

"Just sit with us. Hear our problems. Take them to people who will do something about it. And be sure they do something about it."



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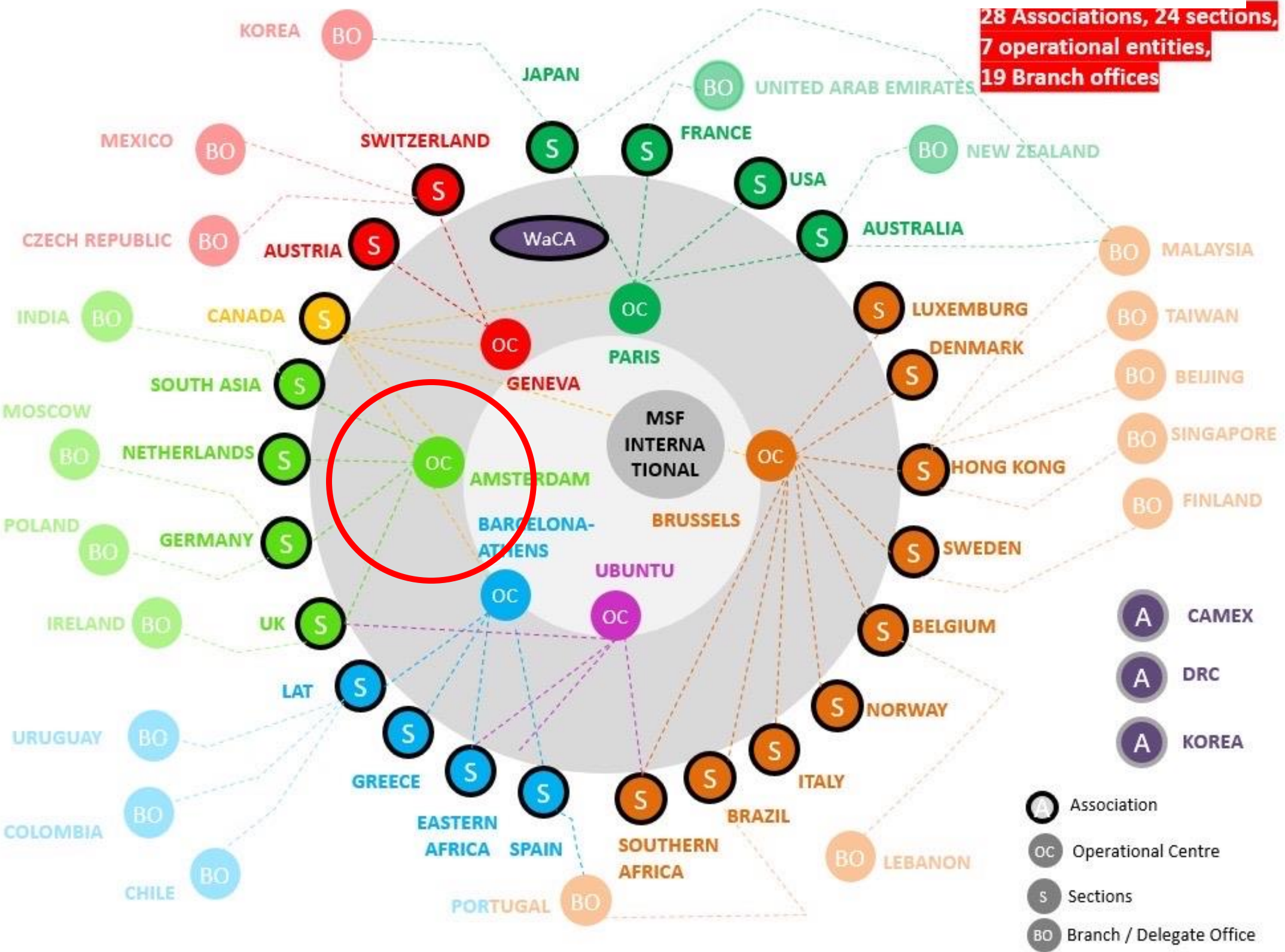
Health, climate change, and humanitarian response in eastern Chad: a multiphase, multi-sited ethnographic study

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Context:



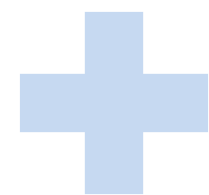
Aims & methods:

- *How are MSF and people living in Dar Sila understanding, experiencing and acting upon climate change?*

Multisited ethnography

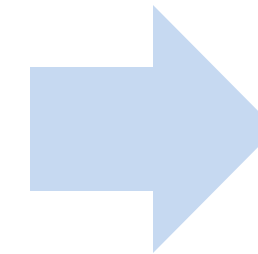
**MSF-
Organisational
perspective
(HQ + project)**

- In-depth interviews
- Observation
- Document review



**Communities'
perspective**

- ***Collaborative***
- Group discussions
- Interviews
- Observation



**Integrated analysis
for future
humanitarian
response**

- Multiscalar analysis

Results:

The drought



Climate change as slow degradation

The flood



Climate change as emergency

The Well



Climate change, infrastructural neglect, and the futures water reshapes

لجفاف - la sécheresse - The drought

**‘This is a difficult year.
This year there is the heat
and the drought. But its more
than just one difficult year;
its not normal.
It was never like this before.’**

- Abdoulaye, village leader

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The flood - l'innondation - الفيضان

'C'est du jamais vu
– never seen before.
Water so high it was never
seen by our grandparents'
granparents' grandparents.'
- Maryam, farmer

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الحفر - le forage - The well

**‘We’re caught between a rock and a hard place.
We cannot go back — it has become the path of the *wadi* [seasonal river].
But we cannot live here without water.
We are human beings, after all.’**

- Sadam, farmer

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Conclusions:

Recommendations within MSF's current frame:

1. See the slow crisis
2. Prepare from communities' scenarios as a starting point
3. Strengthen water interventions : social and future dimensions

...but do we need to change the frame?



Limitations:

- Positionality *within* MSF
- Long history of ‘beneficiary – aid provider’ dynamics in Dar Sila
- One country context, one moment in time



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Thank you!



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