

WOMENS HEALTH PROJECT, PAKISTAN : Urgent needs.

PLEASE NOTE / this information is just for your reference. Some of the information might be different depending on the project.

Context

The MMR (Maternal Mortality Ratio) in Pakistan is 585 per 100,000. In Peshawar and surrounding districts, large populations (both local residents and internally displaced people IDPs) have a very low income, resulting in a limited access to obstetrical and gynecological care even in emergencies. Poor attendance at antenatal, delivery and postnatal consultations leads to high risks of maternal and neonatal death. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has set up a Women's Hospital to address this situation. The Hospital was opened in May 2011 and the project is therefore still in a preliminary period in terms of building up community awareness and patient numbers.

General project objective

To reduce the risk of maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality in Peshawar district and surrounding areas amongst target population by improving the access to screening, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of pathologies during pregnancy and birth.

Specific project objectives

- To offer access to adequate gynaecological and obstetric care by:
 - Providing 24/7 emergency obstetrical and gynaecological care including surgery, delivery of gynaecological consultations and hospitalisation
 - Establishment of a referral network with health facilities and communities especially in rural areas and offering free of charge emergency obstetrics and gynaecology referrals
 - Providing referral of neonatal emergencies to specialised paediatric structures
- To support the MoH and private actors in providing quality ANC/PNC/family planning in a number of BHUs as a part of the referral network

The team

International staff: Project Coordinator, Deputy Head of Mission, Hospital Manager (MD), O/G, Anesthetist, Midwife, Nurse Manager, Administrator, Logistician

National staff: currently approximately 75

RECRUITMENT CRITERIA - ESSENTIAL

- More than 2 years clinical experience (able to work independently)
- Willingness to provide care in line with MSF policy and protocols for women's health
- Available for a minimum of 12 weeks
- Willing and able to live/work in a 'restrictive' environment (due to the local context, expatriate staff do not have a lot of freedom to 'get out and about' in the area.)
- Ability to work well as part of a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary team
- Interested in contributing to women's health care in a less developed context

RECRUITMENT CRITERIA – DESIRABLE

- Previous work or travel experience in a less developed context
- Experience in supervising, training and managing others
- Available to be in field up to more than 12 weeks
- Interested in additional fieldwork with MSF in future

