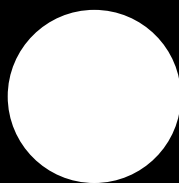


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Can you fit your arm in this hole?



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Campaign postcard from the Médecins sans frontières / Doctors Without Borders “A refugee camp in the city” project.

The circumference of the hole, roughly 80 mm, represents a measurement that might be taken by a Mid-Upper Arm Circumference Bracelet (MUAC), a paper gauge used to assess quickly the nutritional status of children under age 5. A measurement in the red band of the bracelet (< 110 mm) signals severe malnutrition requiring immediate intervention to keep the child alive. According to MSF, malnutrition is responsible, directly or indirectly, for the death of 6 million children in developing countries every year.

Launched in France in 1996, the Refugee Camp in the City project — an interactive outdoor reconstruction of a refugee camp — has toured 12 countries, raising awareness of the living conditions of the roughly 40 million refugees and internally displaced persons in the world today. The exhibit has travelled to Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. The Canadian tour concludes in Vancouver, Oct. 25–29.