

**Mali: MSF calls for warring parties to respect the safety of civilians** Medecins Sans  
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Following violent fighting in Konna and bombardments in Lere and then in Douentza and Gao, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) calls on all the parties to the conflict in Mali to respect the safety of civilians and to leave health facilities untouched.

In Douentza, a town northeast of Mopti, the bombardments began again on Sunday morning. An MSF medical team is currently supporting work at the hospital there.

“Because of the bombardments and fighting, nobody is moving in the streets of Douentza and patients are not making it through to the hospital,” says Rosa Crestani, MSF emergency response coordinator. “We are worried about the people living close to the combat zones and we call on all the parties to the conflict to respect the safety of civilians and to leave medical facilities untouched.” (...)

MSF has delivered two trucks of medical supplies and drugs to the medical facilities in the Mopti area. It seems that many residents of the Mopti area have fled the fighting and some places have become almost ghost towns. MSF is doing all it can to find the displaced so that it can offer medical assistance via mobile clinics.

Following the bombing in Lere, further to the north, several hundred people have crossed the border into Mauritania. MSF’s teams in Mauritania have initiated their emergency response plan and are currently on site providing assistance. “Already 200 refugees have arrived by car or truck at Fassala camp, in Mauritania,” says Karl Nawezi, head of MSF’s programmes in Mauritania. (...)

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