

EBOLA DRC 2026: Acceptance of Risks and Acknowledgement of Liability

In preparation for my participation in a project to combat Ebola haemorrhagic fever with Médecins Sans Frontières ('MSF'), I have received specific information on the health risks and the staff health policy put in place by MSF to mitigate these risks. I have been able to ask questions and receive the additional explanations I required. I understand the importance of the health and safety rules defined and applicable within each Ebola project, and that my commitment to strictly adhere to them during and after my assignment is a mandatory prerequisite for my departure.

I may refer any questions or comments regarding the provisions of this agreement to the taskforce21-staffsupport.gva@geneva.msf.org

I therefore certify that:

- I understand and accept that my participation in an Ebola project, by its very nature, entails risks to my health that cannot be completely ruled out, regardless of the protective measures taken, one such risk being the possibility of contracting the Ebola virus. I have received from MSF all the information necessary to enable me to fully understand the health risks and the level of risk associated with any participation in an Ebola project in the field, and I accept them;
- I understand that MSF takes every possible precaution to ensure my protection during my deployment, but that ultimately it is my personal responsibility to comply with the rules and procedures put in place by MSF for an Ebola project and to look after my own health and safety during my deployment.
- I undertake to comply with all the required preventive measures, such as ensuring my vaccinations are up to date, taking malaria prophylaxis scrupulously for the entire duration of my stay at the project and for as long as necessary afterwards in accordance with the instructions received, refraining from travelling to the project whilst pregnant, and avoiding travelling to the project whilst unwell.
- I undertake to comply with the health policy during my placement, and in particular to report immediately to the staff health officer any symptoms of illness or any incident of exposure, and to comply with the 'no-touch policy'.
- I understand the importance of complying with the post-assignment follow-up policy and that failure to do so may endanger my health and that of others, particularly those close to me; one such risk being the possibility of contracting the Ebola virus.

With specific regard to **post-deployment monitoring**, I certify that:

- I have understood the principle of the post-deployment monitoring policy; I understand that it will apply for a maximum period of 21 days following the last day on which I may have been exposed to EVD and/or in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the authorities of the country of entry.
- I understand that MSF will approve the country in which I will reside during this period, in order to ensure the best possible care should the need arise, and therefore in my own best interests
- I understand that, even if I have been given prior approval before my departure to return to the country of my choice after my assignment, this approval may be withdrawn either because the country in question has introduced new procedures or restrictions, or because it is in my best interests to be assigned to another location during this monitoring period; the final decision on my post-assignment destination will therefore be confirmed to me upon my departure from the project
- I undertake to monitor my state of health closely during the post-assignment monitoring period, i.e. for a maximum of 21 days after the last day on which I may have been exposed to EVD.
- I understand that a high temperature is a symptom of the Ebola virus and may indicate that I am contagious; consequently, during the risk period following my return from the project, I undertake to take my temperature twice a day, every morning and every evening, and to record these readings
- If, at any time during the post-assignment monitoring period following my return from the project, my underarm temperature exceeds 37.5°C / 100.4°F or if I develop other symptoms of Ebola, I undertake to isolate myself immediately and to contact the designated medical focal point for monitoring (whose contact details will be provided to me upon completion of my mission).

Consent regarding my **medical care** by MSF:

In the event that I contract, or am suspected of having contracted, the Ebola virus during my assignment, I hereby delegate to MSF and its representatives full power and authority to organise, within the limits of available resources, my care until my transfer to another competent medical authority.