

WHO team in action

The decade of the 1990s has already seen outbreaks of civil strife in such countries as Liberia, Somalia, and former Yugoslavia. The casualties are numbered in their thousands. Just one example among many of WHO's activities in times of war was the work of a small but dedicated team under a WHO consultant surgeon based at the Bozidareviceva Hospital in Zagreb to help casualties seriously injured during the fighting in Bosnia. The multi-disciplinary team undertook everything from major surgery, including amputations, to the fitting of prostheses and the subsequent rehabilitation process. Many patients had undergone crude surgery under battlefield conditions and required a second operation. □

