



## ***Syria: Continuing Attacks on Medical Neutrality Worsen Desperate Situation***

***(New York, 29 April 2016).*** Despite the ceasefire proclaimed February 27, Syria's deadly conflict has intensified in Aleppo and Idlib governorates.

Bombings in the Aleppo region killed more than 50 civilians this week, and health structures are consistently and intentionally targeted.

In addition to this week's bombing of the MSF-supported Al Quds hospital, government raids today targeted the Al Marja health center, which is operated by the Union of Relief organizations and Medical Care (UOSSM), a valued Doctors of the World/Médecins du Monde local partner.

The building was completely destroyed. At the time of writing, an investigation is currently underway.

*"The ceasefire has shattered - and in complete violation of international law, schools, hospitals and ambulances are consistently targeted. Access to health services has worsened considerably: it is increasingly difficult to do our job and to have access to patients in this desperate humanitarian situation,"* said Dr. Françoise Sivignon, president of the Doctors of the World/Médecins du Monde global network.

In Aleppo, Doctors of the World/Médecins du Monde and its partners supply medical equipment to four hospitals and support six health structures.

The war in Syria enters its sixth year, has more than 270,000 dead and resulted the displacement of more than half of its population.