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Humanitarian Medical Response

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**How we
work**

Respond

We respond rapidly to emergencies and deliver the expertise needed to support local health services and save people's lives.

Prepare

We work with health staff to strengthen their response skills, enabling local health services to be better prepared for emergencies.

Learn

We work with academic partners to promote evidence-based practice that improves patient care in the humanitarian sector.

Drivers of Humanitarian Crises

- Climate change and natural disaster



- State Fragility, conflict and displacement



- Disease outbreak and weak health systems



UK-Med Deployments



Afghanistan	Armenia	Bangladesh	Botswana	Burkina Faso	Cambodia	Cameroon	Cape Verde	Chad
China	Djibouti	Eswatini	Ethiopia	Gaza	Ghana	Greece	Haiti	Lebanon
Lesotho	Libya	Malawi	Mauritania	Morocco	Mozambique	Myanmar	Namibia	Nepal
Papua New Guinea	Poland	Philippines	Rwanda	Samoa	Sierra Leone	Solomon Islands	Somalia	Somaliland
South Africa	South Sudan	Syria	Turkey	Tunisia	Ukraine	United Kingdom	Yemen	Zambia

Ukraine Conflict

- Upsurge in fighting over 2024
- Primary care – mobile clinics Eastern Ukraine conflict area
- Mental health support
- Pre-hospital care training
- Secondary care + Surgical

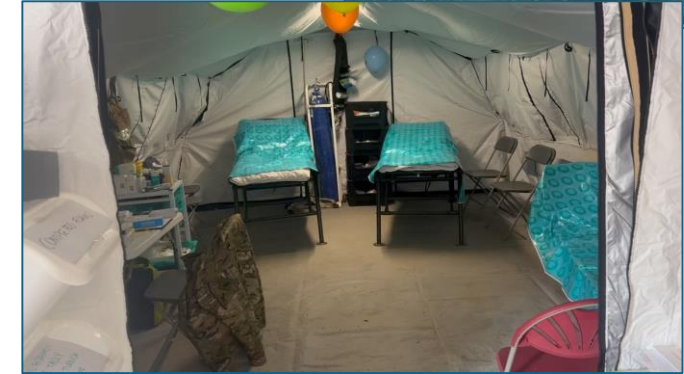
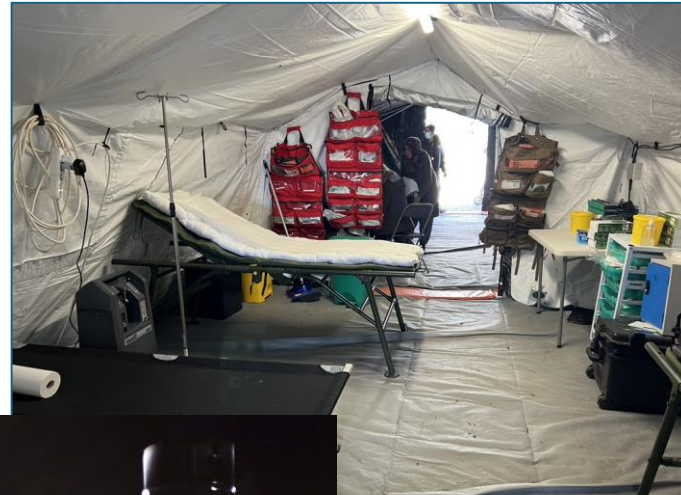


Turkey / Syria Earthquake

- 14 million affected and over 50,000 dead
- Established integrated facility with:
 - UK EMT, UK Military, Turkey Search and Rescue, Hospital staff
- Mobile clinics into the surrounding area
- Over 17,000 patients seen



Field Hospital set up



Managing Humanitarian responses

- Decision to intervene
- Negotiating entry and space
- Imperfect information
 - Data changes hourly
 - Mapping the emergency
- Finding resources – money, people and supplies
- Strategic planning, vision, flexibility and ‘telling the story’



Logistics is the key

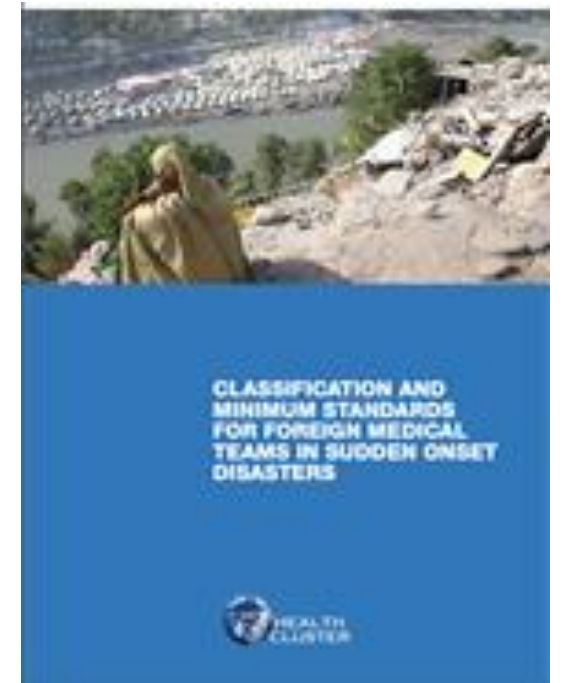
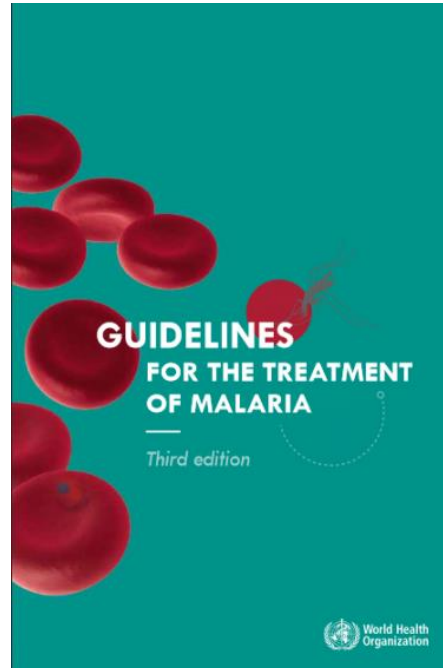
Essential to most programme delivery

- Supply chain
- Transport
- Communications
- Base management
- Power supply
- WASH
- General 'fixit'



Standards and guidelines

- Humanitarian principles
- Core Humanitarian Standards
- International Health Regulations
- WHO standards for health delivery
- Sphere standards
- Specific technical guidelines – WHO, MSF etc.
- National law / Host Government MOH standards



Security Management

- Significant factor affecting access and delivery
- Risk appetite and risk benefit
- Health often has greater acceptance, but....
- Context assessment, security plans + SOPs



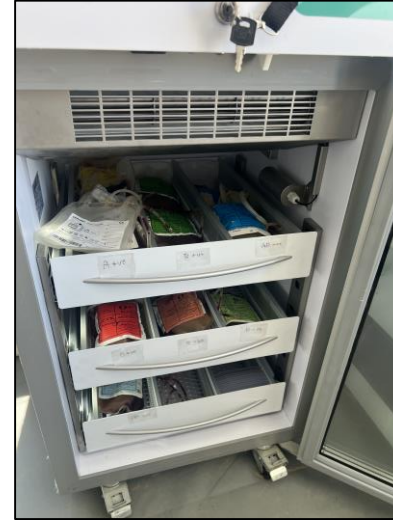
Gaza

- Primary / Trauma referral Field Hospital
 - Primary care + outreach
 - PHC, ED, BEmONC
- Secondary Care Field Hospital
 - 90 beds
 - PHC, ED, IPD, CEmONC, OTx2
- Nasser Hospital Emergency Department
- **Reach – over 200,000 patients**



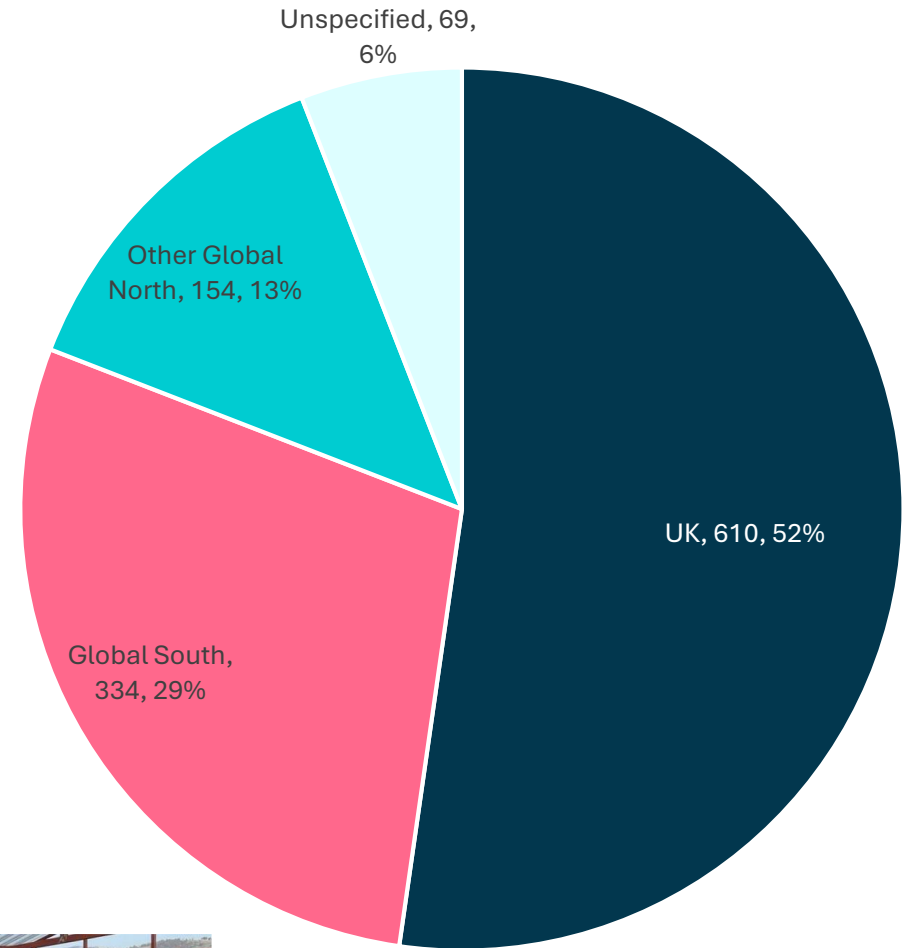
Field Hospital, Khan Yunis

- Partly tented and partly locally constructed
- Currently providing PHC, ED, MCH, OT, IPD, HDU services
- Frequent mass casualty incidents
- 300 staff – national and international
- 500 patients p/day



UK-Med Deployment Register

- 1200 medical and non-medical staff
- UK-Med Register Members are resident in over 80 different countries
- 150+ deployed in the last year



Working in emergency response

- Working alongside national staff
 - Affected by crisis
 - Fatigue
 - Different SOPs, context and culture
- Ethical challenges
 - Quality care and low resource settings
- Psychological impact



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Thank you

