



# MÉDICOS DEL MUNDO SPAIN

WE COMBAT EVERY ILLNESS, INCLUDING INJUSTICE



Health care in John Segredo's campaign. Cyclone relief in Mozambique. © Ckuco Williams

REPORT SUMMARY 2019

# About us

**Médicos del Mundo Spain (MdM by its Spanish and international acronym) is a non-profit independent international association that promotes solidarity and pursues the fulfilment of the fundamental right to health and the enjoyment of a dignified life by any person. MdM Spain is a member of the MdM International Network.**

## Our goals are:

- To provide help to victims of human crisis caused by wars or natural disasters and to those people living in a situation of destitution in the less developed areas in the planet.
- To attend to those who live in our country and are in a vulnerable situation. We also denounce the violations of human rights, especially the restrictions of access to healthcare.

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MdM has a firm commitment towards the universalization of humanitarian medicine, conceiving access to health as a right of all people, regardless of their place of birth, race, social or sexual status, or their religion.

## THROUGHOUT 2019 WE HAVE BEEN

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**959** : people associated with MdM Spain  
: (599 women and 360 men)

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**1,595** : volunteers in Spain  
: (1,217 women, 377 men and 1 other identity)

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**60** : volunteers in countries where we run international cooperation projects  
: (38 women and 22 men)

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**59,486** : loyal donors (31,792 women and 27,378 men)

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**1,537** : public and private collaborators

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**1,057** : hired staff  
: (511 women and 546 men)

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**678** : hired staff in countries where we are running international cooperation projects  
: (244 women and 434 men)

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**98** : humanitarian staff  
: (55 women and 43 men)

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**165** : staff in regional offices  
: (137 women and 28 men)

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**124** : people working at Central Headquarters  
: (77 women and 47 men)

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# 2019 Summary

## The core of our mandate is to guarantee universal access to health and healthy living conditions.

We work with people in vulnerable situations and may testify to how social, economic, and political factors are critical to health. Many people remain without access to this right, not only in countries with low resources, conflicts, epidemics, human displacement, or natural disasters, but also in those places where universal health coverage has been formally achieved.

In our country, the RDL 7/2018 that regulates health care was approved in July, shining hope on the matter and restoring universal health coverage (UHC) that the RDL 16/2012 had left in suspense six years ago.

However, this regulation is not suffice to reach a high percentage of the population. **To guarantee equality, we must base ourselves on universal public systems dependent on taxes, and that reality, is what would ensure a sustainable system.**

On September 23, 2019, all member states of the United Nations adopted a political declaration on universal health. Commitments were agreed upon within the framework of the strategy derived from the Sustainable Development Goals. Despite being an advance, it is necessary to highlight a very important aspect: the CSU declaration has deliberately excluded the mention of sexual and reproductive rights. These are a key component of the right to health and sustainable development and a necessary condition for gender equality and non-discrimination.

Although health is, after unemployment and economic problems - the third problem that affects the population the most, as revealed by the barometer of the Center for Sociological Research (CIS for its acronym in Spanish) in April 2019, it was in fact, the great absentee of the electoral speeches.

**From our approach based on gender and human rights, everyone has the right to the highest possible level of health in a broad sense:**

- Recognizing that determining factors strongly influence the health of individuals and populations, including health in all policies, beyond the health or social protection system.
- Applying an approach focused on people and the community and establishing formal mechanisms for inclusive and accessible participation and dialogue. Promoting the empowerment of individuals and communities to claim their rights.
- Ensuring that no one is left behind, prioritizing the rights of people at greatest risk. Establishing that states have an obligation to pay special attention and to support vulnerable groups so that they may enjoy their rights on the same level as the entire population.
- Addressing all forms of discrimination or exclusion of health and public services, not only financial.
- Guaranteeing the right to health instead of a minimum level of health coverage, and that the criteria of profitability does not limit the levels of coverage.

The planet continues to present us with new challenges such as climate change and its influence on people's health, through the increase of conflicts, natural catastrophes, famines, and epidemics. We shall continue to prepare for what the future holds in stock for us.

**Thank you to those who, through your effort and collaboration, make this all possible.**



**José Félix Hoyo Jiménez**  
President  
Médicos del Mundo Spain

# In Spain



## POLITICAL INFLUENCE AND COMMUNICATION

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### 2019, an “acting or sitting” year

From the point of view of political incidence, 2019 has been a year full of extreme uncertainty that had citizens in continuous suspense: with two general elections in less than six months, local, regional and European elections, with the extreme right wing winning parliamentary representation, and even more grave is the fact that they were backed by parties that define themselves as the center.

The year also had unprecedented worldwide feminist movements and a disappointing climate summit that unexpectedly found a stage in Madrid, while thousands and thousands of people have continued to risk their life to flee from wars, violence, and misery.

Médecos del Mundo Spain made the primary candidates for the April general elections get sick. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, a campaign was launched on social networks that invited the leaders of the main political parties to imagine how they would face the electoral campaign affected by a physical ailment. The main purpose was to call the attention to the concerns and recommendations put forth in the report “**Health is what matters to us. And to you?**”

In April the report “**Melilla: diagnosis of an ailing healthcare system**” was published, a proposal for a system of quality, universal, and public healthcare.

- After the disappointment caused by RDL 7/2018 called “Universal Health” approved in 2019, and the verification that its application in the different autonomous communities was giving rise to a significant setback in guaranteeing the right to health for migrants in an irregular administrative situation, the REDER network, led by Médecos del Mundo Spain, together with Yo Sí Sanidad Universal and Amnesty International, continued to demand urgent approval from the Government for the regulation of its development.
- On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the International Day against Sexual Exploitation and human trafficking, the powerful and innovative campaign *Hablan los puteros* “**The pimps have something to say**” with the hashtag #serputeronomola,

is launched, aimed at men who have never paid to have sex, but who remain silent when their friends boast of resorting to prostitution.

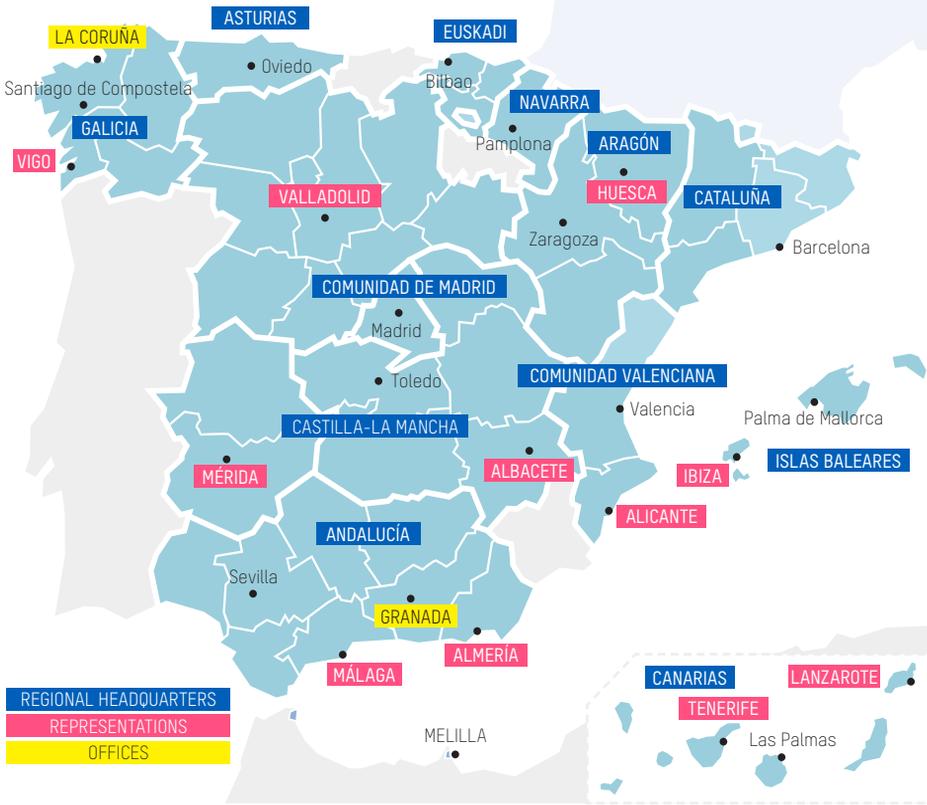
- Yet another year, in the month of December, the report, “**Health in Spanish cooperation and humanitarian aid**” is presented, which in 2019 is accompanied by **CooperaSalud**, an online tool for viewing the main elements of the report, which includes interactive maps and facilitates data processing. For its public presentation, the “Ailing Planet” event was held within the framework of the COP25 international climate conference, organized in Madrid in December, which paid attention to the impact of the climate crisis on global health.

## STATE AND AUTONOMOUS PROGRAMS

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At Médecos del Mundo Spain we work to make the universal right to health of vulnerable populations effective. From both an anthropological and gender perspective, based on human rights, these populations are in a situation of social exclusion and vulnerability due to their administrative, legal, social and economic situation.

- It’s been a year of progress in political and associative thinking, in which the working groups formed by volunteers have contributed to the development of the **Policy of Médecos del Mundo Spain concerning the Detention Centers of Foreigners and the Policy of Prostitution and Human Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation.**
- The position of the organization yet another year is to defend the right of migration and of a dignified reception process and a true intercultural coexistence. Therefore, on March 18<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> conference “**The fabrication of the border: migrations, migrants and human rights**” was held, a space for reflection on narratives and hate speech towards this population.
- Worth mentioning is the training of migrant women as agents of change in so far as gender violence, the program has been developed within the framework of the ACCESS project. Within this project, a **map of socio-sanitary resources** against violence aimed at migrant women and professionals in this field is worth a special mention.



## IN SPAIN

94 regional-scope projects

19 state-scope projects

64,474 intervention activities (42,670 social, 12,591 health and 9,213 psychological)

20,909 people assisted (14,474 women, 5,786 men, 618 trans women and 31 trans men)

19,152 intervention activities to 10,534 immigrant (5,393 women, 5,136 men and 5 non-binary gender)

25,630 intervention activities to 10,123 people in the situation of prostitution and trafficking (9,852 women, 544 of them trans, and 271 men, 2 of them trans)

1,568 intervention activities to 866 people to prevent female genital mutilation (680 women and 186 men)

3,946 intervention activities to 897 drug users (190 women, 704 men and 3 trans)

13,609 intervention activities to 2,118 homeless people (482 women, 1,631 men and 5 trans)

# International Cooperation

Throughout the year, on an international level, **Médicos del Mundo Spain has developed 106 projects, spread over 21 countries or territories (Angola, Algeria [Saharawi refugee camps], Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Syria, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Ukraine. Commencing activities in 2019, Venezuela and Democratic Republic of the Congo, and closing activities in Nicaragua) and in so doing has worked in acute and chronic health crises, accompanying the communities on the journey towards an inherent right to health.**

In Mozambique, the **Idai Cyclone** left a third of the country flooded, hundreds of victims and thousands of displaced people. A team from the international network of Doctors of the World, led by the Spanish delegation, traveled on their first joint mission to support those who had lost everything. Likewise, the organization contributed to the first departure of the START team of the Spanish cooperation with two people, one gender expert and another one in mental health.

On the other hand, as the year progressed, **presence in complex contexts has been consolidated**, always giving answers adapted to the moment and counting on the commitment of each one of the teams of the association. Examples of this are missions such as Ukraine, Venezuela, Burkina Faso, the Sahrawi refugee camps, or Syria, where **the military offensive of Turkey in northeast Syria in October 2019** caused one of the harshest crisis that Médicos del Mundo Spain has faced, having to evacuate the entire team in record time and adapting the intervention to the context so as not to interrupt operations in health centers and

being able to respond immediately to new needs generated by the attack.

Similarly, and as a continuation of the work that has been carried out in recent years, the **fight against gender-based violence** in its different expressions has been one of the main objectives of the association's work throughout 2019, as well as **strengthening the capacities of public health systems**, integrating sexual and reproductive health services within primary health care programs. A good example of this is the health and protection projects for migrants in transit, deported and displaced in Mexico and Mesoamerica (Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador).

On the African continent, Médicos del Mundo Spain has maintained projects that promote the right to health, which implies strengthening ministries of health, civil society organizations and raising awareness among the most vulnerable population and groups.

Specifically, Mozambique has worked in advocacy, participating actively in comprehensive care protocols for victims of gender violence. In Mauritania (in some regions of the country more than 90% of women have suffered some form of female genital mutilation [FGM] or another form of violence) the first **national communication campaign on gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health was launched "Allach'ça"** ("Then why?"). Through radio and television commercials, the goal of the campaign was to raise awareness and denounce practices and violence that harm the development of the Mauritanian society, as well as to illustrate the discrepancy that may exist between logic and customs, traditions or religion and to communicate the different aspects of violence and sexual and reproductive health.

Activity with the Bedouin community in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.  
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## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

64 international development programmes

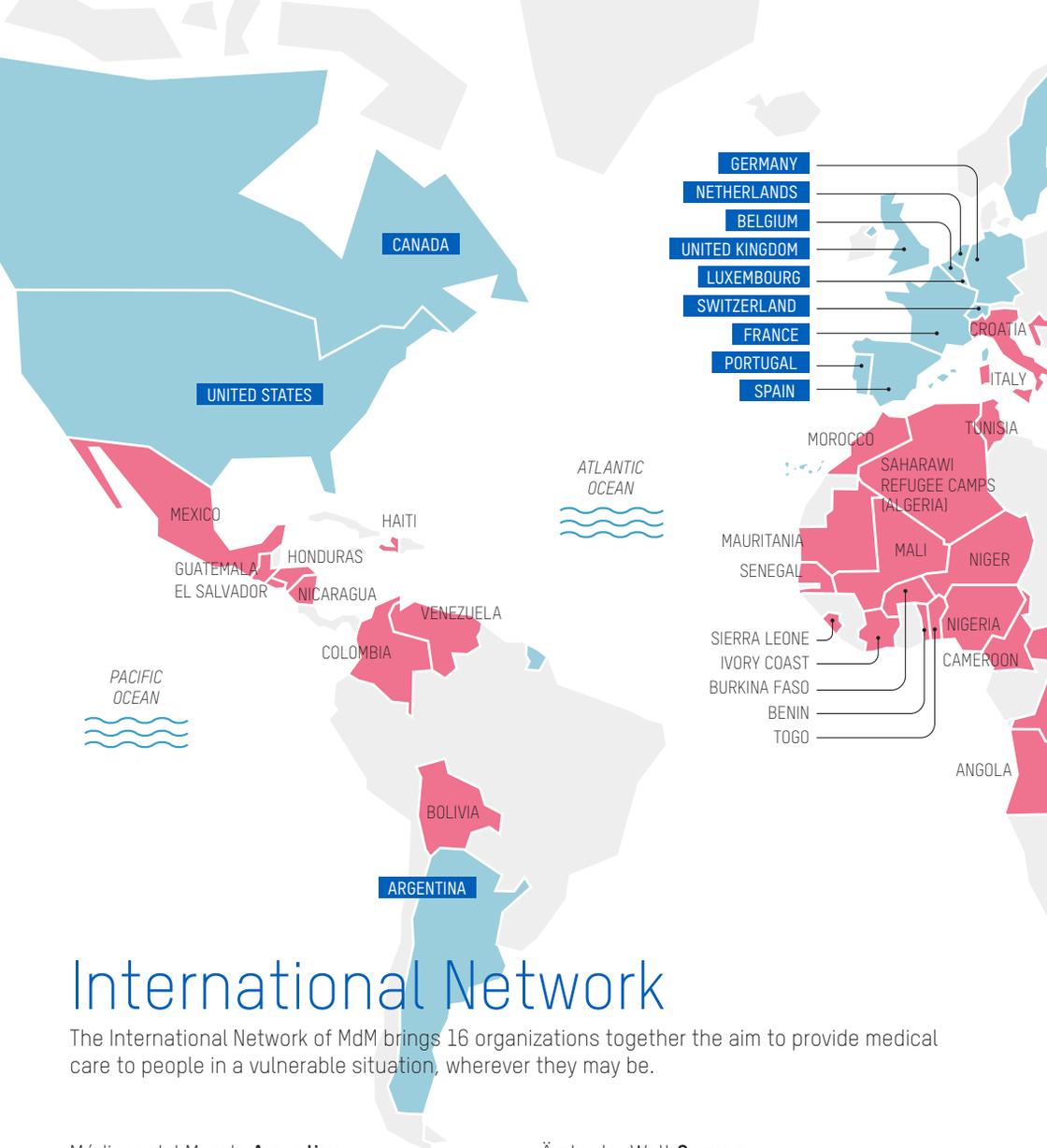
42 humanitarian action programmes

21 countries or territories

136 associated national organizations

2,890,681 people directly involved in our projects

13,272,187 people indirectly involved in our projects



# International Network

The International Network of MdM brings 16 organizations together with the aim to provide medical care to people in a vulnerable situation, wherever they may be.

Médicos del Mundo **Argentina**  
[www.mdm.org.ar](http://www.mdm.org.ar)

Dokters Van De Wereld **Belgium**  
[www.doktersvandewereld.be](http://www.doktersvandewereld.be)

Médecins du Monde **Canada**  
[www.medecinsdumonde.ca](http://www.medecinsdumonde.ca)

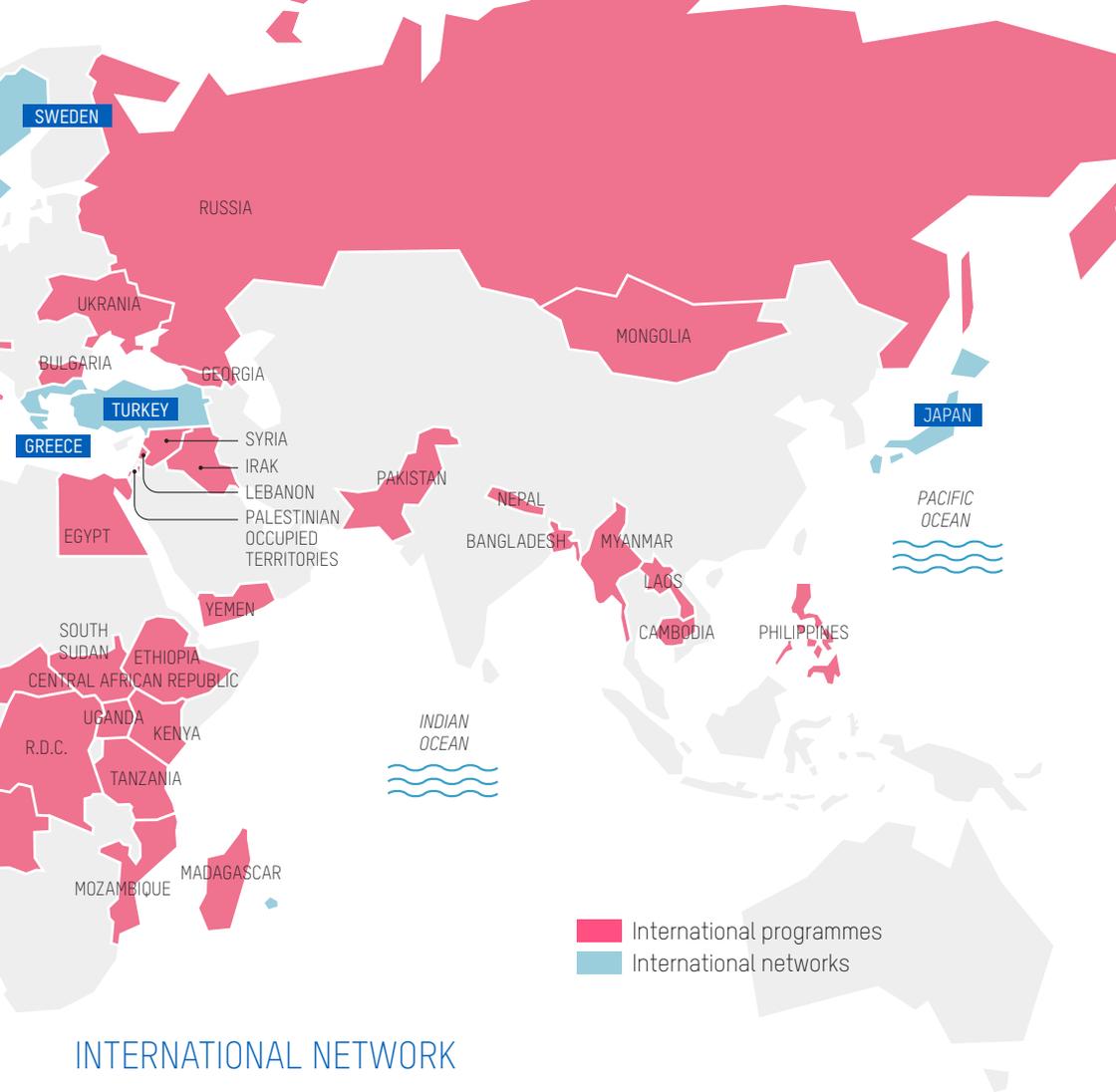
Médecins du Monde **France**  
[www.medecinsdumonde.org](http://www.medecinsdumonde.org)

Ärzte der Welt **Germany**  
[www.aerztederwelt.org](http://www.aerztederwelt.org)

Γιατροί του Κόσμου **Greece**  
[www.mdmgreece.gr](http://www.mdmgreece.gr)

世界の医療団 **Japón**  
[www.mdm.or.jp](http://www.mdm.or.jp)

Dokters vander Welt **Luxemburg**  
[medecinsdumonde.lu](http://medecinsdumonde.lu)



## INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

**173** : international projects  
in **58** countries

Dokters van de Wereld **Netherlands**

[www.doktersvandewereld.org](http://www.doktersvandewereld.org)

Médicos do Mundo **Portugal**

[www.medicosdomundo.pt](http://www.medicosdomundo.pt)

Médicos del Mundo **Spain**

[www.medicosdelmundo.org](http://www.medicosdelmundo.org)

Läkare i världen **Sweden**

[lakareivarlden.org](http://lakareivarlden.org)

**161** : national programs  
in **16** countries

Médecins du Monde **Switzerland**

[www.medecinsdumonde.ch](http://www.medecinsdumonde.ch)

Dünya Doktorları Derneği **Turkey**

[dunyadoktorlari.org.tr](http://dunyadoktorlari.org.tr)

Doctors of the World **UK**

[www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk](http://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk)

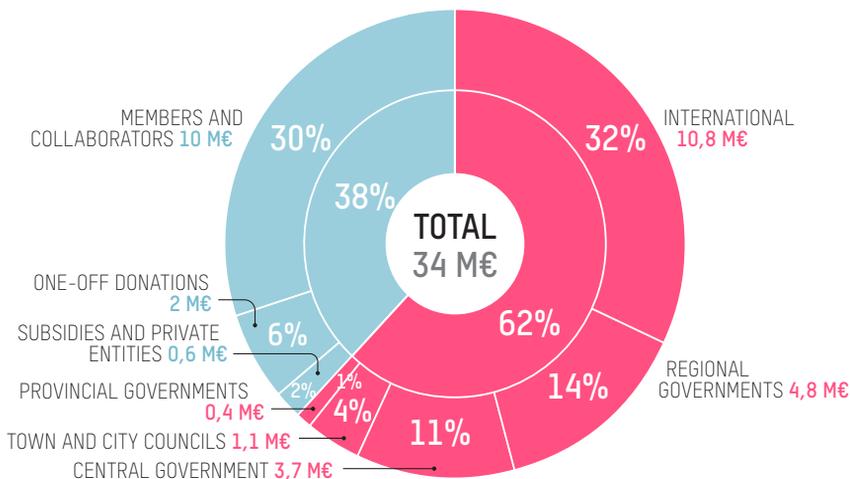
Doctors of the World **USA**

[doctorsoftheworld.org](http://doctorsoftheworld.org)

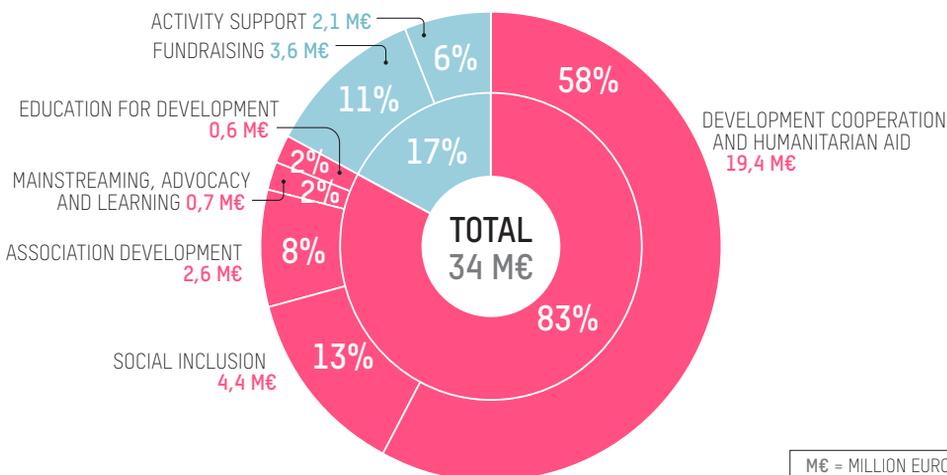
# 2019 Financial report

MÉDICOS DEL MUNDO SPAIN

HOW WE GET OUR FUNDS: 38% PRIVATE 13 M€ | 62% PUBLIC 21M€



HOW WE SPEND OUR FUNDS: 83% MISSIONS 28 M€ | 11% FUNDRAISING 3,6 M€ | 6% SUPPORT 2,1 M€



M€ = MILLION EUROS

# What you can do

**Your help can change lives. By supporting Médicos del Mundo Spain you are helping to improve health access for everyone, vulnerable, excluded or victims of natural catastrophes, famines, diseases, armed conflicts, or political violence.**

## MAKE A DONATION

Help us in an ongoing way by making a regular or a temporary donation. You can do this by filling in the simple form at our website

[www.medicosdelmundo.org](http://www.medicosdelmundo.org),

by calling **91 567 86 01** or **902 286 286**

or by sending an email to:

[ayuda@medicosdelmundo.org](mailto:ayuda@medicosdelmundo.org)

## INCLUDE US IN YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

It is very likely that when you decide to make your will, doubts or questions arise, that is why we have legal advice that we put at your disposition without commitment, free and confidential. Also, it will be a pleasure to assist you if you call us at the number

**91 543 60 33** or write us to the email

[herencias@medicosdelmundo.org](mailto:herencias@medicosdelmundo.org)

In addition, you may consult our guide at

[www.medicosdelmundo.org/](http://www.medicosdelmundo.org/)

[testamento-solidario](http://www.medicosdelmundo.org/testamento-solidario)

## CONTRIBUTE TO REVERT UNJUST SITUATIONS: BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Medicos del Mundo is a voluntary organization, a place for action and participation where you can contribute to change a reality many times unjust. Volunteers act and take action to defend the rights of the most disadvantaged and those excluded from access to the public health system. To become a volunteer, get in touch with your nearest office or send an email to [voluntariado@medicosdelmundo.org](mailto:voluntariado@medicosdelmundo.org)

## SPREAD THE WORD

You can also help us by sharing the news of our campaigns amongst your friends, subscribe to our newsletters or send us your comments and suggestions. You can find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and on our [YouTube channel](#). We would love for you to become part of our community, care to join us?

 [www.facebook.com/medicosdelmundo.espana](https://www.facebook.com/medicosdelmundo.espana)

 <https://twitter.com/MedicosdelMundo>

 <https://www.instagram.com/medicosdelmundoespana>

 <https://www.linkedin.com/company/m-dicos-del-mundo>

 <https://www.youtube.com/user/MedicosdelMundo>

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You can check the complete memory at: <https://www.memoriasmedicosdelmundo.org/2019/>

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