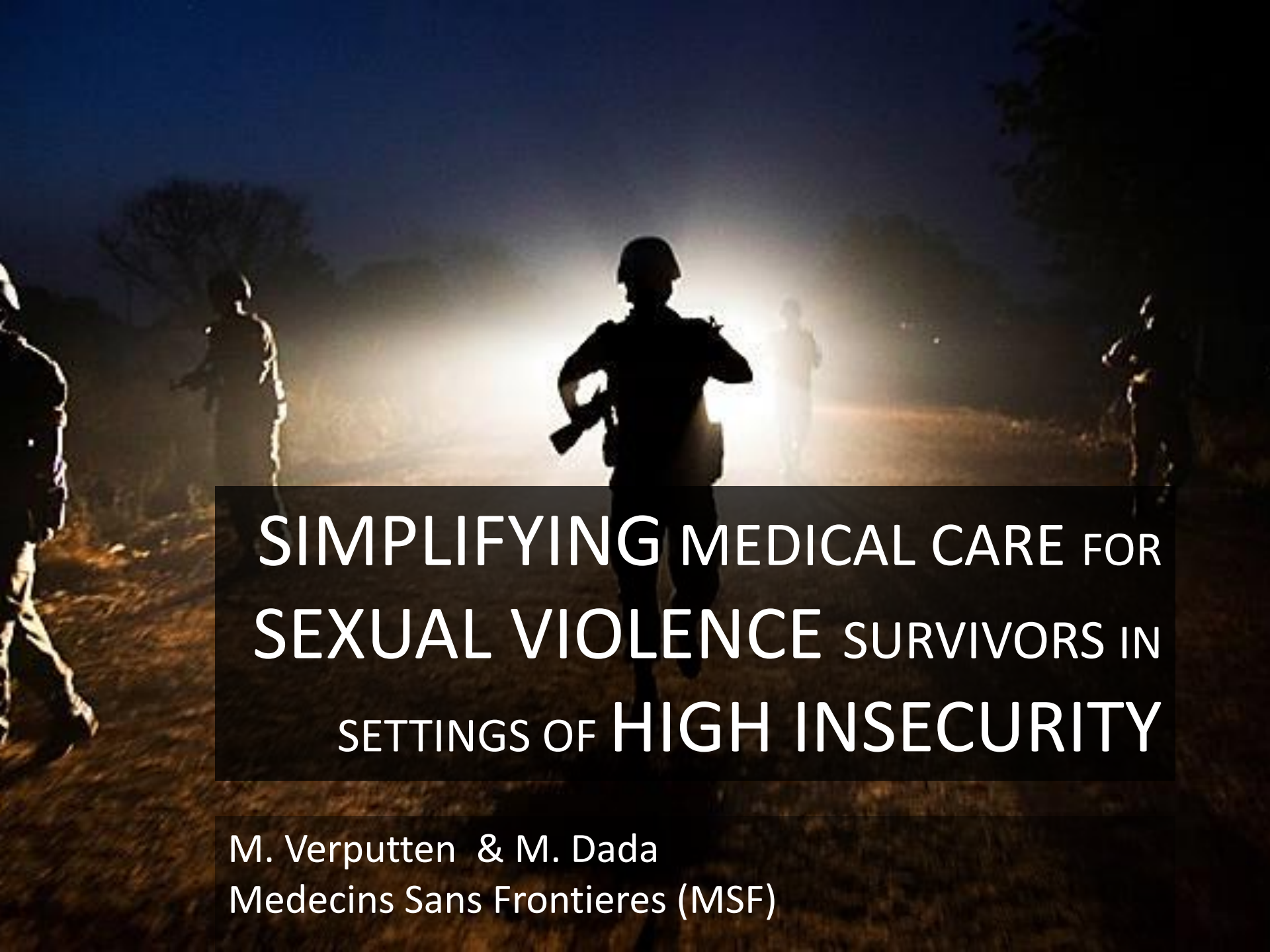


The background image shows several soldiers in silhouette, walking away from the viewer into a dark, wooded area at night. A very bright, circular light source, possibly a flare or a searchlight, is positioned in the center background, creating a strong backlighting effect and illuminating the scene with a hazy glow. The soldiers are carrying equipment, and their forms are dark against the lighter, hazy background.

SIMPLIFYING MEDICAL CARE FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVIVORS IN SETTINGS OF HIGH INSECURITY

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SOUTH SUDAN MAP



BACKGROUND SOUTH SUDAN

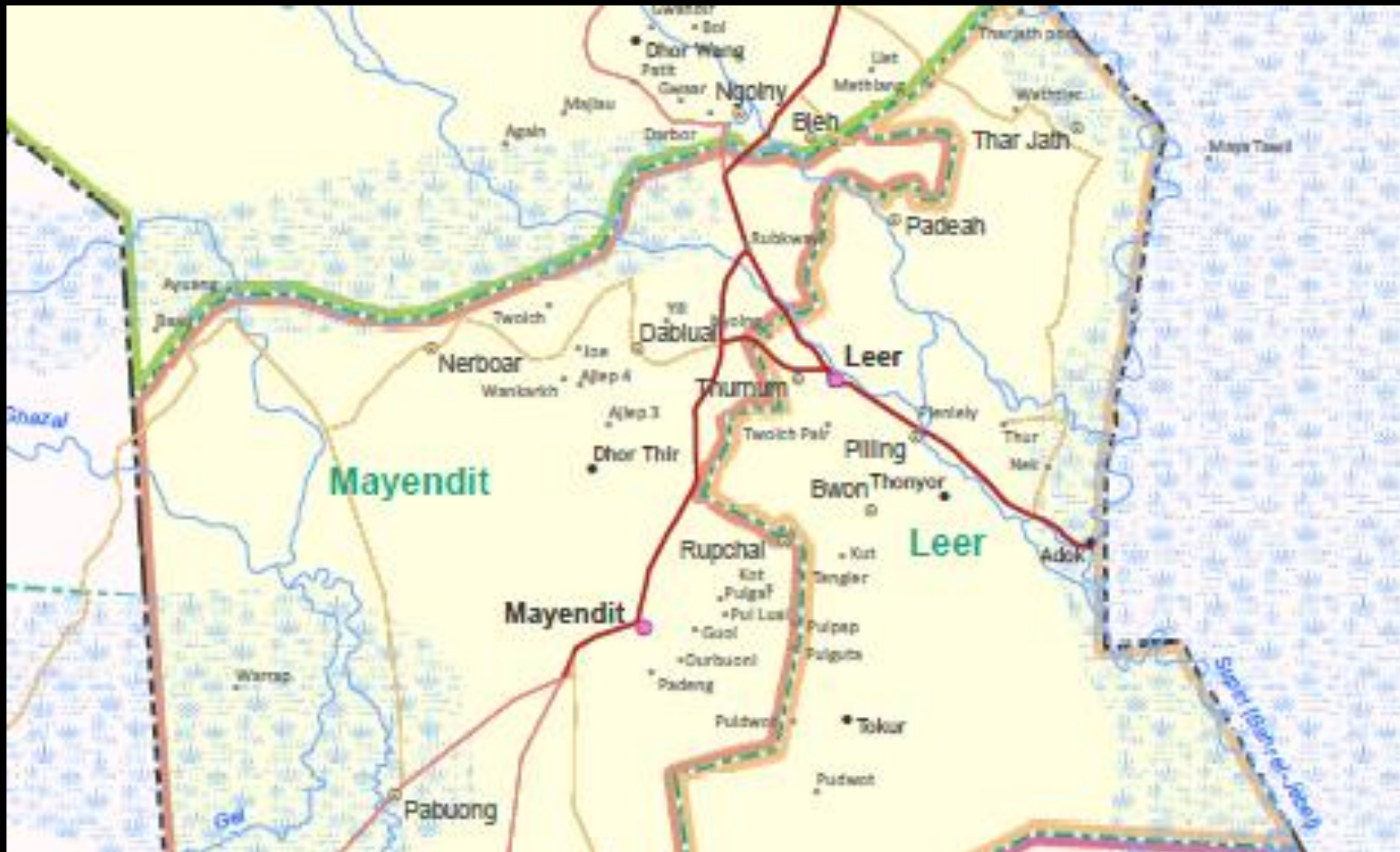
Huge medical needs
during conflict

Health care providers
displaced

Destruction of
health facilities



MSF-OCA CATCHMENT AREA, SOUTHERN UNITY/LIECH STATE



EVOLUTION in SOUTHERN UNITY

**since
1988**

**MSF Leer
hospital
Full medical
services**

**300.000
population**

**Jan
2014**

**Attack MSF
hospital
Evacuation
staff
Staff
displacement**

**March
2014**

**MSF
emergency
response
Displaced
Hospital**

**May
2015**

**Fighting
Evacuation
Displaced
national staff
and population**

**Aug
2015**

**Mobile
clinics
Assessments
Emergency
response**

**October
Fighting
Evacuation
Looting
hospital**

**Nov
2015**

**Mobile clinics
Assessments
Emergency
response**

OBJECTIVE



To describe **why all** female survivors of
rape,
can and should be offered
Emergency contraception

SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS WIDE SPREAD

1 in 14 women
being raped¹

1 in 5 women being
displaced being
raped²

9 % of women
reported rape in
Southern Unity³

Displacement

Conflict

Impunity

Gender inequality

Weapon of war

Survival sex

Sexual exploitation

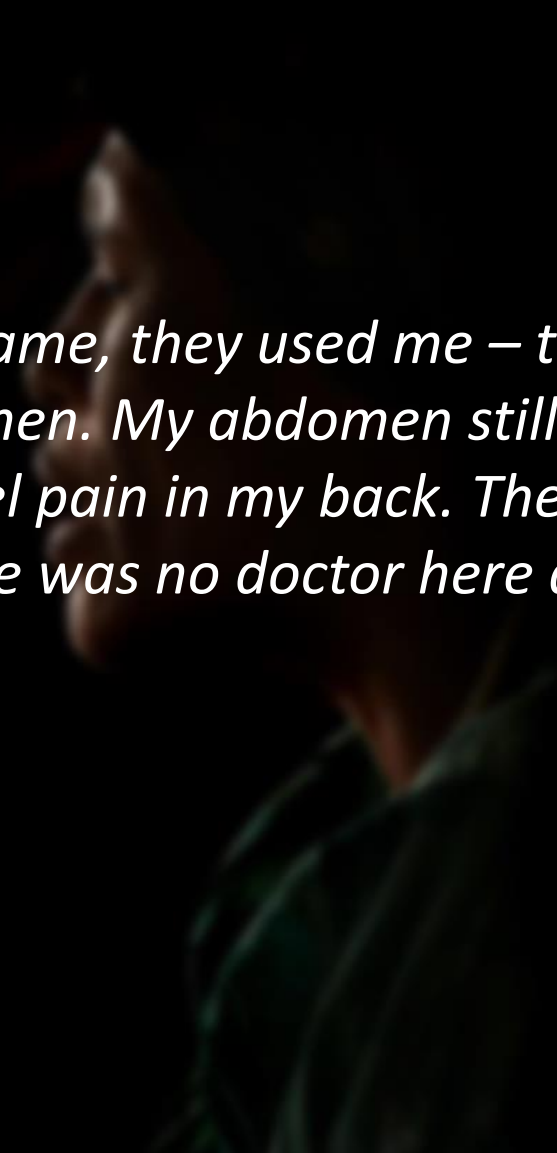
Every days life

Men and boys

“Some of the women I treated who had been subjected to beatings were heavily pregnant. When they arrived at the hospital they were often bleeding heavily. Some of them had to have their labours induced to deliver a dead baby. I have also treated many women and girls who were victims of sexual violence. They were threatened with being shot and often warning shots were fired. The men would then share the women and girls amongst themselves. The young women were often raped multiple times. They were tied up, blindfolded and made to lie on the ground.”

MSF midwife, Unity state, August 2015

ACCESS FOR SURVIVORS



“When the soldiers came, they used me – they raped me. They were four men. My abdomen still hurts and my stomach too. I feel pain in my back. They beat me with a stick too. There was no doctor here at the time.”

Mother of five, 2015

MSF STANDARD PACKAGE

Psychological first aid

Sexual Transmitted Infection
and HIV Post exposure
Prophylaxis

Emergency Contraception

Hepatitis B and Tetanus
vaccination

Termination of Pregnancy
on request

SIMPLIFYING CARE PACKAGE

Major concern of
the women



High risk of
unwanted
pregnancy

Simplified
package of care



Psychological
First aid &
Emergency
Contraception



M Verputten & M Dada MSF
Simplifying SV package of care in high insecurity settings

RESULTS EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Emergency response
with 63 survivors provided
with ECP

COMMUNITY BASED MODEL

The background image shows a refugee camp at dusk. In the foreground, several people are visible, including a woman carrying a child on her back. They are standing near a tent. In the background, there are more tents and a building with a corrugated metal roof. The sky is dark blue with some clouds.

Community
awareness
raising

First response at
community level
Referral if possible

Contingency
planning

LEASONS LEARNED

- Mapping of community resources
- Community awareness raising
- Emergency preparedness
- Water resistant, pre-packed kits
- Training and follow up

CONCLUSION

Alternative models of care in highly insecure contexts need to be explored



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A photograph of a group of children in a rural, open landscape. Some children are holding long, thin sticks or poles. A semi-transparent grey text box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text 'The people of Southern Unity Teams in South Sudan and especially the community health workers'.

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