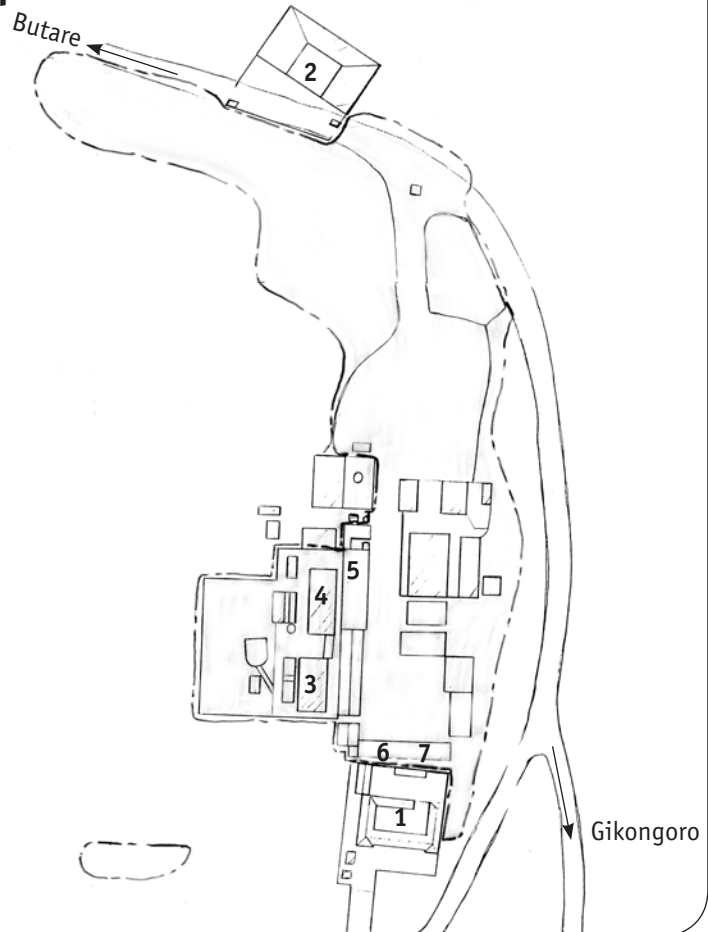



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## Center of Kibeho camp

1. UNAMIR barrack 1
2. UNAMIR barrack 2
3. Hospital n°1/MSF
4. Hospital n°2/MSF
5. Hospital n°3/MSF
6. MSF office
7. ICRC Food distribution



# **CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS APRIL 1994-JANUARY 1996**

The main purpose of this chronology is to help the reader by reconstructing MSF's actions and public statements in regional and international news reports of the period. It is intended as a tool for this specific document, and not as an academic reference.

International	Rwanda	MSF
<p data-bbox="150 293 209 327"><b>1994</b></p> <p data-bbox="245 456 312 483"><b>May 1</b> Human Rights Watch publishes <b>report</b> on Rwandan genocide. One section addresses “abuses by the Rwandan Patriotic Front” (RPF).</p> <p data-bbox="245 647 328 674"><b>May 23</b> Amnesty International publishes <b>report</b> on the genocide. One section addresses “deliberate and arbitrary murders carried out by the RPF and its supporters.”</p> <p data-bbox="245 1352 336 1379"><b>June 18</b> France announces its intention to address the UN Security Council regarding a ‘targeted military intervention for humanitarian ends in Rwanda, codenamed ‘Operation Turquoise’, with or without the support of other countries.</p> <p data-bbox="245 1610 336 1637"><b>June 22</b> Security Council Resolution 929 authorizes “Operation Turquoise” on the basis of Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter: “protection of civilian populations and humanitarian aid.”</p>	<p data-bbox="676 293 879 327"><b>Beginning April 6</b> Genocide launched against Rwandan Tutsis; Rwandan Hutus opposed to the genocide also killed.</p> <p data-bbox="676 1827 890 1861"><b>June 23-early July</b> Under precarious conditions, RPF carries out forced transfer of 50,000-100,000 residents of the Gitarama-Butare region to the Bugesera.</p>	<p data-bbox="1102 647 1150 674"><b>May</b> MSF Belgium initiates program in Byumba (RPF zone in northeastern Rwanda) – team witnesses RPF exerting heavy pressure on the population .</p> <p data-bbox="1102 837 1182 864"><b>June 3</b> MSF Belgium opens program in Nyamata (Bugesera).</p> <p data-bbox="1102 965 1182 992"><b>June 6</b> MSF Holland initiates program based in Kigali’s King Faisal hospital to treat prisoners.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1128 1198 1155"><b>June 17</b> <b>MSF France Press Conference:</b> “You can’t stop genocide with doctors”. <b>Press packet</b> includes statements from Burundian refugees in Rwanda about abuses committed by RPF soldiers.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1827 1385 1861"><b>June 23-early July 1994</b> MSF asked to provide medical assistance during population transfer but RPF hinders activities – MSF Belgium communications director is there with the team.</p>

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<p data-bbox="148 297 209 331"><b>1994</b></p> <p data-bbox="244 745 638 869"><b>July 3</b> U.N. authorizes France to establish "safe humanitarian zone" in southwestern Rwanda (Cyangugu, Gikongoro, Kibuye).</p>	<p data-bbox="676 902 1069 1059"><b>July 4</b> RPF takes Kigali and Butare - Hutus begin massive exodus, heading to northwestern Rwanda (Ruhengeri, Gysenyi) where interim government is located.</p> <p data-bbox="676 1126 1069 1216"><b>July 6</b> Rwandan national unity government formed.</p> <p data-bbox="676 1921 1069 2011"><b>July 14</b> RPF takes Ruhengeri. Interim Rwandan government flees to Zone Turquoise.</p>	<p data-bbox="1102 297 1495 421"><b>June 24</b> <b>MSF Belgium Press Release</b> "35,000 Civilians Evacuated After Tension Increases South of Gitarama."</p> <p data-bbox="1102 454 1495 544"><b>June 28</b> MSF Belgium begins work with displaced persons at Rilima hospital.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 589 1495 712"><b>July 1</b> <b>MSF Belgium Press Release:</b> "Rwanda: Massive Population Displacement to Bugesera."</p> <p data-bbox="1102 902 1495 1093"><b>July 4-10</b> MSF Belgium, France and Holland conduct evaluation mission in the "Zone Turquoise," around Gikongoro: MSF France and Holland agree to joint program; MSF Holland later withdraws.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1261 1495 1406"><b>July 7</b> <b>Sitrep</b> from MSF Belgium coordinator: RPF neglects the population and manipulates humanitarian organizations.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1451 1495 1597"><b>July 9</b> <b>"Report</b> on RPF incidents" delivered to MSF Belgium headquarters: MSF Belgium coordinator summarizes RPF abuses.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1641 1495 1765"><b>July 11</b> <b>Article by MSF Belgium communications director in <i>Le Soir</i></b> opposes Operation Turquoise.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1798 1495 1888"><b>July 12</b> MSF France launches program in southwestern Rwanda (Zone Turquoise).</p>



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<p data-bbox="148 297 638 389"><b>1994</b> return of refugees and displaced persons to Rwanda - UNHCR cancels mass return scheduled for 16 August .</p> <p data-bbox="244 584 638 707"><b>August 17</b> Statements by Burundian refugees victimized by RPF abuses published in <i>Le Monde</i> (France).</p> <p data-bbox="244 1476 638 1794"><b>September 7</b> Publication of Human Rights Watch <b>report</b> on serious human rights violations by RPF troops during June and July. Humanitarian organizations tell the newspaper <i>Le Monde</i> that these actions “probably” occurred but prefer to remain silent to protect their programs in Rwanda — first descriptions of prison conditions in international press.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1827 638 1989"><b>September 12</b> In Brussels, Faustin Twagiramungu, former Rwandan Prime minister, says that conditions required for refugees to return to Rwanda are “far from being satisfied.”</p>	<p data-bbox="675 427 1069 551"><b>August 13</b> Hutus flee Zone Turquoise for Bukavu following announcement that French troops will leave Zone Turquoise.</p> <p data-bbox="675 1061 1069 1153"><b>August 21</b> Last French soldiers leave the Zone Turquoise.</p> <p data-bbox="675 1189 1069 1312"><b>August 22</b> Rwandan interior minister admits in the press that acts of revenge and disappearances are continuing.</p> <p data-bbox="675 1348 1069 1440"><b>September 5</b> RPF begins deploying 2,000 troops in cities of Gikongoro, Kibuye and Cyangugu.</p>	<p data-bbox="1106 297 1493 358">appears in <i>Le Soir</i> (Belgium): appeal to human rights organizations.</p> <p data-bbox="1106 745 1493 869"><b>August 19</b> <b>MSF Belgium and MSF France Press Releases:</b> “French Troops Depart Rwanda, Leaving Chaos in Their Wake.”</p> <p data-bbox="1106 904 1493 1028"><b>August 20-September 5</b> MSF’s legal advisor in Rwanda — <b>report</b> on the catastrophic state of the legal system.</p> <p data-bbox="1106 1476 1493 1599"><b>September 7</b> ICRC transfers first five prisoners from Gitarama prison to the Kabgayi hospital where MSF France is working.</p>

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<p><b>1994 September 16-17</b> According to UNAMIR, there are more than 2 million internally-displaced people inside Rwanda.</p> <p><b>September 23</b> UNHCR announces it is not encouraging Rwandan refugees to return home "based on reports of violence being carried out there" (Gersony report, not distributed) – U.N. Secretary-general requests further investigation.</p> <p><b>September 24</b> UNAMIR denies having information regarding killings committed by APR soldiers.</p> <p><b>September 27</b> U.N. Secretary-General calls for halt to publication of information regarding risks facing refugees returning to Rwanda.</p> <p><b>October 3, 1994</b> U.N. Security Council adopts <b>report</b> from the U.N. commission establishing that genocide was committed against Rwandan Tutsis - discussion in conjunction with the General Assembly on information in the Gersony report regarding RPF massacres.</p>	<p><b>September 24</b> UNAMIR-supervised Operation Homeward begins repatriation of internally displaced persons from Gikongoro to their communes.</p> <p><b>October 6</b> Rwandan authorities take total control of the former "safe humanitarian zone" in southwestern Rwanda - When questioned by UN commission on possible RPF massacres, Rwandan authorities refer to individual, uncontrolled acts of revenge - Rwandan president calls for international tribunal to try crimes against humanity.</p>	<p><b>Early October</b> Former MSF Belgium coordinator in Rwanda delivers detailed <b>report</b> on RPF abuses he witnessed in Byumba and Bugesera between May and September 1994 to the Dutch foreign minister.</p>



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<p><b>1994</b></p> <p><b>October 24</b> UNHCR, Zaire and Rwanda sign agreement on refugee repatriation.</p> <p><b>October 28</b> Rwandan government calls for limiting jurisdiction of an international tribunal on genocide and war crimes to acts prior to the RPF's coming to power in July, thus excluding war crimes committed subsequently by the new regime.</p> <p><b>Early November</b> 'Concerns about Rwanda in October 1994' <b>working paper</b> by Belgian researcher Filip Reyntjens, back from Rwanda.</p> <p><b>November 8</b> U.N. Security Council passes Resolution 955 creating international criminal tribunal for Rwanda.</p> <p><b>December 9</b> U.N. asks Rwandan government to suspend camp closure operations and authorize first-aid stations.</p>	<p><b>November 10 and 11</b> RPA soldiers open fire on the Musange refugee camp (north of Gikongoro) leaving 14 dead and seven wounded.</p> <p><b>December 9</b> The Gikongoro prefect announces that Rukondo, Cyanika and Kibeho camps to be closed.</p> <p><b>December 13 and 14</b> RPA and UNAMIR undertake "Operation Hope" (leaders arrested and weapons confiscated) in Kibeho and Ndago camps.</p> <p><b>December 18</b> Rwandan government announces it will give up plan to close camps in the former "safe humanitarian zone".</p>	<p><b>Mid-October:</b> <b>Articles</b> in the French press by MSF members criticize U.N.'s lack of resolution, without mention of RPF violence.</p> <p><b>October 28</b> Information on abuses by the new Rwandan regime reported to MSF France board of directors by an administrator returned from Rwanda; discussion of MSF's dilemma--"trapped in the framework of genocide."</p> <p><b>November 10</b> <b>Distribution of MSF Holland report, "Breaking the Cycle,"</b> describing the situation in Rwandan refugee camps in Zaire and Tanzania.</p> <p><b>November 14</b> <b>MSF International, MSF U.S. and MSF Great Britain Press Release:</b> MSF withdraws from Rwandan refugee camps in Bukavu, south of Kivu (Zaire).</p> <p><b>December 6</b> RPA carries out forced closure of Kaduha displaced persons camp (Gikongoro region) in full view of MSF France team — displaced persons flee to Kibeho camp.</p> <p><b>December</b> MSF conducts <b>survey</b> in the camps with alarming results — returning refugees face arrest, torture, abuse and killings.</p> <p><b>Mid-December</b> MSF Belgium wants to take over medical care from ICRC in Kigali and Butare prisons; debates the issue with MSF France.</p>

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<p><b>1994</b></p>	<p><b>December 30</b> Rwandan government suspends ACF activities throughout Rwanda.</p>	
<p><b>1995</b></p>	<p><b>First week of April</b> Displaced persons driven by the RPA from the region's small camps gather in Kibeho.</p> <p><b>April 7</b> Ceremonies in commemoration of the beginning of the genocide.</p> <p><b>April 14</b> RPA reinforces troops around Kibeho camp.</p>	<p><b>January 6 and 7</b> MSF France doctor conducts forensic examination after RPA attacks Buzanze camp.</p> <p><b>January 30-February 7</b> MSF legal advisor in Rwanda - MSF France team in Gitarama decides to draft a <b>report</b> with data on hospitalized prisoners and mortality rates in prison. Collaboration with ICRC and MSF Belgium.</p> <p><b>March 9</b> Debate among operational sections regarding repatriation of refugees and displaced persons to Rwandan <i>communes</i>: MSF Belgium supports informing refugees, MSF France opposes encouraging repatriation.</p> <p><b>Early April:</b> <b>Report</b> on Gitarama prisoners' state of health presented to Rwandan authorities.</p> <p><b>April 11</b> MSF operational sections' programme managers decide to create a position for international information officer in Rwanda.</p> <p><b>April 13</b> MSF France team finds Rwamiko camp ransacked — 5,000 displaced persons flee to Kibeho.</p> <p><b>April 15</b> MSF team learns that RPA has ordered that camp is no longer to receive food deliveries.</p> <p><b>April 18</b> MSF team discovers that Kibeho camp has been ransacked and that displaced</p>

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<p><b>1995</b></p> <p><b>April 19</b> 2,500 RPA soldiers fire on crowd gathered near the Kibeho hospital – RPA cuts off water delivery system.</p> <p><b>April 20</b> Displaced persons gather in an even smaller area — denied access to water tanks installed by MSF and OXFAM.</p> <p><b>April 21</b> Following shooting, MSF team discovers 21 bodies and tries, unsuccessfully, to alert authorities to risks of epidemic — <b>MSF France Press Release:</b> “Close to 200,000 People Gathered Around Displaced Persons’ Camps in southeastern Rwanda Prepare to Spend their Fifth Day in the Open” — MSF France delivers this message in a letter to the U.N. department of humanitarian affairs and the UNHCR.</p> <p><b>April 22</b> RPA fires into crowd of displaced persons with heavy weapons.</p> <p><b>April 23</b> UNAMIR spokesperson announces to the press that RPA has killed several thousand displaced persons — Zambian UNAMIR commander accuses RPA of firing heavy weapons — he is evacuated immediately after receiving death threats.</p>	<p><b>April 19</b> 2,500 RPA soldiers fire on crowd gathered near the Kibeho hospital – RPA cuts off water delivery system.</p> <p><b>April 20</b> Displaced persons gather in an even smaller area — denied access to water tanks installed by MSF and OXFAM.</p> <p><b>April 22</b> RPA fires into crowd of displaced persons with heavy weapons.</p> <p><b>April 23</b> Survivors leave the massacre site under RPA threat — 2,000 displaced persons still entrenched in central buildings — RPA issues ultimatum before bombing — Rwandan justice minister visits to calm RPA — defense minister and Rwanda president visit, latter says 300 victims were crushed during riot</p>	<p>persons have gathered around UNAMIR buildings, school and hospital — MSF team treats wounded in the hospital — MSF head of mission in Kigali notifies press in Kigali.</p> <p><b>April 19</b> Humanitarian organizations forbidden to provide aid to thousands of people crammed into small outside area in precarious conditions — MSF and OXFAM logisticians install several water tanks.</p> <p><b>April 20</b> MSF team delayed at checkpoint, RPA hampers team’s works — 6 p.m.: on leaving the camp, the team sees soldiers arrive — radio operator hears gunfire — <b>MSF Belgium, MSF France, MSF US and MSF International Press Release:</b> “Médecins Sans Frontières Calls for Displaced Persons’ Camps in Rwanda to be Maintained Temporarily.”</p> <p><b>April 21:</b> Following shooting, MSF team discovers 21 bodies and tries, unsuccessfully, to alert authorities to risks of epidemic — <b>MSF France Press Release:</b> “Close to 200,000 People Gathered Around Displaced Persons’ Camps in southeastern Rwanda Prepare to Spend their Fifth Day in the Open” — MSF France delivers this message in a letter to the U.N. department of humanitarian affairs and the UNHCR.</p> <p><b>April 22</b> RPA refuses MSF international team entry to Kibeho hospital — team walks across thousands of corpses, tries to treat wounded, present for several rounds of firing and evacuated by UNAMIR — <b>MSF Press Release:</b> “Thousands of Victims in Kibeho: MSF Denounces Killings.”</p> <p><b>April 23</b> Kibeho: Thousands of corpses disappear — MSF team forbidden access to the hospital, treats wounded in UNAMIR barracks, evacuates infants from the hospital and buries dead in a ditch — RPA hinders evacuation of wounded to Butare — Butare: MSF and ICRC teams prevented from working and from</p>

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<p data-bbox="148 293 209 327"><b>1995</b></p> <p data-bbox="244 645 341 674"><b>April 24</b> Australian military spokesperson announces that UNAMIR counted 4,000 bodies the morning after the Kibeho massacre. -- Three hours later, the UNAMIR commander in Kigali puts the number at 2,000 — announcement that direct aid to Rwanda is suspended.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1122 341 1151"><b>April 25</b> Belgian government suspends bilateral aid to Rwanda — UN acknowledges it was not informed of the Kibeho evacuation and confirms official death toll at 2,000.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1731 341 1760"><b>April 27</b> U.N. secretary general asks that force not be used against displaced persons entrenched in Kibeho — U.N. security council condemns “death sentence” carried out against civilians and asks secretary general to make a report.</p>	<p data-bbox="675 297 1070 421">— in Brussels, Rwandan Prime Minister regrets heavy loss of life and announces investigation into the responsibility of Rwandan soldiers.</p> <p data-bbox="675 645 772 674"><b>April 24</b> Rwandan president accuses Hutu militias of responsibility for the massacre and blames international community for not separating victims from innocent people — RPA bombing ultimatum is pushed back and then called off.</p> <p data-bbox="675 1447 772 1476"><b>April 26</b> Kibeho: witnesses observe RPA transfer of corpses and exhumation of bodies from latrines during the night.</p> <p data-bbox="675 1731 772 1760"><b>April 27</b> Rwandan government <b>Press Conference</b> in Kibeho: exhumation of 300 official victims — MSF accused of providing false data — NGOs accused of supporting militias in displaced persons’ camp — announcement of creation of an international “independent” investigative commission.</p>	<p data-bbox="1106 297 1497 611">transferring wounded to hospitals. <b>MSF Belgium Press Release:</b> “Forced March for Kibeho’s 100,000 Displaced Persons: Tens of Thousands of People Collapse en Route — MSF Angered by UNAMIR’s Inability to Protect Civilians,” <b>MSF USA Press Release:</b> “5,000 to 8,000 Killed in the Kibeho Camp, Many of the 80,000 Displaced Persons Sent on Forced March Suffer Exhaustion.”</p> <p data-bbox="1106 645 1203 674"><b>April 24</b> MSF team mobilizes U.N., embassies and international agencies to notify them of RPA ultimatum — <b>MSF Belgium Press Release:</b> “MSF Demands Free Access to Victims of Kibeho Massacre” — <b>MSF France Press Release:</b> “After This Weekend’s Carnage, Displaced Persons Still Face Tragic Situation,” <b>MSF UK Press Release:</b> “Rwandan Army Still Preventing Assistance From Reaching Kibeho Victims: MSF Condemns RPA Attacks on Kibeho and UN’s Failure to Protect Civilians in Rwanda.”</p> <p data-bbox="1106 1122 1203 1151"><b>April 25</b> <b>MSF Press Conference</b> in Kigali: statements from volunteers on the Kibeho massacre — “timely” interruption of satellite link during <b>CNN discussion</b> among president of MSF Holland, UN representative to Rwanda and Rwandan ambassador to the U.S.</p> <p data-bbox="1106 1447 1203 1476"><b>April 26</b> MSF team denied access to Kibeho — several NGOs experience security incidents — MSF team leaks news of “corpses in latrines” — invitation from MSF team to a “meeting with the Rwandan head of state” in Kibeho the next day — MSF lobbies embassies .</p> <p data-bbox="1106 1731 1203 1760"><b>April 27</b> During the <b>Press Conference</b>, the MSF representative maintains that the team saw thousands of corpses.</p> <p data-bbox="1106 2051 1203 2080"><b>April 28</b> Warning by MSF information officer</p>

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<p data-bbox="145 293 209 327"><b>1995</b></p> <p data-bbox="244 392 341 421"><b>April 30</b> Rwandan government commits to not use force against displaced persons remaining in Kibeho.</p> <p data-bbox="244 551 316 580"><b>May 1</b> According to Agence France-Presse, a report by Australian blue helmets accuses RPA of disinterring and removing corpses from Kibeho to hide truth about number of victims from April 22 massacre.</p> <p data-bbox="244 931 316 960"><b>May 2</b> UNAMIR denies it is source of AFP report that RPA has surreptitiously removed corpses but does not contradict the information.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1921 331 1951"><b>May 18</b> Independent investigative commission on Kibeho events presents its report to Rwandan government .</p>	<p data-bbox="676 1122 748 1151"><b>May 8</b> First meeting of the independent investigative commission established at Rwandan government request.</p> <p data-bbox="676 1283 748 1312"><b>May 9</b> Last displaced persons leave Kibeho camp — independent investigative commission visits Kibeho site.</p>	<p data-bbox="1102 297 1493 356">in Rwanda: proof of massacres is disappearing very quickly.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 392 1200 421"><b>April 30</b> On <b>Radio Rwanda</b>, minister of rehabilitation accuses MSF France of providing false information .</p> <p data-bbox="1102 551 1174 580"><b>May 1</b> MSF heads of mission and programme managers from Belgium, France, Holland, Switzerland and Spain meet in Kigali to evaluate space available for MSF intervention with Rwandan population — MSF Belgium announces a project in jails and children’s prison — MSF targeted during demonstration in Kigali against international community’s position on Kibeho events</p> <p data-bbox="1102 931 1174 960"><b>May 2</b> MSF given access to Kibeho — groups of displaced persons leave the camp.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1447 1190 1476"><b>May 16</b> MSF presents its <b>report</b> on Kibeho events to Rwandan authorities and independent investigative commission.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1606 1190 1635"><b>May 17</b> MSF decides to write a second, more thorough <b>report</b> on Kibeho events — sections disagree over MSF Belgium’s participation in construction of a juvenile prison — letter from Rwandan minister of social rehabilitation to MSF France asking that it adhere to its “strict humanitarian purpose.”</p>

## International

## Rwanda

## MSF

1995

May 20

Independent investigative commission's **report** on Kibeho events is published: unable to determine precise number of victims; RPA excesses; international community and NGOs unable to effectively aid displaced persons to evacuate camp quickly.

**May 23**

MSF France responds to minister of rehabilitation: "advocacy on behalf of the populations' fate is central to the physician's vocation."

**May 25**

**MSF's report on Kibeho events is published**

**May 26**

**Letter** from MSF to U.N. Security Council president and UNAMIR commander regarding UNAMIR's attitude during Kibeho events.

**June 22**

Rwandan journalists attack MSF communications officer during a seminar in Kigali.

**June 29**

**MSF France Press Release:** "Catastrophic Mortality Rates Among Prisoners in Gitarama, Rwanda."

**July 5 and 6**

**MSF Press Conferences** in Brussels, Nairobi and Paris on health status of prisoners in Gitarama — Press Release from all MSF sections: "Catastrophic Death Rates in Gitarama Prison: MSF Calls for Immediate Transfer of Prisoners to Other Detention Facilities"

**July 7**

MSF France signs registration with authorities in Rwanda.

**July 27**

"Deadlock in the Rwandan Refugee Crisis," a **report by MSF Holland** on the repatriation of Rwandan refugees from camps in Zaire and Tanzania is published. Part of the report addresses Kibeho massacre and Rwandan prisons.

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<p data-bbox="145 293 209 327"><b>1995</b></p> <p data-bbox="244 1765 397 1794"><b>December 18</b></p> <p data-bbox="244 1798 635 1888">European Parliament passes resolution calling on Kigali government to reconsider decision to expel 38 NGOs.</p>	<p data-bbox="675 293 782 322"><b>August 3</b></p> <p data-bbox="675 327 1066 416">Rwandan president's office announces series of measures to improve prison conditions.</p> <p data-bbox="675 454 798 483"><b>August 30</b></p> <p data-bbox="675 488 1066 640">Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramungu and Interior Minister Seth Sendashonga dismissed after calling role of armed forces in continuing insecurity into question.</p> <p data-bbox="675 678 818 707"><b>November 8</b></p> <p data-bbox="675 712 1066 831">Rwandan defense minister Paul Kagame tells Belgian daily newspaper, Le Soir, that soldiers who committed mistakes have been punished.</p> <p data-bbox="675 1507 813 1536"><b>December 9</b></p> <p data-bbox="675 1541 1066 1659">Rwandan government announces that NGOs have seven days in which to leave Rwanda and must leave all their supplies in the country.</p>	<p data-bbox="1102 678 1241 707"><b>November 8</b></p> <p data-bbox="1102 712 1493 831">MSF France sends letter to health minister regarding shooting attack by RPA against health centre in Gikongoro prefecture.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 869 1241 898"><b>December 6</b></p> <p data-bbox="1102 902 1493 1122">Rwandan government announces it will expel 39 NGOs, including MSF France and MSF Switzerland — <b>MSF France Press Release:</b> "French and Swiss Sections of Médecins Sans Frontières Have Been Expelled from Rwanda Without Explanation."</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1160 1241 1189"><b>December 7</b></p> <p data-bbox="1102 1193 1493 1469"><b>MSF France Press Release:</b> "MSF Requests Official Explanation of its Expulsion from Rwanda" — <b>MSF UK Press Release:</b> "MSF Calls for Meeting with Rwandan Government Regarding its Expulsion" — <b>MSF International Press Release:</b> "MSF Calls for Meeting with Rwandan Government Regarding its Expulsion."</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1507 1241 1536"><b>December 9</b></p> <p data-bbox="1102 1541 1493 1727">French-German TV chain Arte broadcasts <b>film</b> by a member of MSF France board of directors showing catastrophic conditions in the Rwandan prisons from which the organization has been expelled .</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1765 1257 1794"><b>December 12</b></p> <p data-bbox="1102 1798 1493 1888">Bank accounts belonging to MSF France and other NGOs are blocked and their phone service cut off.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1921 1257 1951"><b>December 19</b></p> <p data-bbox="1102 1955 1493 2107">Meeting between Philippe Biberson and Doris Schopper of MSF and Mr. Mazimhaka, Rwandan Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Integration who promised to give explanations.</p>

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1995		<p><b>December 22</b>  Last MSF France volunteers leave Rwanda — <b>MSF France Press Release:</b> “Three MSF France Volunteers are Expelled”.</p>
1996		<p><b>January 3</b>  <b>MSF Press Conference in Nairobi:</b> denounces theft of supplies by RPA -  <b>MSF France Press Conference in Paris:</b> denounces authoritarian moves within Rwandan government — Reuters news agency wrongly picks up comments of MSF programme manager (comparing Rwandan prisons to Auschwitz)</p> <p><b>January 4</b>  Other MSF sections react negatively after Reuters picks up MSF France comments.</p>
1997		<p>Dutch authorities criticize MSF Holland for “irresponsibility” at the time of the Kibeho events.</p>