

Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City

A free, interactive, awareness-raising event

This fall 2011, Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF) will bring the **Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City** exhibit to Eastern Canada on a four-city tour:

St. John's: Bannerman Park, September 8 to 11

Halifax: The Garrison Grounds, September 15 to 18

Moncton: Riverfront Park, September 22 to 25

Quebec City: Place d'Youville, September 29 to October 3

The goal of the exhibit is to raise awareness about the plight of the world's 43 million refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) uprooted by war and conflict.

The **Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City** exhibit is an outdoor reconstruction of a refugee camp, where experienced MSF field staff (doctors, nurses, logisticians) guide visitors through a 40 to 60 minute interactive tour, explaining the crucial elements for survival in a refugee or IDP crisis.

During the tour, each visitor will learn some of the challenges a refugee or IDP faces in trying to access food, shelter, water and medical care. The 740 m² (8,000 square feet) exhibit is designed to accommodate approximately 800 to 1,200 visitors per day, and consists of the following:

- Shelter area
- Latrine area
- Health clinic
- Cholera treatment centre
- Food distribution area
- Water supply
- Nutrition treatment centre
- Vaccination tent

Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City was first launched in France in 1995 and has toured in countries in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America. In 2008 the exhibit attracted close to 30,000 visitors during a four-city tour of Western Canada and four-city tour of California. In 2010 more than 18,000 visitors attended four cities in Ontario and Quebec. For more about the recent Canadian tours, including photos, please visit www.refugeecamp.ca or call 1-800-982-7903 ext. 3909.

Quick facts

- 43 million refugees and IDPs worldwide
- Reconstruction of 740 m² refugee camp in Eastern Canada
- 4 cities: 15,000 visitors expected
- Internationally successful exhibit, touring since 1995

