

GOVERNMENT DECISION CONCERNING
MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES -FRANCE

The repeated statements of withdrawal and politically motivated allegations by Medecins Sans Frontières France (MSF-F) against the humanitarian endeavours of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), as well as its refusal to follow norms and procedures established with other NGOs have not only cast doubts on the motive of the organization but has also seriously undermined their field work at the shelters. In the light of this, the RRC has today taken the following steps.

1. The RRC has accepted MSF-F's repeated offer to withdraw its operations from Ethiopia and, therefore, decided to discontinue the services of MSF-F as of 2 December 1985.
 2. The RRC has instructed its health division and relief workers, in Wello to takeover the operations so far undertaken by MSF-F and begin medical and related activities at the shelters in Korem, Kobo, Kelela and Sekota with the close cooperation and guidance of the Ministry of Health .
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De Medecins Sans Frontières - Belgique

Nous vous prions de trouver ci dessous le telex envoyé ce jour à l'Agence Belga à Bruxelles.

A L'Agence Belga

De Medecins Sans Frontières - Belgique

Concerne : conflit M.S.F. France/Ethiopia

Suite au départ de "Medecins Sans Frontières France" d'Ethiopie, nous tenons à apporter les précisions suivantes:

Le problème actuel concerne exclusivement "Medecins Sans Frontières - France". "Medecins Sans Frontières Belgique" pour sa part continue à exercer ses activités dans de bonnes conditions à Adigrat, Idaga Hamous et Zalambessa dans des zones situées à cheval sur l'Erythrée et le Tigray.

Nous regrettons la forme prise par la controverse et les propos tapageurs qui, inévitablement, ont conduit à une situation de blocage en définitive surtout préjudiciable pour les populations sinistrées.
