



HEALTHCARE PROJECTS



Unfortunately, Africa, compared to the rest of the world, has the highest child death rate due to severe lack of medical support . Moreover, it has the highest numbers of malaria, cataract, infectious diseases, and epidemics . That being said, Africa still has lowest number of medical staff . Had there been adequate access to healthcare, maternal, child and neonatal deaths would have been reduced by half. In addition, deaths attributed to HIV/AIDS and malaria would have also been reduced by half.

DirectAid's vision

DirectAid believes that healthcare is a legitimate right of every human being in Africa, or any other place around the world. As such, it seeks to rescue the lives of thousands of children and mothers Africa. This is achieved by intensifying various health programs, developing disease prevention programs, and reducing infection rates. This contributes to achieving Africa's 2063 goals of ensuring that citizens are healthy and well nourished, and building great infrastructure. Moreover, they also achieve the United Nation's sustainable development goals of ensuring healthy life and promoting well-being across all age groups. It allows the African population to achieve their fullest potential and thrive to a sustainable source of income.

Such programs reduce the negative impact of infectious diseases on individuals and community, while simultaneously, providing a decent life for individuals as they help restore their ability to work again. This is vital as it allows people to work again to support their families and develop their communities, ultimately improving the African continent's economy.

DirectAid's healthcare programs

There are several healthcare projects supported by DirectAid. Below are a few examples.

1. Medical convoys

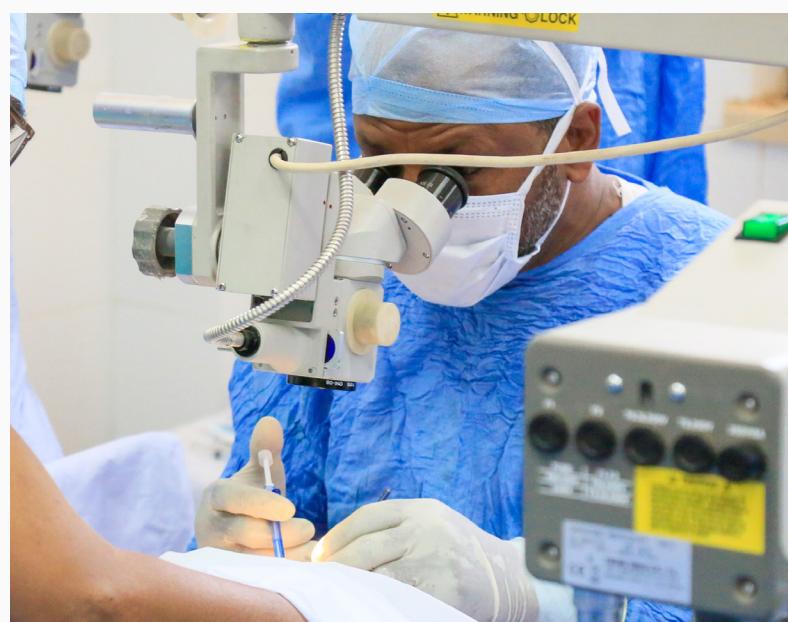
DirectAid organizes medical convoys, including all specialties, to provide a wide range of medical services to poor and remote areas. The convoys include necessary medical examinations and diagnoses, medications, and awareness lectures to prevent epidemics and infectious diseases.

2. Eye camps

Africa is the leading continent in the number of cataract cases. Therefore, DirectAid constantly organizes ophthalmology camps in many poor regions. They allow DirectAid to provide simple treatments which have a huge impact on individuals, as it allows them to go back to work and support their local economies. These eye camps also include examinations, vision correction with eyeglasses, and surgeries, when necessary.

3. Surgery camps

DirectAid constantly organizes surgery camp programs in the neediest African communities. Such camps, which are staffed with medical teams that have extensive experience in surgeries, perform the necessary medical examinations, provide appropriate treatments, and train local doctors to ensure continuity and sustainability of coverage. DirectAid implements such camps as Africa suffers from a lack of resources for surgical operations. More specifically, the rate of specialized surgeons in Africa is about 0.7 per 100,000 people, while on the other hand, the rate in most non-African countries is 20-40 per 100,000.



4. Vaccination campaigns

DirectAid periodically organizes vaccination campaigns in poor areas in different African countries. These campaigns aim to vaccinate children against many common epidemics and infectious diseases in Africa, such as tuberculosis, malaria, and poliomyelitis. DirectAid also adheres to the vaccination schedules for children and organizes awareness campaigns to encourage mothers to get their children vaccinated strengthen their immunity.

5. Circumcision campaigns

DirectAid periodically organizes circumcision campaigns, for those who wish due to cultural or religious reasons, in poor and remote communities in Africa. Such campaigns also aim to protect children and their societies from the spread of epidemics and infectious diseases.

6. Medical clinics

DirectAid seeks to save as many patients in critical health situations and improve health services in poor areas in Africa. Sadly, many of these areas suffer from a lack of medical clinics because of poor electricity services on the one hand, and severe shortage of supplies and medical devices, on the other.

As such, DirectAid builds medical clinics and equips them with all the necessary tools, modern medical devices that help in early detection of diseases, and solar energy units and electricity generators to ensure that clinics do not cease to operate during power outages.

Once medical clinics are built, equipped, and furnished, DirectAid also covers the costs necessary to run them in the first year. The operation costs include, but are not limited to, salaries for doctors, doctor assistants, janitors, and guards.

Following the first year of a clinic's inception, it is vital to ensure continuous development. Thus, DirectAid implements several projects which aim to improve the efficiency and quality of health services provided. For instance, clinics are equipped with more modern medical equipment and devices, the scientific and technical qualifications of staff are further developed, specialities' services are expanded, and the capacity to receive more patients is constantly increased.





Healthcare projects in numbers

DirectAid has carried out 410,399 Medical Projects, such as surgery, vaccination, and circumcision camps, and medical convoys. Moreover, it has built and administered 371 Clinics and established 9 hospitals. As a result, more than 2,213,000 individuals benefitted from all of these projects and many deaths were prevented.



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