



In South Sudan, [millions](#) of people have been on the run, fleeing violence since civil war broke out in December 2013. The U.N. is calling it the world's [largest](#) [refugee crisis](#).

Health workers are on the run, too.

How do they tend to the needs of civilians in perpetual flight? [Doctors Without Borders](#) is testing a new strategy: a "runaway bag."

It's a backpack made of waterproof canvas and weighing about 12.5 pounds when fully packed. What's inside? Antibiotics, painkillers, anti-malaria medicine (and a rapid test), material to bandage wounds, oral rehydration solution, water purification tabs and a pen and a register to record what has been handed out.

A single bag is meant to carry enough supplies to treat 50 to 70 people over a period of about two weeks, says MSF, the abbreviation for *Medecins sans frontieres*, as the group is called in French. The idea is to enlist local staff to carry the bags if a mass evacuation occurs.

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