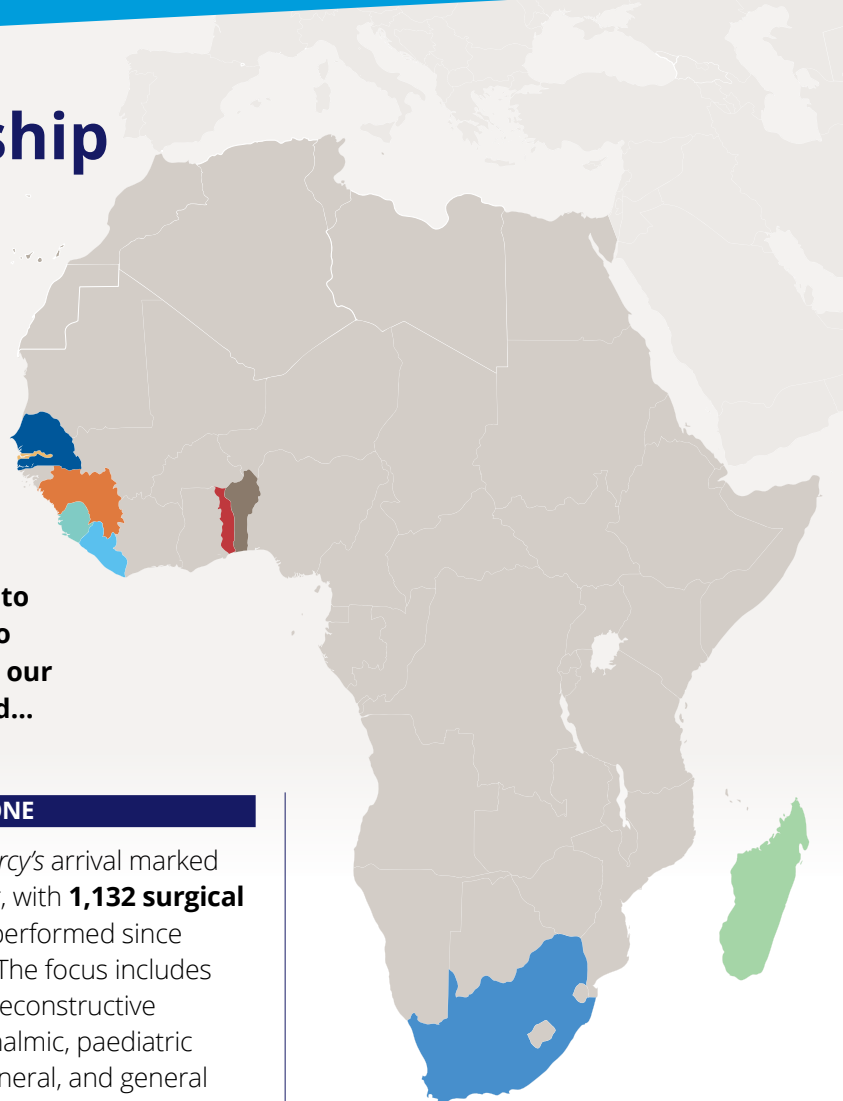




Impact and Partnership *Across Africa*

Mercy Ships' programs, partnerships, and projects across Africa 2023 led to lives transformed and lasting impact. While our hospital ships were actively serving Senegal, The Gambia and Sierra Leone through the course of the year, the work didn't stop there. With approximately 9 in 10 people lacking access to essential surgery in sub-Saharan Africa, we aim to make a difference for as many as we can through our country engagement model. In 2023, this included...



SENEGAL

The *Global Mercy* completed its first surgical field service in Dakar, Senegal, performing **1,564 surgical procedures** and **training 518 healthcare**.

THE GAMBIA

In The Gambia, **79 patients received surgeries**, and **140 healthcare workers were trained**.

GUINEA

Ongoing partnerships with Université Gamal Abdel Nasser de Conakry allowed us to invest in programs such as dental education, anaesthesia provider training, biomedical engineering training, and more.

SIERRA LEONE

The *Global Mercy's* arrival marked a new chapter, with **1,132 surgical procedures** performed since August 2023. The focus includes maxillofacial, reconstructive plastics, ophthalmic, paediatric specialised general, and general surgeries.

LIBERIA

Anaesthesia machines and anaesthesia training for 354 local healthcare workers will lead to safe surgical practices in Liberia, while follow-up **nutritional agriculture training for 24 Food for Life participants** promotes healthier futures for their communities.

BENIN

63 Food For Life participants received training in nutritional agriculture, and 101 participants expanded their skills through Essential Pain Management training, as well as Training of Trainers.

TOGO

Together with our partners in Togo, we performed **2,108 cataract surgeries**, restoring sight to 1,688 individuals.

MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, the Country Engagement Team paved the way for the 2024 field service, including organising upcoming patient assessment and selection.

SOUTH AFRICA

A series of **obstetrics and paediatric courses for 223 participants**.





LOOKING FORWARD PROJECTS IN 2024

AFRICA AUSTRALIA

Eastern & Southern Africa – Scaling Up Climate-Smart Solutions

Currently 70% of rural sub-Saharan Africa are without access to electricity. This project focuses on solar-reticulated water systems in Malawi, cash and energy in Kenya and solar energy in Zimbabwe.

Madagascar, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Guinea, Ghana, Togo, and Benin.

Paediatric Surgical Healthcare Across Africa

Saving and transforming the lives of up to 376 young patients, through general and orthopaedic paediatric surgeries.

Surgical Healthcare & Empowerment Through Training

Providing essential maxillofacial, plastic, and general surgical care to up to 202 patients and empowered local healthcare workers with up to 13,724 hours of sustainable medical training.

ASIA PACIFIC

Papua New Guinea – Early Childhood Development

Improve water & sanitation, education, early childhood health and child protection systems

Timor-Leste = Child Survival

44% of under 5 deaths occur in the first month of life and half the country's women lack access to proper birthing facilities

East Asia and The Pacific – Establishing a Regional Solar Technical Hub

Transform water and sanitation infrastructure through sustainable renewable energy solutions

Semarang, Indonesia – Strengthening Emergency & Critical Care Services in Panti Wilasa “Dr Cipto” Hospital

Increase emergency unit capacity to 20 beds, provide additional operating room with equipment and increase qualified emergency unit staff.

Indonesia – Promoting Youth-Specific Community-Based Mental Health Care Through Peer-to-Peer Support

Provide community-based care which promotes physical and psychosocial well-being

Yogyakarta, Indonesia – Outreach & Comprehensive Service of Mental Health & Displaced Psychosocial Patients

In Gunung Kidul Regency, there are no psychiatric and inpatient emergency facilities for people with mental health disorders.

East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia – Economic & Social Empowerment of People with Disabilities

Provide an inclusive environment for people with disabilities which supports their self-reliance within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Java, Indonesia – Community Empowerment for Psychosocial Health & Livelihood for People with Disabilities

Improve the quality of life for people with psychosocial disabilities

East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia – Medical Rehabilitation & Organisation Development

Provide an inclusive environment for people with disabilities that supports their self-reliance within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework

West Sumba, Indonesia – Three Basic Threads of Adolescent Reproductive Health (TRIAD KRR)

Reduce infectious diseases (HIV/AIDS) by providing counselling on reproductive health for adolescents.

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Rapid Healthcare Response

Responding to an urgent request from the UN and Antigua's government, we sent a shipment containing more than 280,000 Rapid Antigen tests to Antigua. This pre-emptive measure supports health preparedness ahead of the SIDS

conference, aiming to safeguard both locals and international visitors as they convene to tackle significant island challenges.

INDIA

The First 1000 Days of Life

Currently 21% of under-5 deaths are in India. This project aims to save lives by improving child feeding, immunisation and hygiene practices

Establishing a Comprehensive Community Health Centre in Udaipur, Rajasthan

Launching a facility to meet diverse and unserved healthcare needs while also enhancing local capacity by providing training for 200 nurses.

AUSTRALIA

Early Years Education & Development

Promoting health within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with the following programs: Early Years Education & Development, Universal Birth Registration Program and Youth Development Programs

Universal Birth Registration Program

Currently in Queensland, 15-18% of births to Indigenous mothers are unregistered

Youth Development Programs

Promote health and improve youth education in remote Indigenous communities

GLOBAL

Bridging the Supply Chain Gap – Increasing Access to Health Products for Children & Families

Currently 40% of global health resources are lost due to preventable strategic and operational inefficiencies in the supply chain

HOW YOU CAN HELP

These projects are not just about health challenges but a call to invest in the future of developing countries, where every person deserves a chance to thrive.

It's an opportunity to write a new story for entire generations.

If you would like to support Mercy Ships Australia or find out more information about a particular project please call **1300 739 899** or email admin@mercyships.org.au



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