a result, after more than five years MSF Greece is back to being one of the 19 sections of the movement, having agreed to share, with all other sections around the world, MSF's humanitarian and operational principles.

MSF Greece was excluded from the movement in November 1999 after strong disagreement over the operational implementation of MSF's principles of independence and impartiality in Kosovo.

This agreement is the result of a process that lasted for more than a year during which MSF Greece's operations have been integrated in the support structure and aligned with the operational policy of the organisation.

MSF Greece is currently running missions in Malawi, Zambia, Ethiopia, Armenia and the Palestinian Territories. Projects in Serbia are being handed over to other organisations. Ongoing activities include the provision of antiretroviral treatment for HIV/AIDS patients, treatment of sexually transmitted infections and malaria as well as emergency response to epidemics.

The reintegration of the Greek section into the international MSF movement comes at a time when all MSF sections are more than ever committed to working together at improving MSF's response to the needs of populations in danger.

MSF is an independent medical humanitarian organisation committed to providing urgently needed medical assistance wherever needed, regardless of race, religion, creed or political convictions, and publicly bearing witness to the plight of the people it helps. MSF volunteers are working in nearly 80 countries around the world and can count on the support of more than two million supporters.

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