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medica mondiale is an organisation run by women for women.

medica mondiale's outlook is feminist by nature.

medica mondiale developed from a project run jointly by Medica Köln and Medica Zenica, which aimed to combat violence towards women in Bosnia Herzegovina in the context of the war.

medica mondiale supports and assists women and girls in war zones and areas of crisis, whose physical, psychological, social or political integrity has been violated, be it by society, family or war. This support and assistance is provided irrespective of the women's and girls' politics, ethnic origin or religion. The aim is to strengthen the women's powers of self-healing and to support and demand their right to an emancipatory way of life.

medica mondiale currently provides urgent and long-term assistance for traumatised women and girls in war and conflict zones through the following projects:

- ✓ supply of medical and psychosocial aid
- ✓ support of the public medical welfare services
- ✓ provision of training and further training, plus creation of employment opportunities
- √improvement of the state of nutrition and accommodation and of the legal situation.
- ✓informing the public about the situation of women and girls and causes of and reasons for violence towards women
- ✓ establishment of autonomous structures in which women are free to take action.

medica mondiale strives to secure the long-term future of these projects within autonomous women's networks and social infrastructures.

medica mondiale works to ensure that the various forms of violence towards women and the international character of this violence are elucidated and documented. In doing this, medica mondiale works mostly with national and international women's and human rights organisations as well as with other non-governmental organisations and governmental organisations.

medica mondiale is actively opposed to all forms of nationalism and fundamentalism and is involved in the establishment of democratic structures and in national and international reconciliation processes.

medica mondiale is part of the international women's movement and actively strives to have women's rights recognised as human rights in the context of a non-hierarchical gender-relationship.