

COVID-19 Knows No Borders

“It’s not about religions. It’s not about your nationality. Everyone is susceptible to COVID-19,” Rodel Lambatin (Six). Doctors Without Borders (DWB) helps people in more than 70 countries who have, or who are susceptible to, the COVID-19 pandemic (Six). In addition, the nonprofit teaches people proper hygiene to help them avoid the virus. DWB is dedicated to treating COVID-19 patients who cannot afford treatment, and by doing so, spread a message of peace.

Many countries in the world lack the infrastructure to have adequate healthcare for all their citizens. Unfortunately, this means that only those who can pay for a doctor are treated if they are infected by COVID-19. Meanwhile, all others who cannot afford healthcare or COVID-19 treatment risk becoming deathly sick, or in some cases die of other complications made worse by the virus. This is one reason that the death rate for the coronavirus is so high. However, there is hope.

In 1971, a small group of French doctors started the non-profit, Doctors Without Borders. The purpose has remained to provide medical care to those countries where it is needed. DWB’s main principles are: medical ethics, accountability, behavioral commitments, and that medical aid should be neutral, independent, and impartial. In normal years, DWB goes into countries that do not have healthcare systems, and sets up temporary medical care centers. In this year of the worldwide pandemic, DWB is working in these countries in a different way. Through these temporary medical care centers, they are treating those infected by the coronavirus. DWB believes that everyone is valuable enough for aid no matter their race, gender, or ethnicity (Founding). This means DWB helps everyone who comes to them.

The importance of their work lies in the fact that instead of going away from the places with the biggest outbreaks, they go towards them. In addition, their help is not just about treating patients’ physical needs, but also their mental and emotional needs. By the organization’s actions, DWB adds hope to the lives of their patients. By treating people in poverty who lack medical resources and thus are more vulnerable, DWB shows them that they do not have to fear for themselves or for their loved ones.

Doctors Without Borders has helped create peace by healing the sick in poor and unstable countries, and by doing so, helps make the countries more stable. During the pandemic, DWB has met the virus head on, often at the risk of their own volunteers. However; the volunteers are willing to take that risk in order to save lives. Too many people have died due to COVID-19 and it is time that we unite to help our fellow humans through non-profits like Doctors Without Borders. By giving free treatment to COVID-19 victims, DWB helps save lives and make the world a better, more peaceful place.

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