Access to healthcare for the most vulnerable in a Europe in social crisis

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Abstract: In this report, Doctors of the World (MdM) presents its observations for 2013 on the social health determinants and health status of patients who have received support from 25 of our 160 European programmes providing access to healthcare. In 2013, 29,400 consultations provided to 16,881 patients were analysed (15,445 of them medical consultations) across 25 cities in eight European countries. The quantitative analyses are supported by information provided by the local teams. This year we want to reiterate the need for unconditional access to both antenatal care for pregnant women and to essential childhood vaccinations, neither of which are currently universally guaranteed. This amounts to a denial of rights which goes against basic human rights, international conventions and respect for the fundamental principles of public health.

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What the crisis (through its impact on the country’s access to credit) showed beyond any doubt was that the strategy pursued in both sectors until that point (consisting of measures aimed at providing some short-term financial leeway to the system while minimising the political cost associated with more radical interventions to address structural problems) had reached its limits. People with disabilities are among the most disadvantaged groups in the EU. This policy brief examines the social situation of people of working age with disabilities, using data from the 2011 and 2016 rounds of the European Quality of Life Survey (EQLS). More precisely, household vulnerability is the conditional covariance between changes in household consumption and changes in income, subject to an asset constraint. 3. The third definition equates vulnerability with the utility lost due to risks, as the difference between the expected household consumption and the certainty-equivalent consumption. The World Bank’s approach to social protection in a globalizing world also recognizes that certain groups of poor people are even more exposed and vulnerable, and that risks are often mutually reinforcing. Most lack access to even the most basic services, such as health care and education, and they must rely on humanitarian assistance just to survive. In the absence of sufficient funding from the international community, the four countries hosting more than four million Syrian refugees are buckling under the strain. The IRC is uniquely positioned to advance humanitarian responses to this crisis in the most effective ways. Founded in 1933 at the call of Albert Einstein, the IRC’s core mission is to serve people forced to flee from war, conflict and disaster, and help them to survive, recover and gain control of their lives. preparation courses, and improve their foundational, social and emotional skills.