



GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES IMPACT REPORT 2020



Because all people, everywhere,
should have access to a healthy life.



Executive Director's Letter - Barriers & Opportunities

History will remember 2020 as the year COVID-19 touched us all. In this context, Global Health Ministries (GHM) and our partners in 13 countries continued our mission to improve access to a healthy life for all people in Jesus' name. Barriers and opportunities specific to the coronavirus certainly shaped the year, but there was much more.

Miraculously, several shipping containers had already left GHM packed with PPE, and were arriving in Liberia, Cameroon and Zimbabwe just as COVID-19 hit. GHM partners received well over ¼ million pieces of PPE within the first half of 2020. Volunteers continued packing supplies from home while staff worked overtime - and our shipping ministry never stopped. Meanwhile, our partners sought to strengthen clinics and hospitals, which were already operating beyond capacity before the pandemic. GHM delivered 9 containers to help, and sourced other materials overseas.

Around the world, national shutdowns from COVID-19 triggered food insecurity, surges of other diseases like malaria, and dramatic increases of psychological stress. Our international partners responded with initiative and innovation, calling for nutritional food supplements for the most vulnerable and increased emphasis on sanitation and water. Community Health Workers were increasingly vital as frontline workers, mitigating the spread of the coronavirus.

GHAP consultations pivoted to become 100% virtual, while their pace increased. Regular email updates from our GHAP Director offered timely and poignant resources about COVID-19 to help our partners cut through the infodemic.

Thank you for every dollar of support, every hour volunteered and every prayer that made it possible to benefit over 1,000,000 people in 13 countries in 2020. Our staff expanded in 2020 by adding a Director of Philanthropy position as an investment in growth. The growth is already happening, in no small part due to our Legacy Partners. In a year of unprecedented barriers, there have been abundant and miraculous opportunities! Through each of you, God made a way where there seemed to be no way (Isaiah 43:19).



Pastor Doug Cox

OUR MISSION

Global Health Ministries is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthen Lutheran health systems that improve health for all people in the name of Christ. GHM partners in 13 low- and middle-income countries where Lutheran churches manage hospitals, clinics, and community-based outreach.

ALL PEOPLE. EVERYWHERE.



GHM partners in 13 countries in Africa, Asia and Central America, including: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Liberia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Tanzania, South Sudan, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, India, El Salvador, Nicaragua



THREE STRATEGIES

LEADERSHIP

GHM funds scholarships and training to raise up health leaders in partner countries and offers consultants in governance, management, and leadership for health leaders in low- and middle-income countries through our consulting department, GHAP (Global Health Administration Partners). In 2020 GHAP conducted consultations in 4 countries and enhanced long-term relationships in several other partner countries with ongoing communication, sharing trusted research and information during the pandemic.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Most mission hospitals lack important medical equipment and even basic supplies. GHM gathers donated medical items, from exam gloves to ultrasounds, and matches them to requests from partners in developing countries. GHM also purchases and ships new equipment, helping make quality healthcare accessible for some of the world's most vulnerable people. In 2020 GHM shipped 9 sea containers in support of hospitals and clinics in 6 countries. Twelve travelers hand carried medical supplies and equipment in 18 suitcases to 11 different countries.

GRASSROOTS EFFORTS

GHM supports grassroots efforts to train and sustain Community Health Workers (CHWs) in low- and middle-income countries to move the needle on health at the community level for sustainable health improvement. In 2020 GHM-supported CHW programs included the launch of a new program in Tanzania's Lake Tanganyika Diocese and the launch of a new Community Health Nurse program in Madagascar. Faced with the coronavirus pandemic, CHW programs adapted to help communities mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

LEADERSHIP

In December, 2020, Stephen Kimani celebrated his graduation with distinction from the School of Pharmacy at Kenyatta University in Nairobi. The ceremony was virtual, but Mr. Kimani's gratitude and pride were palpable in the email he sent with thanks for the scholarship he received from GHM. In his words, "if we stand tall today it is because of the care and sacrifices we received from others." Mr. Kimani graduated as Valedictorian of his class, and will return as a pharmacist to Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC) in Tanzania. An investment in Mr. Kimani and aspiring health leaders like him is an investment in access to health. According to the most recent statistics from World Health Organization, there are only 0.1 pharmacists for every 10,000 Tanzanians - not nearly enough.

*In 2020, GHM funded scholarships and training for **725** doctors, nurses, midwives, lab techs, pharmacists and Community Health Workers in 6 countries.*



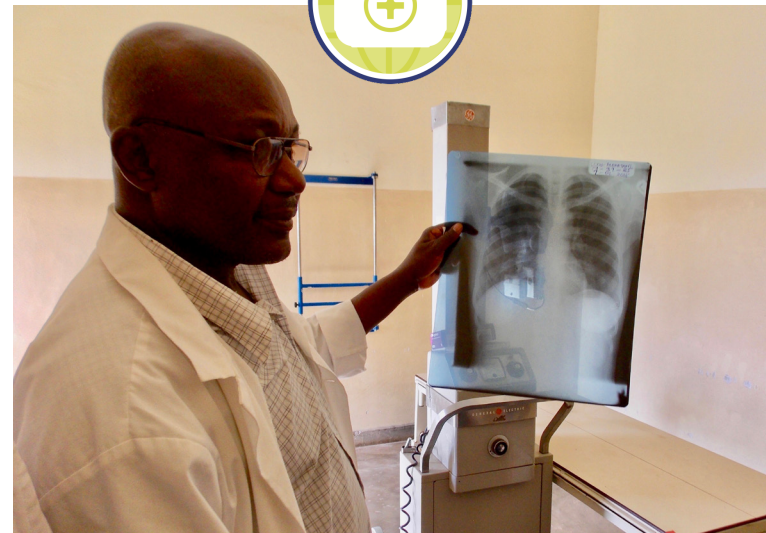
2020 HIGHLIGHTS

SHIPPING MEDICAL SUPPLIES

In 2020 the plight of health facilities without adequate supplies to protect staff and patients was brought into sharp focus. A shortage of basic protective supplies like masks, gloves, gowns (PPE) has been the reality for GHM's international partners for decades. In addition to regular shipments of these supplies via sea container, GHM shipped PPE valued at more than **\$135,000** via air freight in response to urgent needs in 2020.

In April, 2020, the New York Times reported that ten African countries had no working ventilators, but many hospitals lack even more basic equipment. In central Tanzania, Orkesumet Hospital was fortunate to have Dr. Mchau, a skilled radiologist, on staff, but the hospital's old x-ray machine was unsafe. GHM shipped a new x-ray machine and digital scanner in 2020, transforming the hospital's capacity for patient care.

*The Fair Market Value of medical supplies and equipment shipped by GHM in 2020 was more than **\$2,219,000**.*



2020 HIGHLIGHTS

GRASSROOTS EFFORTS

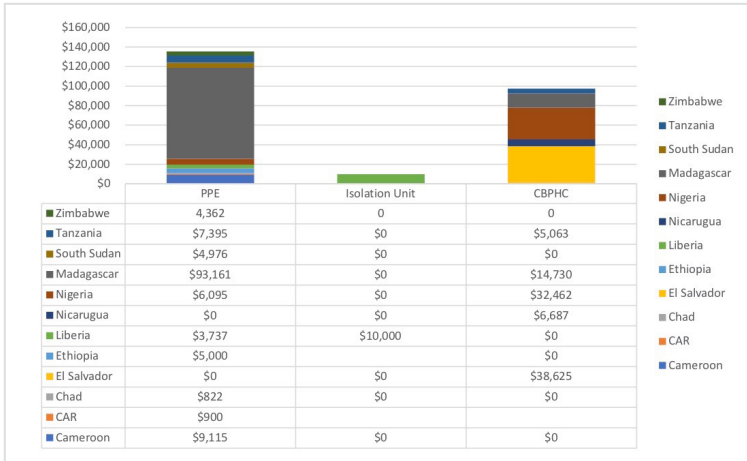
The power of grassroots efforts to impact health also came into sharp focus in 2020. From Africa to Central America, CHWs (Community Health Workers) supported by GHM were on the front lines of health education and healthcare, especially in remote areas. Actions varied by community, but the importance of handwashing was of universal concern. In Madagascar, the first class of Community Health Nurses graduated from the Lutheran School of Nursing, SEFAM, and were placed at 5 different rural clinics, impacting 26 villages in this first year.

In El Salvador and Nicaragua, CHWs shared information about basic first aid and how to prevent disease, distributed hygiene supplies and developed workshops to promote stress management, recognizing the impact of the pandemic on mental health.

*In 2020, GHM supported CHW programs in **5 countries:**
El Salvador, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Nigeria and Tanzania.*



COVID-19 RESPONSE



GHM accompanied our partners as we all faced COVID-19 in 2020. In addition to shipping and providing grants for PPE and Community-Based Primary Health Care (CBPHC) programs, GHM partnered with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to help a partner hospital in Liberia expand their isolation capacity. Designated the COVID-19 isolation center for their region by the Liberian government, Phebe Hospital's existing isolation units weren't adequate to protect people exposed to or recovering from COVID-19.



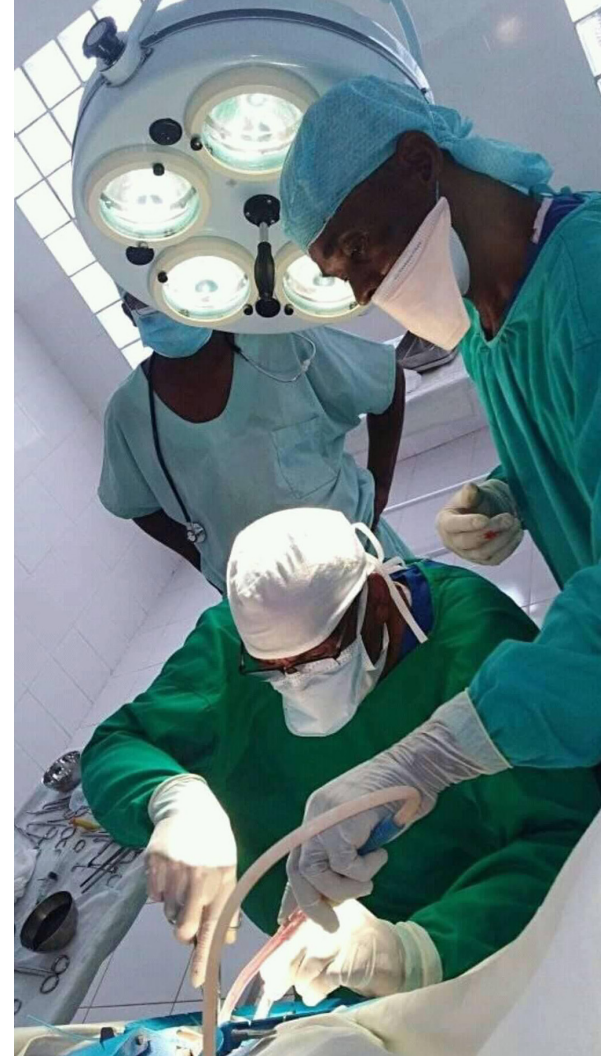
CATALYSING CONNECTIONS

GHM's partnership with the ELCA in Liberia is one example of the power of organizations sharing resources and working together to make a difference. We can do more together!

Since 2017 GHM has partnered with Fistula Foundation to help expand access to surgery for women suffering from obstetric fistula. Leaning into our deep relationships, GHM connected Fistula Foundation with SALFA, the Lutheran healthcare system in Madagascar. By 2020, all 10 SALFA hospitals had the capacity to perform fistula repair surgery, and despite a national lockdown that lasted for months, **700 fistula surgeries** were performed in 2020. SALFA's goal before the pandemic was 1,000. They anticipate an increase in the incidence of obstetric fistula in 2021 because fewer women were able to access prenatal care or labor and delivery assistance during the pandemic.

Staff from one of GHM's Tanzanian partners, Selian Hospital, assist with fistula camps in South Sudan. The camps were paused in 2020 because of COVID-19, but are resuming in 2021.

GHM networks and facilitates connections with other organizations and across countries to benefit our partners and improve access to health.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

GHM is a donor-supported, volunteer-powered organization, and you didn't miss a beat in 2020! The warehouse was closed to volunteers for months at the start of the pandemic, and reopened with acrylic shields, "shifts" and limited numbers, adhering to social distancing guidelines. A pick-up and drop-off process was organized so volunteers could sort and prepare items for shipping from home - and you did! Despite the many barriers, **13,400 volunteer hours - 2,300 volunteers!** - were recorded in 2020. That doesn't include all who assembled kits and rolled bandages from home for GHM's overseas partners. After the first meetings of the year, GHM's Board of Directors and Finance, Governance, Shipping and Development Committees met virtually over Zoom.

*Dear Scott, Cc all,
GHM latest 40' shipment full of materials and equipment safely arrived in Ngaoundere ... One more 40' from GHM to enhance OSEELC healing ministry and the hands that heal. Big thank and gratefulness goes to GHM staff and army of volunteers! We feel ourselves blessed.
Together in mission,
Jeremie, Materials Manager, OSEELC, Cameroon
(Scott Lien is GHM's Director of Operations)*



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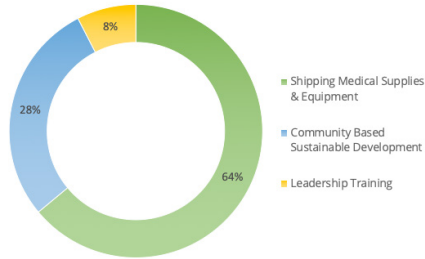
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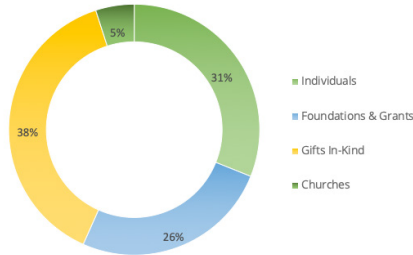
2020 FINANCIALS

Thank you for investing in our work to ensure all people, everywhere, have access to a healthy life. We can't do this without you.

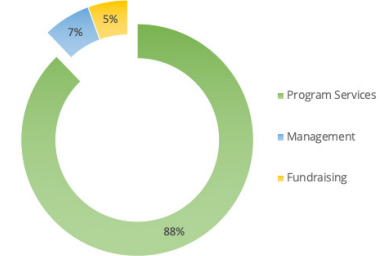
PROJECTS - YOUR IMPACT



REVENUE - YOUR GIFTS



EXPENSES - USE OF GIFTS



Summary of Activities			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Revenue	\$ 5,592,645	\$ 4,973,954	12%
Expenses	\$ 4,514,253	\$ 4,595,189	-2%
Revenue less Expense	\$ 1,078,392	\$ 378,765	185%
Summary of Net Assets			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Total Assets	\$ 5,903,335	\$ 4,856,121	22%
Total Liabilities	\$ 56,475	\$ 87,653	-36%
Net Assets	\$ 5,846,860	\$ 4,768,468	23%

YOUR IMPACT



"I can assure you that by your support we are making a great difference in the lives of people in the rural communities. Lives have been transformed. Malaria ... has been brought down, the death rate has been reduced. This is for us a great, great achievement thanks to our partnership with GHM."

~ Most Rev. Musa Panti Filibus

Rev. Dr. Musa Panti Filibus is Archbishop, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, and President, Lutheran World Federation.



"Thank you for what you do. On a global basis you are at the very tip of what I would call the leading edge of humanitarian activity ... When you're present, when you're doing your work to help mobilize communities ... that is critical and important."

~ Dr. Michael Osterholm

Dr. Osterholm is Director, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota, and shared these remarks as a Speaker during GHM's 2020 Conference.

TOGETHER, WE TOUCHED THE LIVES
OF MORE THAN ONE MILLION PEOPLE IN 2020.



Phyllis Berkland was a joyful giver! Phyllis lived frugally so she could give generously. Upon her passing in January, 2020, she left a wonderful legacy gift to GHM. Phyllis' legacy of joyful generosity lives on through the lives she continues to impact through GHM. Legacy Partners like Phyllis make an important lasting impact to help the hands that heal.