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from: msf srebrenica
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hello honeys,

this is a capsat test - please confirm that you receive it and then you can open a bottle of champagne on mohamed. i am on standby with the hf.

christina

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security

during the first half of the week it became obvious, that both warring sides were preparing for the present scenario. bih was occupying all their posts, bsa deployed soldiers all around the enclave, movements of tanks and heavy artillery have been observed. on the 2nd one woman got killed at op quebec (northeast). since 6/7 0.30 am the enclave is undergoing continuous shelling, mostly in the villages, few, but very effective shells (tanks) fell right into the center.

according to the population this is the first time of such heavy shelling since srebrenica has been declared as un protected zone. we moved into the shelter with our communication equipment. unfortunately the capsat, our most important communication line, is still not well fixed.

in this very new situation we find it difficult to define our limits for movements, working conditions, etc.

part of the local staff is not working anymore, one translator stays with us in the basement.

population condition

on the 4rd of june the news were spread, that 7 people in the age range between 41 - 85 died the day before due to starvation. we could only confirm, that three of them died in the hospital due to medical reasons. it is certainly true, that the population suffers of chronic malnutrition due to lack of quantity and quality of food, but we cannot confirm the acute stage. also children seem to be well fed. however different sources report, that quite a number of people are going from house to house begging for food. this week one foodconvoy entered the enclave.

despite the insecurity people still move in the streets, let their children play outside, the market takes place...

our next meeting with optina will take place on monday 10.7. meanwhile the ball is back in sarajewo in order to lobby for the nominative list.

msf b/f activities:

the drastic change of the security situation made us change our objectives. during the week we had decided to start again with the ambulantas in the villages, with family planning, with the consultations in the social center, with anc, but all these activities have to be postponed until

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hospital:
the last two days of the week the hospital was overwhelmed with warwounded patients. the staff has been working almost around the clock and is functioning very well in this difficult circumstances. but it is also very obvious, that the workload especially for the local surgeon is much to much.
soon we will have to open the shelter in the hospital, if we have to deal with more than three severely wounded in the same time.

situation of drugs and medical material:
still the inventory hasn't been done, but we can still cope with a number of patients. the shelter has approximately a supply for covering 100 injuries. also we have still an emergency stock within the stock with approximately 10% of the last convoy.
sufficient stock of tb drugs.
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ambulantas:
like already mentioned, unfortunately the restart of the activities has to be postponed. we had a meeting with the local staff, who are very eager to offer the medical services again.

important surveillance data:
few non complicated cases of measles have been reported in the villages (measles campaign should be done as soon as security and supply allows).
the number of criminal abortions was 5 last week. no question about the need of family planning. (one abortion performed in the hospital costs hundred mark).
warwounded in the last two days: twenty, of whom three died within twelve hours. six adults got killed.

fuelsituation:
at the beginning of the reporting period we had a supply for four weeks left. we reduced the working hours of the generator three hours per day. but of course now in the last days we need a lot of fuel due to the influx of wounded.
because we cannot go to potocari to fetch the weekly supply, we started to use our emergency stock in the house.
unhcr has sixthousand liter left in potocari.

unprofor:

their new medical team has come in. in the last days medical help for the population was refused by dutchbatt.
since the red alert stops all their activities this opportunity should allow us to start a new, more distanced involvement of them, if any necessary.
all of a sudden the medical team of bravo company showed up and wanted also to work in our programme.
we should take care for our neutrality.
the liasion team of dutchbatt is not giving any information of security to anybody, even not to unao.

objectives for the next week:

- functioning ceptat
- clearance for the msf surgeon
- inventory medical stock

and otherwise we just have to adapt to the security and the situation in the hospital. we cannot predict anymore for tomorrow.