



Special Town Meeting



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Rebuilding from Conflict: Life Support for Civilian War Victims

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In contemporary armed conflict, civilians rather than combatants comprise some 90 percent of the casualties. In most conflict-ridden countries, injuries, hunger, and dislocation typically overwhelm minimal healthcare and other support services. Inevitably, any post-conflict national reconstruction effort must address these issues before the country can be stable and self-sustaining.

What are the unique challenges inherent in conducting emergency medical relief in some of the most dangerous and war-torn areas of the world? What is the responsibility of the international community in assisting civilian populations in combat zones?

Recently recognized by *Time* as one of "Tomorrow's Most Influential Individuals," Dr. Gino Strada established Emergency in 1994 as a non-profit humanitarian organization providing critical healthcare to victims in war-torn countries. Emergency runs clinics in Afghanistan, Cambodia, northern Iraq, and Sierra Leone, and has operated in areas such as Rwanda when other aid agencies would not take the risk. Dr. Strada previously received training in transplant surgery as a Visiting Surgeon at the University of Pittsburgh.

The work of Dr. Strada, Dr. Sarti, and EMERGENCY over the past eight years in Afghanistan has been featured in the documentary film, *Afghanistan: Collateral Damages?*, recently aired on PBS as *Afghanistan: Year 1380*. The panel will discuss this work and respond to audience questions.

Thursday, November 21, 2002

**6:00 p.m. Film and Discussion
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(Reception to Follow)

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