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"Happiness... consists in giving, and in serving others." Henry Drummond

About us Professionals for Humanity (PROFOH), is a global non-profit, medical and social humanitarian organization under the 501 status in the United States that is also incorporated in Germany, Ghana, Nepal, Nigeria and South Africa. It has presence in Egypt, Brazil, Italy, Czech Republic, Ivory Coast, Honduras, Jamaica, Ireland, Benin, Liberia, Cameroon and the United Kingdom.

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April: Profoh welcomes the United States & African Union Agreement to create the African CDC

The United States and the African Union signed an agreement on Monday to create the African Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation formalizing the collaboration between the African Union Commission and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "The West African Ebola epidemic reaffirmed the need for a public health institute to support African ministries of health and other health agencies in their efforts to prevent, detect and respond to any disease outbreak," CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden said in a statement. The African CDC is to be launched later this year with the opening of a surveillance and response unit, which will provide technical expertise and help coordinate response to health emergencies. CDC will send two public health experts to serve as long-term technical advisers to the African CDC. The United States will also support fellowships for 10 African epidemiologists to help staff five regional African CDC coordinating centers which are being established to help monitor disease activity in the continent. The need for an African CDC was recognized at the African Union Special Summit on HIV and AIDS, TB and Malaria in Abuja in July 2013. The concept has since moved through various stages of development, stakeholders' reviews and approvals. The African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (African CDC) will help African countries effectively monitor public health, respond to public health emergencies, address complex health challenges and build needed capacity.



Photo: John Kerry greets AU Chairperson.

May: Profoh endorsed Nigeria Government with US\$ 1.5 M for Procurement of Treatment for people with multi-drug resistant TB

PROFOH is a leading member of the Stop TB Partnership of the WHO. The Organization has endorsed the Nigerian Government's approval of US\$1.42 million to procure quality assured Second Line Drugs (SLDs) that will be used to provide treatment for 500 multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB) patients. The second line drugs ordered by the government will be delivered by Stop TB Partnership's Global Drug Facility starting this June 2015.



Photo: President Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria

The largest economy in Africa and the country with the third highest TB burden in the world - Nigeria - performed a prevalence survey in 2012 to measure the burden of TB. The survey showed doubling of the estimated overall prevalence of TB (the total number of people with TB) and a tripling of the estimated incidence (the total number of new cases), compared to previous WHO estimates.

Nigeria started MDR-TB treatment in 2010 after a successful pilot in DR-TB treatment centre in University College Hospital, Ibadan, and Oyo State. A year later, MDR-TB treatment was scaled up nationwide.

The Government of Nigeria is poised to support, reach and treat everyone living with TB and will continue to unite against TB. The decision to procure drugs through Global Drug Facility (GDF) ensures that quality-assured drugs will be delivered to people living with MDR-TB in Nigeria. The NTP wanted to ensure that all TB patients whether treated with drugs procured using government funding or Global Fund financing received medicines of the same quality.

April- First Nepal Earthquake Response

Massive Earthquake hits Nepal; our Country Director Ms. Anita Singh PROFOH home has been destroyed completely. As always, having time for others has been our middle name as an organization. Anita and her team were on the ground as first responders, assessing humanitarian and recovery needs, coordinating with local partners and lending immediate helping hand to populations in distress. She has reported that over 6,000 people were dead and 60,000 thousand injured buildings and homes flattened. Hospitals in the Kathmandu Valley were overflowing and running out of medical supplies, and in Gorkha, one of the most devastated districts, it was estimated that 80% of houses were destroyed. Anita's house was among the destroyed. Families slept outside, scared by the damage to buildings and the threat of aftershocks. Nearly 5 million people were helpless, terrified and in danger. According to Anita potable water became everything to those families who had lost everything in the earthquake.

On the ground, we were focused on reaching families whose lives were in danger - providing them with the emergency supplies especially water they needed to survive for days. We conducted clinical consultations, distributed blankets and other emergency supplies for families. Three days of national mourning was declared by the government.



Photo: PROFOH team and delivery van in Kathmandu

May-WHO Director Commends Nigeria

PROFOH as an organization has immunized over 10,000 children during the operation Kick Polio /Out of Nigeria in Rivers State South-South of that country, we would like to express our profound gratitude to Cliff Henry Jarrell for providing that leadership. Jarrell is a Board member of our organization. Dr. Margaret Chan made the commendation at the opening of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland which ensured that no new cases were reported in the last nine months, she equally commended Nigeria for its relentless efforts to rid the county of polio disease. Nigeria's recognition by the WHO came as a result of its aggressive response in tracking the polio virus, as no case has been reported in the southern part of the country during the last five years, with the exception of two states in the North, no polio virus infection has been reported in the past two years in the Northern states. The nation has strengthened surveillance and routine immunization to ensure that all eligible children receive the polio vaccine. If Nigeria's efforts are sustained by next month (July) the country would be removed from the list of polio endemic countries by WHO. Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only three countries endemic to polio. India was declared polio-free last year by the WHO.



Photo: Dr.Margaret Chan, Director General WHO

May- The World Health Organization (WHO) Declared Liberia Ebola Free

Ebola was a huge pain to PROFOH, as all our medical missions were cancelled in 2014. Ebola claimed over 11,000 lives across the region since last year. The WHO regards a country Ebola-free after a 42-day period without a new case - twice the maximum incubation period. The last confirmed death in Liberia was on the 27th of March 2015. The World Health Organization said in a statement "The outbreak of Ebola virus disease in Liberia is over". President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said that Liberia had "crossed the Rubicon" and would be celebrating a concerted effort to stem the disease. More than 4,700 deaths from Ebola have been recorded in Liberia, more than in any other affected country. Neighbouring nations (Guinea and Sierra Leone) continue to fight the outbreak. The outbreak is the deadliest in history. It initially centred on Guinea's remote south-eastern region of Nzerekore in early 2014, and later spread to Liberia and Sierra Leone. At the height of the outbreak in Liberia, ambulances would come ONLY for a dead. It reminded Liberians of the civil war days that ended 2004. Ebola was eventually conquered in Liberia through a collective effort. Care centres and hand-washing stations were set up to try to halt the disease, which spreads through contact with sick people. Billboards went up with slogans such as "Ebola is real", "Wash your hands and don't touch" and "Don't be the next victim". PROFOH join others in congratulating Liberia. **JUST IN.....Unfortunately new Ebola case is being reported today, July 1, 2015.**



Ebola Virus Diseases (EVD)

May- Brian Camazine Medical Mission at NCH -Nigeria

Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between an angel of God and some humans because of the latter's devotion and dedication to humanitarian causes. But as a humanitarian organization with nearly twenty years of experience, we've developed the knack of identifying angels in human form in our midst. Dr. Brian Camazine, President, Earthwide Surgical Foundation based in Texas and Board Member of PROFOH, we are very proud for his life of service to Nigeria as a country, he was in Nigeria in January and came back last month. He performed hundreds of life-saving surgeries at NCH our Mission Headquarters in South-East of Nigeria, while Gokana is the headquarters in of the South-South. Camazine performed over a hundred surgeries on this trip, he will be back shortly. Surgery is more than just a profession for Dr Camazine. "I consider myself lucky," he says, "because my hobby also happens to be my job."



Dr. Camazine's surgical team at NCH Nigeria

May-SECOND NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

The second devastating earthquake struck May 12 Nepal again and the country has endured almost a thousand aftershocks. Earlier that week, our local mobile delivery van reaches out to several mountain villages hours outside of the capital, worked in the hardest-hit areas to provide emergency care and help Nepalese families. PROFOH Control and Command center was at Kakrae V. D. C of Kavrae District of Nepal some 40 kilometers from Kathmandu, yet it took hours to get there. . The following week our Command and Control centre moved to Kanti Bahl Teaching Hospital, Kathmandu. Our team was on the ground from day one delivering lifesaving care to survivors in some of the country's most remote areas. Our teams reached over a 1500 family directly with food supplies, water, clinical assistance, hygiene tools, education training and help in building tents and shelters. According to our Country Director, more people are signing up to be members of the organization. On behalf of our Chairman Phil Nugent I would like express our sincere appreciation to Anita all her colleagues at our office in Nepal for their hard work.



Photo: PROFOH Country Director on Rounds with supplies.

June-ANGLO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ENDORSED PROFOH HELP-NEPAL APPEAL

The Anglo American University (AAU) is one of Central Europe leading university situated in Prague Czech Republic, a university that has produced world- class graduates, as several top members of the PROFOH graduated from that institution, The ALUMNI of the university endorsed our appeal for assistance –HELP NEPAL. By next month, Edward Asu will open discussion with the university on the possibility of official partnership with our organization. Part of their statements read. Recently, a major earthquake struck Nepal. This 7.3 magnitude earthquake came just three weeks after the first that devastated Nepal and killed over 8,000 people, in addition to the over 60,000 injured and countless number rendered homeless. The earthquakes caused widespread destruction across Nepal. The first earthquake caused extensive damage and weakened infrastructure.



AAU leadership-Prague, Czech Republic

June-GHANA FLOOD AND FIRE DISASTERS RESPONSE

Photo: Accra floods, three days of rains

In 2010, PROFOH was incorporated in Ghana; the organization has enjoyed huge support from Ghanaian Government and some of its foreign mission. A donation of land is on the table from Volta region to enable built a mission hospital in the near future. Since that 2010, we have conducted several medical and social mission in Ghana and also donated medical supplies and equipment to Ridge Government Hospital in Accra through the Ghana Embassy in Lagos, Nigeria. Few weeks ago, Flood and fire disaster struck that country. Edwin Sefa Arnong PROFOH Country Director and his team moved in as first Responder assessing humanitarian and recovery needs, coordinating with local partners to lend immediate helping hand to populations in distress, over 150 people have died in a petrol station, the fire started at night as people were trying to cope with three days of heavy rains, which has left many dead and homeless. We would like to thank our Board member Dr. Lorinda Liang for the inspiration to rise to the sad event.



June-NEPAL FROM EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO LONGER TERM RECOVERY

We have started the difficult transition from the emergency period to the early recovery phase – providing support and rebuilding educational opportunities for people heavily impacted by the disaster. In addition, the team took part in building transitional shelters open fields, in few days' time the international donor community will be meeting in Kathmandu, PROFOH is hoping that donor response will match the magnitude of the disaster. “The hard work begins now.” “Nepalese families need temporary shelters urgently against the monsoon rains. The heavy downpours increase the risk of more landslides on land already unsettled by scores of aftershocks. According Anita Singh, PROFOH's Country Director ,more and more people are signing up to be members of the organization, she sincerely appeal to the Board to conduct a medical mission before the end of this year.



June -PROFOH CELEBRATES DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

PROFOH joined others in celebrating the day June 16, the day commemorates the 1976 South African-Soweto uprising, during which hundreds of black school children in the Soweto Apartheid regime were brutally gunned down while protesting the inferior quality of their education.

The Day of the African Child provides an opportunity to draw attention to the work of all actors committed to the rights of children on the continent of Africa and to address the obstacles preventing us from realizing these rights. The day also presents the opportunity for our organizations to renew their ongoing commitments toward improving the plight of children in Africa educationally. In 2013, we renovated a public in Mararaba near to Abuja in Nigeria and provided some writing desks, this year, we shall be renovating or providing writing desks for Ovwian primary School, in Delta Nigeria.

On day, we drew attention to the continued need for improvements in education for African children. According to UNESCO, Africa is home to 43% of the world's out-of-school primary age children, and most of the 30 million children who are out of school in sub-Saharan Africa will never go to school at all. Nigeria has about ten million of such children.

On a continent where millions of children subsist on less than 1 euro per day, education represents a way out of poverty for many. Education also helps fight the spread of diseases, improves children's health, and promotes peaceful and inclusive societies. Further, it promotes confidence and cohesion, and is essential for the psychosocial well-being of children.



PROFOH Executive Director celebrating the African Child in a private School

UPDATES & EVENTS

INVITATION-

PROFOH is a member of the United Nations Convention against Corruption(UNCAC) The Working Groups on Prevention and Asset Recovery will be meeting in Vienna (31 August – 4 September)

UNCAC Conference of States Parties, 6th session (2-6 November 2015)

PROFOH partners International Medical Corps is organizing Annual Awards Celebration honouring Kaiser Permanente Global Citizen Award and Field Health Worker Founder's Award.

Thursday, November 12, 2015

6:00 PM Reception | 7:00 PM Dinner & Program

The Beverly Wilshire

Beverly Hills, California.

WEBSITE-

Our official English website [www. profohmed.org](http://www.profohmed.org) is back, special thanks to Dr. Gbaanador for making it possible. We need your inputs to upgrade our site. However our German language site [www. profoh.org](http://www.profoh.org) is running and will be updated soon by Board member and Country Director- Germany- Markus von -Have.

PROFOH COUNTRY DIRECTOR EGYPT FOR TRAINING IN THE NETHERLANDS

Dr Ahmed Adel Ragab has been our organization country director in Egypt since 2013, he has worked hard with his team that include Dr. Kadoum has taken the organization to next level and soon will be flying PROFOH flag in the Netherlands. Both of them have been part of efforts that organized medical mission in rural Egypt. PROFOH is located in Montazah Alexandria, Egypt. On behalf of Chairman and the entire Board, we thank for your service to humanity through PROFOH and hopefully will continue in that spirit when return from the Netherland upon his completion of his additional training Erasmus University Rotterdam.