

Dear Members of the Association,

I joined MSF 13 years ago, first in the field as Admin-Fin after the Haitian earthquake, then slowly moving up through the ranks as HRCO, FieldCo, EmCo and then in HQ as HRO for the Emergency pool. During the COVID outbreak, I had the distinct pleasure of going back to the role of Fieldco for 2 years in Brussels to apply my emergency knowledge to the Belgian context in helping migrants and homeless persons through the different phases of providing information on the disease, quarantine and isolation services, and vaccination. Since January 2022, I have left MSF to pursue a post at MDM Belgium as Desk for the Sahel region.

Beyond the engagement that I have for MSF and my many colleagues and friends, I am pleased to offer my candidacy to the MSF B Board in order to provide my expertise in Belgium and abroad and continue our path together in another capacity.

In becoming a member of the Board, if you entrust me with this mandate, I agree to carry the mantle and be a steady voice of reason and reflection as our organization takes on new challenges.

I am aware that taking a position within the Board includes the necessity to create debate and accountability with transparency and I look forward to this chapter in my life. I think my experience in Brussels cooperating with other organizations (HUB, Red Cross, MDM, NewSamuSocial, Plateforme Citoyenne amongst others) and the other public mechanisms gives me an unique vantagepoint to provide insight on the continuation of our activities. For the past couple of years, MSF has invested in the Belgium environment through emergency response for COVID, as well through migration long-term activities. Having said that, why can't we do more? Perhaps not always operationally, but through message dissemination, through public positioning, through more innovation with universities... why not to become a real actor in our civil society? Over these past few years, I have seen many unique opportunities in SRH, harm reduction, hepatitis initiatives, and medical researchers that have reached out to include MSF in their studies.

Furthermore, my in-depth knowledge of how MSF functions in HQ and abroad both in stable and instable contexts will allow me to provoke higher debate and represent the voices from the field, which will allow me to support and serve the teams and beneficiaries in the best possible way.

I am at the disposal of all those who would like to know more about my background and the reasons why I am now a candidate for the MSF B Board. You can contact me at the address below:

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I look forward to seeing you all during the General Assembly and I thank you for your consideration of voting for my candidacy.

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