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Letter from the Founder

When Deyon and I began pursuing our dream of using hospital ships to reach people in need of hope and healing over 40 years ago, I never could have dreamed of what the future would hold.

This previous year, in particular, has been one of great hope. Throughout 2022, I had the privilege of seeing promises fulfilled and hope and healing in action. From the return of the Africa Mercy to Senegal, to the fulfillment of our longtime dream of launching the Global Mercy with our African Partner countries, we have been in a season of blessing.

I will never forget standing on the bow of the Global Mercy last summer as it sailed in to join the Africa Mercy in Dakar, Senegal, and thinking, “God is good. Mercy Ships and Africa together have the greatest future ahead.”

That future of Mercy Ships is possible because of the partnerships with the countries we serve, the compassion of our volunteer crew, and the generosity of our friends and partners. And for that, I am grateful.

As you read the following pages of our annual report, it is our hope that the stories of transformation and partnership continue to fuel your passion. You make these stories — from our efforts on board our hospital ships to our efforts around the continent — a possibility. Thank you.

Don Stephens
Letter from the Chairman of the Board

As we mark the end of 2022, we not only celebrate our work of the past 30 years in Africa, we also celebrate the bright future that's unfolding for Mercy Ships.

I'm proud that my service as Chairman of the Board has ended at such a promising time, and I look forward to the leadership of Gary Brown who can build upon our current state and move us even further into a season of growth. Gary was the only person nominated for the role which is a testament to our board's unanimous confidence in his qualifications.

I'm also proud that the world's largest and first purpose-built hospital ship, the Global Mercy, was launched during my tenure. I believe we're poised to provide an even greater impact as we operate a two-ship platform.

In this Annual Report, you'll see the key steps we took to live out our vision by establishing plans for the Global Mercy to not only function as a floating hospital but also as a floating training center. This vessel will enable us to deliver surgical care and medical training with excellence, in close collaboration with our partners in Africa.

In addition to the new ship, you will read about the large-scale change that began in 2022. Under Senegal's leadership, a ground-breaking baseline assessment surveyed more than 600 district hospitals throughout Africa and identified existing gaps in surgical, obstetric, and anesthetic care. These discoveries led to the International Symposium and the formation of the Dakar Declaration, a concrete step toward improving healthcare systems over the next decade. We have great expectations for the continued development.

Everyone plays an important role in our mission of bringing hope and healing — both now and in the future. — Ruben S. Martin

Chairman of the Board

Letter from the CEO

This year, we have been blessed with many reasons to celebrate hope in new and humbling ways.

We saw our two-ship fleet united in Africa for the first time, with the Global Mercy and the Africa Mercy side-by-side in Senegal. It was a time of great celebration shared with African partners and friends, and a reminder that we truly cannot do this work alone.

We also took great strides forward in preparing for the countries we will serve next, including creating a new Africa Service Center and confirming upcoming field services with Senegal, The Gambia, and Sierra Leone.

As we celebrate both the joys and challenges of the past year, I'm reminded of how much there is to be grateful for. During my first visit to the Africa Mercy following her return to Senegal, I watched as patients walked up the gangway and onto the hospital ship. Many had waited years for the moment: receiving surgery that would open new possibilities for their future. It was life changing.

As you'll read, we saw many lives transformed this year, celebrated as our fleet came together in Africa, and took many ground-breaking steps forward to improve Africa's healthcare landscape.

Still, these gifts didn't come without sacrifice. We're grateful, especially, for the volunteer and national day crew who worked on board the Mercy Ships fleet this year. There were tremendous hardships involved in working on a hospital ship in a pandemic environment, yet each crewmember was committed to loving and serving others even in the face of these challenges.

Through it all, our mission to bring hope and healing following the 2,000-year-old model of Jesus has never been stronger. As we focus on building a strategy to better live out our mission, I know we will be able to accomplish even more, together.

I can't think of a better reason to celebrate.

Gert van de Weerdhof

Chief Executive Officer
2022 in Review
Celebrating Hope in New Ways

For Mercy Ships, 2022 was a year filled with unique challenges, yet overflowing with restored hope and fresh opportunities for transformation. While our programs remained active in Africa throughout the pandemic, we longed for the day our ships could return. And in February 2022, there was a celebration like never before as the Africa Mercy returned to Senegal to fulfill our promise to patients long awaiting surgery.

The year also marked many milestones in the journey of the Global Mercy, including finishing a season of equipping in Antwerp, Belgium, and making a two-week visit to Rotterdam, the Netherlands. There, more than 25,000 visitors journeyed through her decks — both in person (12,300-plus) and virtually (13,000-plus) — in an unparalleled tour experience. We even welcomed some very special guests, including corporate partners from around the world, HRH Princess Anne of the U.K., and world-renowned opera singer Andrea Bocelli, who performed a concert on board.

Overall, the events led to more than $41.5 million in earned media value and thousands of new volunteer leads, paving the way for more opportunities for impact.

In June, we operated a two-ship fleet side-by-side in Africa for the first time. The Global Mercy’s first opportunity to participate in programmatic work resulted in training opportunities for 245 Senegalese healthcare professionals.

We worked together with Africa in new and profound ways, paving a path for monumental change. From the findings of an African-led International Symposium to the commitment to the Dakar Declaration for greater access to safe surgery, hope is on the horizon.

All the while, programs spanning Guinea, Liberia, Togo, Benin, and beyond continued to transform lives. Thank you for being a part of this story — and for celebrating hope together with Mercy Ships this year.
The Journey of the Global Mercy in 2022

From shipyard to service and back again — the Global Mercy sailed quite the journey in 2022. At the beginning of the year, the world’s largest civilian hospital ship underwent equipping projects in Antwerp, Belgium before spending two weeks welcoming visitors in the Port of Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Next, the Global Mercy continued a series of projects in the Canary Islands, from equipping the operating rooms to refining the information systems.

In June 2022, we celebrated a long-awaited sight: the organization’s first purpose-built vessel arriving where she was made to be: In Africa.

Welcome by H.E. President Macky Sall of Senegal, the Global Mercy joined the Africa Mercy in Dakar and was officially inaugurated into the Mercy Ships fleet. The celebration included a symbolic torch ceremony signaling unity between the two ships.

During her season in Dakar, more than 245 healthcare professionals came on board for a series of eight medical capacity building courses. Of the 37 course facilitators, 27 were African.

The Global Mercy returned to the Canary Islands to finish equipping projects and prepare for her first full field service scheduled for early 2023.

“This is history in the making... More lives and communities transformed, and more opportunities to stand alongside our partners in Africa to train and mentor the healthcare workers here and strengthen surgical systems.”

— Nathan Claus, Senior Director of Clinical Services
One of the greatest moments of hope in 2022 took place February 1 when, after two years of waiting, the *Africa Mercy* returned to the Port of Dakar, Senegal. Our hospital ship was greeted with a celebration complete with music, dancing, and joy all around — as everyone present knew what the moment signified.

Because of the complications that COVID-19 had presented, there had been fears that Mercy Ships would not return as we had promised. The *Africa Mercy*’s arrival was a symbol of the lasting commitment to the people of Africa — a promise fulfilled for hundreds of patients still waiting for surgery that would transform their lives forever.

In February, after much research, planning, and collaboration with the government of Senegal, it was decided that with protective measures in place, it was time for surgeries to begin.

The first patient on board was a young mother named Sokhna who had been born with a cleft lip. Despite growing up with an ailment that marked her different from others, Sokhna knew that her condition did not define her. And she believed that healing was possible.

When she walked up the gangway to the *Africa Mercy* in February, she shared her heart saying, “I feel peace and joy.”

Sokhna had her eyes set on the light at the end of the tunnel: returning home, where her husband would see her healed from her cleft lip for the first time.

Many patients followed Sokhna up the gangway throughout the year, with 695 people receiving operations on board the *Africa Mercy* throughout 2022. Meanwhile, 764 healthcare professionals received key training through a variety of Medical Capacity Building courses in Senegal, from safe surgery and sterile processing to palliative care, mental health, and more.

We are so grateful for all that was accomplished in Senegal and want to take a moment to thank our volunteers and our wonderful partners who made these accomplishments possible. The hope and healing we see every day are only possible because of the support and love we receive. Thank you!

“Although Mercy Ships never really left Senegal, it was an honor and a blessing to return in 2022. This return would not have been possible without the partnership of the Senegalese government, which continued to walk closely with us through a difficult season. On behalf of Mercy Ships, I would like to extend a special thank you to President Macky Sall for his friendship and support, which enabled us to once again bring hope and healing to Senegal.”

— Gert van de Weerdhof, Chief Executive Officer
Medical Capacity Building in Senegal

We are grateful for the historic moment when both our hospital ships were able to serve the people of Senegal in 2022. While lives were changed through surgeries and training on the Africa Mercy, the Global Mercy joined the mission of medical training, becoming a platform for additional training programs.

More than 1,000 Senegalese healthcare professionals participated in courses including SAFE Obstetric Anesthesia, safe surgery, palliative care, nurse mentoring, and mental health, equipping them with the skills to strengthen their systems from within.

Image: Senegalese surgeons during the Essential Surgical Skills training course on board the Global Mercy.

Mentoring
115 Participants | 1,187 Hours

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Training Courses
1,006 Participants | 49,368 Hours

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On the heels of the Dakar Declaration — a commitment made by 29 African countries to accelerate safe surgical, obstetric, and anesthetic care in Africa over the next decade — we saw a growing focus on the future of sustainable, safe surgical care. On both the Global Mercy and the Africa Mercy, as well as across Africa, training continues to transform communities. Here are just two stories of surgeons who received training and now mentor others in their respective fields.

### The Journey to Becoming Senegal’s First Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon

In Senegal, children with lower-limb conditions have struggled to find local specialists who can help. In a country of 16 million, there is not one pediatric orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Mohamed Sabounji aimed to be the first.

In 2019, he received training from Mercy Ships on the Ponseti method. It's the gold standard in correcting clubfoot, a treatable condition in which the foot is turned in or under, making walking difficult. Dr. Sabounji called the training “a life-changing experience, both personally and professionally.”

He then partnered with Mercy Ships to develop a free clubfoot clinic in Dakar. Over five months, he treated 18 young patients, watching cast changes and rehab exercises correct twisted feet until they could walk with ease.

When the Africa Mercy left Senegal in 2020, Dr. Sabounji continued the clinic, building it up to treat over 50 cases a year.

In 2022, he resumed his mentorship on board the Africa Mercy.

“I got really lucky to be in the mentorship because it allowed me to be part of the whole treatment of clubfoot, from the casting to the relapses,” said Dr. Sabounji. “I was afforded ample opportunity to get the training I need to improve my competence and my confidence.”

He dreams of a future where children with a treatable condition will be able to access care quickly. On his path to becoming Senegal’s first pediatric orthopedic surgeon, he is already making that dream come true.
Growing up in a small village in Kenya, Dr. Charlotte Polle-Kaliti watched her neighbors, especially pregnant women, go without the healthcare they needed.

"I remember seeing a lot of suffering and disease," she said. "Women die giving life. You lose your life to gain life. And then those who survive, those who are lucky, end up having fistula."

Dr. Polle-Kaliti would later become the first person from her community to go into medicine. Today, she's the sole female fistula surgeon in Kenya — one of only 11 in total.

She's served with Mercy Ships three times, including this year in Dakar, where she performed 34 surgeries — 14 of which were fistula repairs.

"There are those who can give a coin, and there are those who can give their skills," she said.

But to Dr. Polle-Kaliti, training is just as important as performing surgery.

"You don’t want to just come and help a few women and leave," she said. "The fact that we can train local surgeons to pick up the mantle, we have a pool of experts who will continue with the work."

As part of the MCB program, Dr. Polle-Kaliti recently had the opportunity to mentor Dr. Abdourahmane Diallo, a urologist from Senegal. He’s now bringing that knowledge back to Hospital General De Grand Yoff in Dakar.

"That’s the beauty of this mentorship; it will have a trickle effect," he said. "I have learned, so I will teach."
The International Symposium was a culmination of months of planning and deliberations. It started with a critical baseline assessment study on the state of surgical, obstetric, and anesthetic (SOA) care access in Africa by the scientific committee in partnership with participating countries and other organizations. The study, the first of its kind in Africa, collected data on factors related to the provision, access, and operation of surgical, obstetric, and anesthetic healthcare systems in 28 of the 47 nations of sub-Saharan Africa, as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO).

During sessions held throughout the symposium, there was a push for greater collaboration and partnership to help address the complex issues and challenges plaguing SOA care access in Africa. This culminated in Ministers of Health, country delegates, and health experts confirming and forming the Dakar Declaration: a historic roadmap to accelerating safe surgical, obstetric, and anesthetic care in Africa over the next decade.

“It’s a great day for the people of Senegal. We have been waiting for this day for the last two years... it’s a huge opportunity for us to help our people in need of free surgery. We would like to really thank Mercy Ships for your trust, and also for your friendship.”

— Dr. Serigne Diop, Senegalese Presidential Advisor

Kadidja lived her young life with undeniable joy and radiance. But while her personality has always been bright, her future became uncertain the moment she was born with a cleft lip and palate. If left untreated, the condition would threaten her standing in society and how others saw her for the rest of her life. For four years, she endured the shame of looking different than other children. This was painful for both Kadidja and her mother, Ramata. “Since she was born, I refused to take her into the village because the other children would look at her and try to touch her nose and lips,” Ramata said.

After years of hoping, healing was finally on the horizon. Ramata heard that Mercy Ships would sail to Senegal, so the mother and daughter journeyed to Dakar for surgery.

A week after Kadidja’s successful operation, Ramata saw her daughter’s new smile for the first time. In that moment, she was overflowing with love and delight.

“I am so happy. She looks so beautiful. When we go back to our village, everyone will treat her like a normal person. She can interact with other children again and she can go to school.”

— Ramata, Kadidja’s mother

New Smile: New Future
Meet Kadidja

Building a Better Future
Together with Africa
The Indomitable Dedication of Volunteers and Staff

Returning our ships to service in Africa was a long-awaited answer to prayer — but it came at a cost. Operating a hospital ship in a pandemic environment has created exceptional challenges, felt most deeply by the volunteer crew on board.

A complex matrix of COVID-19 health and safety measures, designed to protect patients and crew alike, meant a field service that looked unlike any before. After putting their lives on hold to wait for months or even years to return to service, volunteers found themselves continually adjusting plans in the face of an ever-changing healthcare landscape. Recurring on-ship quarantines, and thorough COVID prevention policies required tremendous flexibility and sacrifice.

Yet despite the mental, emotional, and physical challenges, hope prevailed. Returning and new volunteers found themselves forming a community and celebrating hope and healing as patients returned to the Africa Mercy, bringing new life to the ship. They remained eager to finish the field service well and carry out the mission, even at great personal sacrifice. Without their dedication, the transformations we saw this year would never have been possible.

“2022 is the year that Mercy Ships brought the Africa Mercy back into service [post COVID]! Despite complications and challenges, the crew and national crew of the Africa Mercy enjoyed pouring the love of God into the people of Senegal.”

— John Mark Bray, Africa Mercy Managing Director

Eric Diatta
The Translator Who Kept Hope Alive

When the Africa Mercy left Senegal earlier than expected in 2020, local translator Eric Diatta was the one to share the heartbreaking news with patients — but he knew that healing would return.

There were more than 1,000 patients with canceled surgeries. So, Eric made a schedule and began calling every single patient once a month. When the ship returned in February 2022, Eric was standing on the dock to welcome her.

After two years and thousands of phone calls, he was finally able to deliver some good news.

“You cannot imagine the joy that I am feeling inside me, not only for me but for the patients who have been waiting,” he said. “Finally, God made it possible for the ship to be able to come back.”
In 2022, Mercy Ships welcomed a new International Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Mark Shrime. He previously served at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, as the founder and Director of the Center for Global Surgery Evaluation at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, and as Research Director for the Program in Global Surgery and Social Change at Harvard Medical School.

A longtime volunteer as a surgeon on board the Africa Mercy, Dr. Shrime’s heart beats to the same rhythm as the organization he serves — a heart that strives to bring hope and healing to the world’s forgotten poor.

“To overcome injustice and inequity in health, safe, affordable, and timely surgical care must be an indispensable part of any healthcare system.”

Dr. Shrime continued, “I look forward to working even more closely with the dedicated professionals in Mercy Ships, and in the countries with which we partner, to decrease the burden of unmet surgical need and to improve outcomes for patients.”

Dr. Shrime believes that one key solution for the surgical need throughout sub-Saharan Africa is to be a part of building the surgical ecosystems in the countries that host Mercy Ships. Without an intact surgical ecosystem, “many patients just go untreated,” he says. It’s those untreated cases that Dr. Shrime, Mercy Ships, and our African government and medical partners want to eliminate.

“This idea that, ‘Health is a human right as long as you can afford it,’ is not the world we want to be building.”

A Life-Changing Birthday Gift

Meet Cire

On the morning of his 20th birthday, Cire celebrated in an unusual way: being wheeled into the sterile operating room of the Africa Mercy. The moment had been years in the making for Cire, who was just 16 when a facial tumor started growing. His family could only wait and hope for a miracle.

“[The tumor] wasn’t beautiful; no one would want to have it on their face,” says Cire, who constantly felt uncomfortable in public.

So, he traveled across Senegal to the ship, where his birthday gift awaited as he finally received a life-changing surgery.

A few days later, volunteer nurses threw him a belated birthday party to mark the new year. “It felt like getting an extra gift,” Cire recalled.

During his recovery, the main thing Cire looked forward to was simple: going back home and showing off the change in his face.
Celebrating Hope Across Africa

While the Africa Mercy docked in Senegal through 2022, hope and healing continued to travel throughout Africa. The following are representations of the programs and projects Mercy Ships and our partners established throughout the year.

**Benin**

This year, the Benin-based Food for Life infrastructure project began its second phase of construction on its way to providing a permanent space for students to learn about nutritional agriculture. Meanwhile, Food for Life courses continued, with 34 participants trained in 2022. These projects provide agricultural training and tools to course participants, who learn how to train others in turn, creating a ripple effect of transformation across Benin.

**Guinea**

Mercy Ships continued our partnership with Hope Ignited to build a pediatric center of excellence, the first of its kind in Guinea and the site of life-changing surgical care for many years to come. After partnering with Gamal Abdel Nasser University to run the dental program since 2018, Mercy Ships signed a memorandum of agreement to invest in an expansion of the clinic, allowing even more students to receive hands-on experience and education.

**Togo**

It’s been an exciting year of growth in Togo as we continued to partner with Dr. Wodomé’s ophthalmic clinic and cataract surgical training program. We also supported the ongoing Cataract Campaign Togo Project, bringing free surgeries to patients around the country.

This also marks a second year of partnership with Sight.org, a Togo-based ophthalmic surgical NGO whose lead cataract surgeon was originally trained by Dr. Wodomé. In 2022, Mercy Ships funded 2,353 cataract surgeries for rural patients, many of whom otherwise lacked access to care.

**Niger**

This year, Dr. Tertius Venter returned to Niger and performed 47 plastic reconstructive surgeries. This effort fulfilled our 2020 commitment with CURE International to provide surgeries while our ships were out of service due to the pandemic.

**Key Statistics**

- **MCB Participants:** 88
- **Participant Hours:** 68,561
- **5 MCB Mentoring Participants**
- **5 Surgeon Mentoring**
- **2,353 Ophthalmic Surgeries**
- **695 Participant Hours**
- **47 Plastic Reconstructive Surgeries**
- **147 MCB Participants**
- **55,894 Participant Hours**
- **36 Maxillofacial Surgeries**
- **13 Medical Education Sponsorship**
- **24 Biomedical Technician Mentoring**
- **110 Dental Partner Unit Mentoring Program**
Liberia

In Liberia, programmatic work continued through Mercy Ships’ partnership with Lifebox. The collaborative Clean Cut Program helped hospital surgical teams set up quality assurance systems. We also ran a series of SAFE Obstetric Anesthesia courses both online and in person.

South Africa

According to the World Bank, sub-Saharan Africa has an estimated maternal mortality ratio of 547 deaths per 100,000 live births, over two times that of the global rate. In response to this need, Mercy Ships provided SAFE Obstetric Anesthesia courses in South Africa in 2022, imparting skills and knowledge to course participants as well as training professionals to share these skills with others.

Twice the Hope, Twice the Healing for Maman

When Maman stepped on board the Africa Mercy in March 2022, it wasn't her first time on a hospital ship. She first encountered Mercy Ships more than 20 years earlier when the Anastasis was in The Gambia. Then 46 years old, Maman had long been living with the effects of a condition called noma, a bacterial infection that removed the skin on one side of her face. It was a condition that she'd contracted as a child.

Long-term volunteer maxillofacial surgeon Dr. Gary Parker performed Maman's first surgery all those years ago. And in 2022, he was back on board working in the operating room when he encountered her again. They recognized each other right away in a reunion that amazed him: "When I saw Maman again, it was great to see what impact our work here has on people's lives."

This beautiful reunion was the start of Maman's second journey to hope and healing, as she received follow-up surgery.

"Once I am home, my children will be so happy to see me in good health. I cannot wait to dance in my village and walk around to show that God is faithful...."
One Port, Two Nations

For many reasons, 2022 was very special. Now, Mercy Ships is poised and ready, anticipating a great year ahead.

In early 2023, the Global Mercy begins the next field service in Senegal and welcomes patients on board for the very first time. This will be an opportunity to continue meeting the need in Senegal, providing both surgical care to patients and medical training to local healthcare professionals.

While docked in Senegal, we are excited to serve in a new way — by welcoming patients from neighboring country The Gambia to receive care on board. Up to 25% of patients in the next field service will come from The Gambia.

Then, in the second half of 2023, the Global Mercy will begin the next chapter in a 20-year history with Sierra Leone by sailing to Freetown for the next field service. We are also preparing to build a more permanent presence in Africa through the creation of the new Africa Service Center, which will serve as a hub for local country engagement teams. With Bernard van den Bosch as Director and Dr. Juliette Tuakli appointed as Diplomatic Ambassador of Africa, along with continued support from Dr. Pierre M’Pele, we are further positioned for a future of collaboration and engagement with our African partners.

Meanwhile, the Africa Mercy will take a period of refit in Durban, South Africa, to receive maintenance and updates that will extend her lifespan for years to come.

“In order to run a two-ship fleet in a simplified and sustainable operating rhythm, it is crucial to have fully equipped vessels. The refit of the Africa Mercy is pivotal to us bringing even more hope and healing as the hands and feet of Jesus,” said Robert Corley, chief operating officer. “During the refit, we will be replacing the main elevator, installing functional dining and galley services, while also upgrading our technology platforms throughout the ship. Not only will the work ensure compliance and long-term viability of the Africa Mercy, but it will also ensure we have an environment fully capable of serving our patients and crew on board.”

We look forward to continuing to bring hope and healing in new ways in 2023!

A Childhood Restored

Meet Diongnima

At only 14 years old, Diongnima spent most of his childhood living with a growing tumor over his left eye. For nine years, the tumor brought physical challenges to Diongnima, obstructing his vision, but it took an even greater toll on his spirit.

Diongnima dreamed of becoming a professional soccer player, but he knew his condition would keep him from accomplishing his dream.

“There were a lot of things I could not do because of the tumor," said Diongnima. "I was sad because my friends were doing things I couldn’t. At school, I sat alone because I could not sit with my classmates."

Diongnima felt like an outsider in his own community, leaving him and his family worried about his future.

That future brightened when in 2022, Diongnima boarded the Africa Mercy to receive surgery to remove the tumor. Finally, after years of struggles, Diongnima could clearly see his future — one filled with endless possibilities.

“The people who work on the ship have a kindness I have never seen in my life,” shared Diongnima. The volunteers on board, as well as the other patients, looked past his tumor to engage with him.

“I like the way they take care of the patients on the ship. It gives me great pleasure. Apart from becoming a professional soccer player, being a doctor is what I would like to become.”

Looking to the Future:

Looking to the Future:

Diongnima before and after surgery.

"He’s back to being the real Diongnima."
**Direct Medical Services**

**On Board the Africa Mercy in Senegal**

- **General**
- **Maxillofacial**
- **Orthopedic**
- **Women’s Health**
- **Pediatric Specialized General**
- **Plasctics**

**Total Surgical Procedures:** 1,271

- **Unique Surgical Patients:** 695
  - Guinea: 291
  - Niger: 296
  - Togo: 295

- **Surgeries:** 765
  - Guinea: 252
  - Niger: 252
  - Togo: 251

**Dental Procedures:**

- **Dental Patients:** 1,826
- **Basic Oral Health Instruction:** 9,456
- **Dental Encounters:** 4,083

**Direct Medical Services Off-Ship Programs Across Africa**

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**Guinea**
- Maxillofacial Surgery: Dr. Diallo (36 surgeries, 222 unique patients)
- CURE International Children’s Hospital of Niger (72 surgeries, 356 unique patients)

**Niger**
- 134 surgical procedures (47 surgeries, 47 unique patients)
- 188 surgical procedures (188 surgeries, 176 unique patients)

**Togo**
- Ophthalmic Surgery: Sight.org Partnership (1229 surgeries, 936 unique patients)
- Ophthalmic Surgery: Togo Cataract Surgery Campaign (1278 surgical procedures, 993 unique patients)
- Ophthalmic Surgery: Togo Cataract Surgery Teaching Institute Investment (591 unique patients)

**Additional Services**

- **Dental Patients:** 291
- **Dental Encounters:** 222
- **Basic Oral Health Instruction:** 252
- **Dental Procedures:** 252

**Investment**

- Total Surgical Procedures: 312
- Total Surgeries: 554
- Unique Surgical Patients: 92
- Unique Patients: 170

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Definition of terms related to Dental Areas

- **Unique Dental Patients:** counts each unique dental patient only once even if they receive more than one procedure.
- **Dental Procedures:** counts each procedure (e.g., Extractions, white fillings, amalgam fillings, etc.). Normally there are multiple dental procedures during one dental patient encounter.
- **Dental Patient Encounter:** some individuals might be counted twice if they return for separate treatments.

Definition of terms related to Surgical Areas

- **Unique Surgical Patients:** counts each unique surgical patient only once even if they receive more than one surgery.
- **Surgical Procedures:** a medical service provided to a patient. During one surgery, there may be more than one surgical procedure. For example: Cataract Surgery — 1 surgical procedure to remove the cataract and 1 surgical procedure to insert the Intraocular Lens = 2 surgical procedures.
- **OR Visits/Surgeries:** counts each visit to the operating room/theatre as a surgery/OR visit. For example: a maxillofacial patient receives 1 surgery with 5 surgical procedures = 1 unique patient, 1 surgery and 5 surgical procedures. If the same patient goes back for his Iliac Crest Bone Graft surgery, and during that surgery there were 2 surgical procedures, then our records reflect 1 unique patient, 2 surgeries, and 7 surgical procedures for the Maxillofacial Surgical Project.

Definition of terms related to Medical Capacity Building

- **Participants:** anyone who actively participates in any training program offered by Mercy Ships Medical Capacity Building programs. Only counts the nationals attending in the above charts, not Mercy Ships crew or volunteers.
- **Training of Trainers:** MCB course and mentoring participants who receive additional instruction for the purpose of teaching others.
- **Mentoring:** Delivered training tailored to individual needs; may or may not include curriculum. The goal is an increase in knowledge, skills, and aptitude as measured by mentor’s evaluation of participant.
- **Number of MCB Courses:** counts each training course provided. Example: Essential Surgical Skills — 6 two-day courses + 3 Training-of-Trainers one-day courses = 9 courses.
- **MCB Course Hours:** total number of actual course hours. Example: Essential Surgical Skills — 7 course hours per day x 2 days = 14 course hours.
- **MCB Participant:** the confirmed attendance of participants attending MCB courses and MCB mentoring — not unique MCB training participants. One may be mentored and also attend a course(s) and thus be counted twice. They are counted if they attended, even if they did not attend the entire course for all days.
- **MCB Participant Hours:** counts actual number of training hours, rounded to the quarter hour (not including breaks), completed by MCB course and mentoring participants. Example: Essential Surgical Skills — 9 participants perfect attendance for 14 hours (two days x 7 hours/day) = 126 participant hours.
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