




IMPACT IN AFRICA

Mercy Ships' programs, partnerships and projects across Africa have continued to transform lives leaving a lasting impact. While our hospital ships are actively serving Sierra Leone and Madagascar throughout the year, we continue to serve and support other African nations as well as our projects in Asia Pacific and the Caribbean.

DIRECT MEDICAL SERVICES 2025

 **3,600+**
Total Surgical Procedures

 **2,200+**
Total Unique Surgical Patients


 **16,700+**
Total Dental Procedures


 **2,900+**
Total Unique Dental Patients

TOTAL SURGICAL PROCEDURES BY SURGICAL SPECIALTY



EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND ADVOCACY

 **550+** Total healthcare professionals trained from eight African nations

 **126,400+** Total Hours of Healthcare Education and Training

Executive summary

STRATEGIC PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION: Surgical Equity, Systemic Change, and Scalable Impact

In 2025, Mercy Ships Australia is advancing a bold agenda for surgical equity, healthcare resilience, and regenerative development across Africa and the Asia-Pacific. This report outlines a series of high-impact, donor-enabled initiatives, each rooted in partnership, systems change, and long-term outcomes.

With your support this year so far, we:

- **Performed 3,600+ life-changing surgeries** on board our hospital ships in Sierra Leone and Madagascar;
- **Delivered 126,000+ hours of healthcare education and training** to over 550 professionals across eight African nations;
- **Catalysed sustainable healthcare infrastructure** in Samoa, Sumba, and Tonga, from medical oxygen plants to MRI expansions;
- **Scaled a climate-resilient agriculture program** in Samoa that is fast becoming a model for Pacific Island nations.



We now invite our philanthropic partners to deepen their engagement through:

- Strategic Vision Trips across Sumba (Indonesia), Sierra Leone, and the Global Health Futures at UNGA 2025, in New York;
- Capital and co-investment in the *Africa Mercy II* our next purpose-built hospital ship;
- Multi-year partnerships in medical education, regenerative food systems, and national-scale infrastructure.

Regenerating Futures in Samoa: A Scalable Model for Climate-Resilient Agriculture



Mercy Ships Australia is instigating and leading a high-impact, multi-agency collaboration with the Government of Samoa, and UN agencies to pioneer regenerative agriculture as a tool for national resilience and food sovereignty.

This ground-up initiative addresses the urgent need for climate-resilient food systems by restoring degraded land, empowering local farmers with training and resources, and embedding sustainable farming practices across communities. The program is already demonstrating strong traction at both grassroots and government levels, offering a rare alignment of political will, community engagement, and environmental necessity.

With core funding secured, Mercy Ships Australia is now seeking aligned philanthropic partners to extend the program's reach, scale its infrastructure, and embed local enterprise models that provide long-term sustainability. This is an opportunity to invest in a catalytic initiative that positions Samoa as a replicable case study for regenerative development across the Pacific.

IMAGE (ABOVE) Food For Life Participants. (BELOW RIGHT) Andrew Bate and Margo Hartley on Mercy Ships Australia's recent Vision Trip to Samoa and Tonga.

Strategic Field Engagement: Vision Trip to Samoa and Tonga

Agricultural projects lead Andrew Bate recently led a high-level Vision Trip to Samoa and Tonga, joined by Alan Burrell (Burrell Family Office; Mercy Ships Australia Board) and Margo Hartley (The Margo Hartley Foundation; MSA Patron), to engage with Mercy Ships Australia's flagship initiatives across the region.

This delegation united leaders from the philanthropic and family office community for an immersive, on-the-ground experience, providing firsthand insight into Mercy Ships Australia's regenerative agriculture work and hospital infrastructure upgrades in Samoa, as well as our healthcare resilience and medical supply initiatives in Tonga. The trip served to deepen

alignment between real-world challenges and the strategic, long-term impact of values-driven giving.

In Samoa, the delegation visited our regenerative agriculture program, meeting with government officials, UN partners, farmers, and community leaders to advance climate-smart farming, soil regeneration, and sovereign food security. The team also visited the national hospital, where Mercy Ships Australia is supporting critical infrastructure upgrades, including mould remediation and the expansion of diagnostic capacity through a reconfigured MRI suite.



These site visits deepen our partnerships with governments and multilaterals while ensuring our programs remain grounded, adaptive, and results-oriented. For our supporters, they offer powerful connection to the tangible outcomes their philanthropy makes possible and help shape the strategic roadmap for further engagement in the Pacific.

LOOKING FORWARD

Strategic Vision Trips in 2025–2026



Following the success of our recent Vision Trip to Samoa and Tonga, Mercy Ships Australia is preparing three upcoming strategic delegations designed to immerse philanthropic partners in the heart of our work, where compassion, innovation, and local leadership intersect.



**SUMBA, INDONESIA
– OCTOBER 2025**

In late October, we will lead a Vision Trip to Waingapu, Sumba, coinciding with the final commissioning of a \$511,000 AUD sustainable Medical Oxygen Plant, developed in partnership with PELKESI, Lindimara Christian Hospital. This infrastructure project addresses Sumba's long-standing oxygen shortages and will provide critical, sustainable support to the region's healthcare system for decades to come. The trip will showcase the power of engineering-led philanthropy, local partnerships, and long-term systems change.



**UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY + SIDS
ENGAGEMENT – NEW YORK &
CARIBBEAN, OCTOBER 2025**

Mercy Ships Australia will also co-host a high-level delegation in conjunction with the UN General Assembly and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) meetings. This global engagement will bring together government leaders, family offices, and multilateral partners to deepen the focus on healthcare resilience, medical supply equity, and island-focused regenerative development. The trip will include targeted briefings, bilateral meetings, and site visits in targeted Small Island Developing States to explore scalable implementation pathways.



**SIERRA LEONE – GLOBAL MERCY
VISION TRIP, FEBRUARY 2026**

In early 2026, we will host a donor and partner Vision Trip aboard the *Global Mercy* in Sierra Leone, offering an immersive look at surgical equity in action. Participants will meet volunteer medical teams, observe patient care and training programs, and witness firsthand how this purpose-built hospital ship is transforming lives and strengthening local health systems. This is a unique opportunity to engage deeply with the heart of our surgical mission.

Building Capacity for Generational Change



Beyond our ships and infrastructure projects, Mercy Ships is deeply committed to equipping healthcare systems with the skills, leadership, and knowledge needed to endure and evolve. In 2025, we are expanding long-term education and mentoring initiatives across Africa, with an increasing focus on surgical specialisation, simulation-based training, and institutional partnerships.

In Sierra Leone, we have launched a Nurse Anaesthesia Diploma Program in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the University of Sierra Leone, addressing a national shortfall where 90% of surgeries were previously performed without trained anaesthesia providers. Participants are mentored both on board the *Global Mercy* and at Connaught

Hospital, forming the foundation of a self-sustaining system that will protect lives long after the ship departs.

In Guinea, we have seed funded and helped launch a state-of-the-art clinical training centre at UGANC University, more than doubling its dental education capacity and expanding its reach to students from across West Africa, including Benin, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, and Sierra Leone. We are also sponsoring specialised degrees abroad, with return pathways to teach the next generation.

These efforts are part of our broader Education, Training, and Advocacy (ETA) strategy, delivering the future of surgical care.



The Next Investment for Safe Surgery in Africa

Africa Mercy II

In 2021, partners like you helped respond to the growing need for safe surgery in sub-Saharan Africa by expanding our fleet with the *Global Mercy*. Today, we plan to repeat history with the construction of a second custom-built ship.

This new state-of-the-art ship will be built with the goal of one day replacing the retiring *Africa Mercy* as she ages out of service. By utilising the *Global Mercy's* design, we gain a head start on the overall process, saving both time and money. Benefiting from these efficiencies allows us to enhance our programmatic strategy, facilitate even more life-changing surgeries, and increase training programs for local healthcare professionals.

Continued research and development from the creation of the *Global Mercy* have led us to conclude that constructing a new ship surpasses retrofitting in terms of longevity, resource efficiency, and optimal use of space. Our new ship, an almost identical counterpart to the *Global Mercy*, will signify a substantial expansion in both size and capability within Mercy Ships' current fleet.

This is a rare opportunity to align your name or family legacy or brand with a once-in-a-generation initiative that brings hope, healing, and long-term change through the new purpose-built hospital ship, the *Africa Mercy II*.

Connect with us to discuss ways you can get involved with our new purpose built hospital ship, the *Africa Mercy II*.



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