



Bringing hope
and healing

HOSPITAL SHIPS TO **TRANSFORM LIVES**

Partner with us

A STAGGERING NEED

According to the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery:

- More than 17 million people die every year from lack of safe surgical care. That is more than three times the total number of people who die each year from HIV, malaria and tuberculosis.
- 5 billion people lack access to safe, affordable, surgical and anesthesia care when needed.
- In low-income countries, 9 out of 10 people lack access to essential surgical care.
- Researchers estimate that 85% of children in low-income countries will need surgery before their 15th birthday.

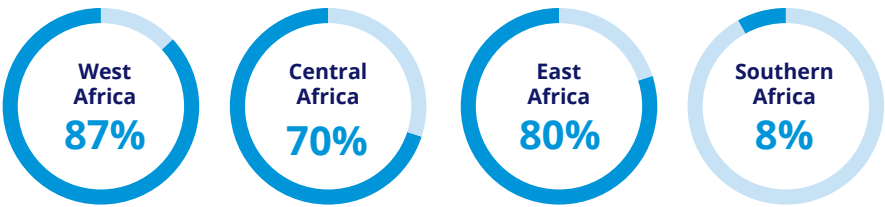


People lined up in Conakry, Guinea to be seen by one of the screening nurses of Mercy Ships.

WHY AFRICA?

- The African continent is home to 1.4 billion people (17% of world population) with a forecast to reach 2 billion by 2040.
- More than 25 million additional surgical interventions are needed every year in Africa to save lives and prevent disability.
- Africa accounts for only 2% of the world’s total number of doctors and 0.7 surgical specialist per 100,000 inhabitants.

% unmet surgical need:



Natou, 10 years old, Guinea



Ulrich, 12 years old, Cameroon



Mercy Ships covers:



Good health and well-being



Quality education



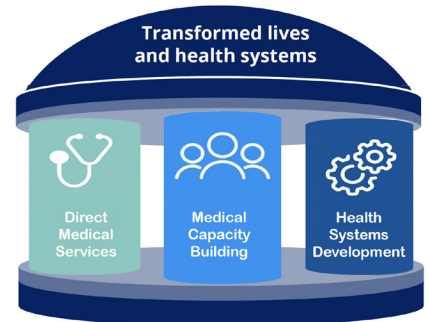
No poverty

“Surgery is a powerful tool for poverty alleviation and economic development.”
 —The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery

MERCY SHIPS ENGAGEMENT

Mercy Ships addresses the needs with a 3 pillar strategy based on:

- 1 Providing free surgeries to people who have no access to surgical care.
- 2 Training African healthcare professionals and renovating infrastructures.
- 3 Supporting countries with the development of their healthcare system and reinforcing partnerships.



1. DIRECT MEDICAL SERVICES



+ 108,000

Surgical procedures

+ 521,000

Dental procedures

+ 197,000

Dental patients

Our specialities:



Maxillofacial Surgery



Orthopaedic Surgery



Plastic Surgery



Women's Health



General Surgery



Eye Surgery



Palliative Care



Dental Program

2. MEDICAL CAPACITY BUILDING



+ 6,680

Local professionals trained

+ 50,300

Local medical professionals in their area of expertise trained

+ 268,000

Local people trained in basic healthcare

+ 1,115

Infrastructure development projects

3. HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT



- **Baseline Assessment** on access to surgical care in Africa conducted in 32 countries, over 600 hospitals assessed.
- **Dakar Declaration** endorsed by 13 African ministers of health and approved by 6 African heads of state in May 2022. The Dakar Declaration is a political commitment to improve access to surgical care in Africa by 2030.

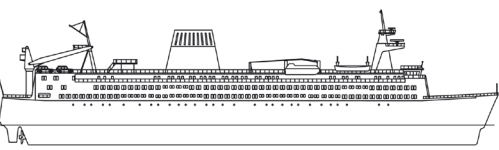


"I have seen and experienced with my own eyes that Mercy Ships is a wonderful organization that brings hope and healing to many African countries. We are very grateful for the indispensable support of so many to actually help my country and my people."

—Macky Sall, President of Senegal

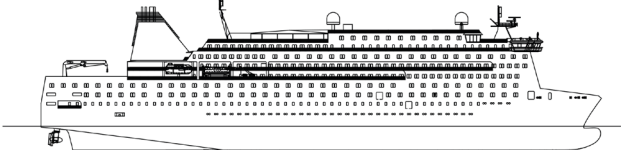
STATE-OF-THE-ART PLATFORMS

Mercy Ships uses its two hospital ships, the *Africa Mercy* and the *Global Mercy*, to support its mission of bringing hope and healing to the poorest people in the world. With two ships, Mercy Ships expects to more than double the impact of its work, both with life-changing operations and with the education and training of local care providers in the poorest countries in Africa.



The Africa Mercy

- 6 operating theatres
- 80 patient beds including: recovery, intensive care, and low dependency wards
- Volunteers: 450
- Gross tonnage: 16,572

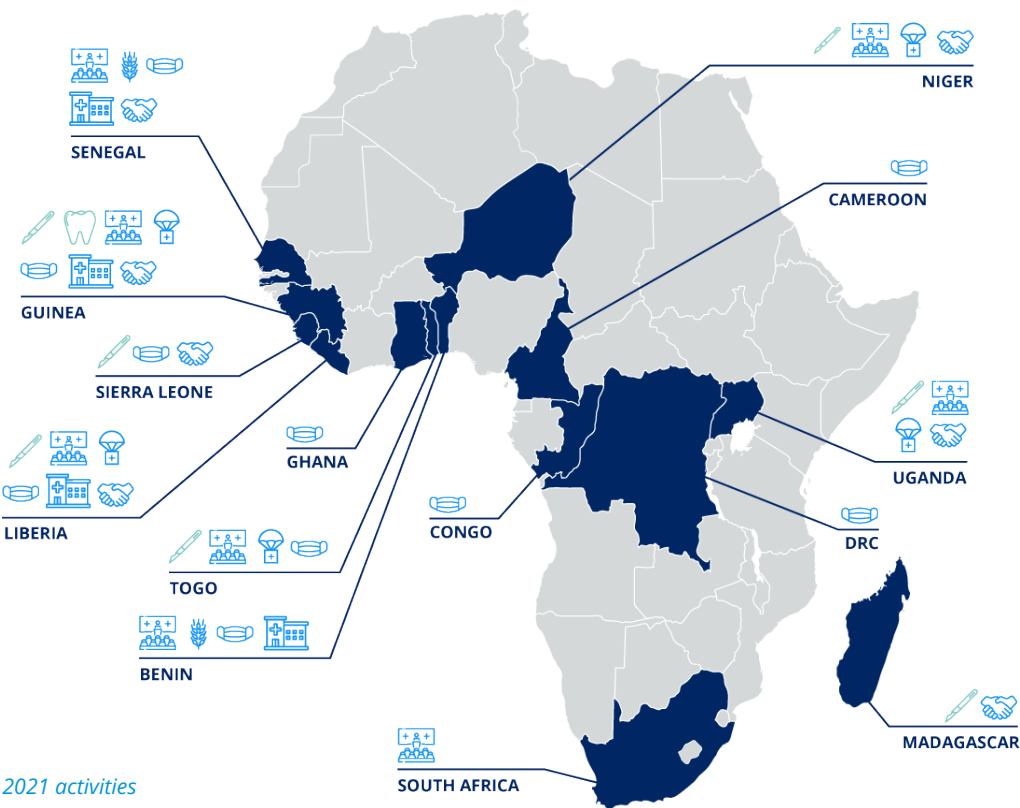


The Global Mercy

- 6 operating theatres
- 199 patient beds including: recovery, intensive care, and low dependency wards
- Volunteers: 641
- Gross tonnage: 37,000

OUR IMPACT

Since 1978, Mercy Ships has been bringing hope and healing to those in need by providing services and materials in developing nations valued at over € 1.4 billion and impacting more than 2.6 million direct beneficiaries.



2021 activities

DIRECT MEDICAL SERVICES

SURGERIES
DENTAL PROCEDURES

MEDICAL CAPACITY BUILDING

TRAINING AND MENTORING
NUTRITIONAL AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM
PARTNER DONATIONS
COVID RESPONSE SUPPORT
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

In Each Host Country
Engage with governments and policymakers at national and local level.

A UNIQUE OPERATING MODEL

Our hospital ships, real floating villages, are powered by an average of **3.000 professional volunteers** representing **60 nations** each year: technicians, seafarers, maintenance and administrative staff, surgeons, anaesthetists, doctors and nurses, cooks, teachers, photographers, receptionists. The medical department represents 50% of the crew on board.

Did you know?

- We use **hospital ships**, because over 50% of the world population live less than 150 km from a coast.
- We operate with **volunteer professionals who pay their travel and housing costs** so we can channel over 75% of our donations to our programs.
- We provide **first class medical care** to the poorest people to give them a new chance in life.
- We offer our services **free of charge** to those in need with no distinction of race, gender or religion.



MEET SOME OF OUR PARTNERS



"The finishing of the *Global Mercy* in Antwerp was a highlight in the collaboration between Port of Antwerp and Mercy Ships. The social commitment in the port community is very high, so we are not alone in our support. Dozens of companies already support Mercy Ships structurally and we will do the same. Mercy Ships and the wonderful work they do are close to the heart of the Port of Antwerp."



"When embarking on this partnership, we understood that MSC's global reach, expanding ocean and landside networks and expertise in shipping and logistics would be a perfect fit for Mercy Ships, enabling us both to achieve greater impact. What Mercy Ships has been able to accomplish as a result is truly extraordinary! We are delighted to celebrate its success and are extremely proud of everything we are doing together."



"Dell Technologies is helping Mercy Ships to streamline and simplify their IT so Mercy Ships can focus on serving those in desperate need of life-saving surgeries and care. We are honored to be part of the next chapter of Mercy Ships, which will bring more opportunities for healing to those who need it most."



"Our partnership is a beautiful example of how a brand like The Belgian Chocolate Group and an association like Mercy Ships can work together constructively and structurally and strengthen each other. We start from the common mission to invest in Africa, by not only helping to alleviate the need, but also by making use of the many opportunities."



"Investing in the community has always been an important aspect of our corporate culture. We support Mercy Ships and a wide range of social projects around the world because they are in line with our company's fundamental values. Projects in Africa are also of great importance for local economic development."



"Doing good things for our community is not only a source of joy, but it is also our responsibility as part of society. Every contribution counts and has a positive impact. We are therefore very happy we can contribute to the wonderful projects of Mercy Ships."

Marc Pauwels, CEO of The Belgian Chocolate Group, with a patient on board the *Africa Mercy*.



Queen Mathilde of Belgium on the *Global Mercy* in the Port of Antwerp.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Bring hope and healing while having a positive impact on your brand and employee morale.



SPONSOR

Make your own choice for a project that suits your company: certain operations, crew, training, ship maintenance, etc.



PROMOTE

Contribute to the awareness of Mercy Ships by mentioning us on your website, in your staff magazine, your reception area or other communications.



MAKE US KNOWN

Bring us to the attention of your employees, customers or suppliers: request a presentation, talk about us or encourage employees and relations to volunteer.



OFFER YOUR EXPERTISE

You may be able to provide us with services or goods that we need.



"Mercy Ships has the potential, within a generation, to help rewrite the healthcare narrative in Africa. It is an exciting time to be involved with Mercy Ships. I believe our greatest days are ahead, and I invite you to partner with us."

—Don Stephens, Mercy Ships Founder

Justine, 11 years old, Cameroon



Houleye, 5 years old, Senegal



BE PART OF OUR JOURNEY

Mercy Ships has the potential, within a generation, to transform the healthcare story in Africa. Thanks to our family of partners and supporters, people like you, we have been able to help the next patient in line receive the surgery that will change their life. We want this for more people. With a training platform, observation facilities, and classrooms onboard, we can build the future by providing vital training and mentoring of medical professionals, while we work to upgrade the local healthcare facilities. Together we can make a difference in the lives of thousands and change the surgical landscape of whole countries, not only in the immediate future, but for decades to come.

Join us in bringing hope and healing

With an expected service life of 50 years, the *Global Mercy* will inscribe a legacy of improved healthcare delivery in every nation served.

Together, working with you and our partner nations, we will rebuild, strengthen, heal, and restore hope to thousands of more people in the years ahead. We strive to tailor each partnership so that your support can bring maximum impact in line with your philanthropic passions.



"I applaud Mercy Ships in their efforts of transformational development as they make a lasting difference in a world of need. Mercy Ships has committed themselves to the vision of an African renaissance."

— Nelson Mandela



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