



Bridging the healthcare gap worldwide

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FROM HOUSTON TO THE WORLD:
DELIVERING HOPE THROUGH
PARTNERSHIP

This edition highlights the power of partnership in action, from renewed commitments in Haiti and impactful shipments to Gaza, to meaningful collaborations and generous donations strengthening care around the world.

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Cindy Contreras sorts medical supplies at Medical Bridges, a nonprofit that supplies medical supplies to countries in need around the world, located in Houston on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.
Elizabeth Conley/Houston Chronicle

BRIDGING THE HEALTHCARE GAP

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS EDITION:

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MEDICAL BRIDGES SHIPS TO GAZA



Care is continuing its journey.

Medical Bridges partners with **All Hands and Hearts** to ship of critical medical equipment and supplies from Houston's Texas Medical Center to support healthcare serving communities in **Gaza**.

The shipment includes \$836,000 of ventilators, anesthesia machines, ultrasound systems, surgical microscopes, hospital beds, and other essential medical resources that will strengthen care delivery in field hospitals and clinics operating under immense strain.

Hospitals and healthcare partners across **Houston** and **San Antonio** contributed medical equipment that holds tremendous clinical value, resources that save lives far beyond the walls where they were first used.

Thank you to **All Hands and Hearts**, the **Government of Cyprus**, the **UAE**, the **Cyprus Maritime Corridor**, including the **UNOPS-managed 2720 mechanism**, and the **U.S.-led Civilian Military Coordination Center** for supporting coordination efforts with **Israel** and regional partners that help humanitarian aid move responsibly, transparently, and effectively.

This shipment marks an important milestone. The humanitarian need remains immense!

Read more in the [Houston Chronicle coverage](#) of this humanitarian effort.

GLOBAL HEALTH IMPACT



UKRAINE: DELIVERING CARE WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST

It is deeply moving to see Medical Bridges supplies supporting healthcare providers in Ukraine. Each piece of equipment and donated supply makes care more accessible, effective, and compassionate for patients who need it most. The dedication of medical teams working to care for children and save lives under challenging conditions is inspiring; the right tools make a difference.

We gratefully acknowledge our partners, healthcare workers, philanthropists, and supporters stand with these communities.

PAKISTAN: PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

Thanks to Helping Hand for Relief and Development, medical supplies have reached Pakistan, supporting Raazi Hospital in strengthening care for more than 62,000 beneficiaries. This shipment expands access to maternal and child health, emergency response, and essential services for underserved communities.

It's a powerful reminder of what partnership makes possible, turning shared purpose into stronger health systems and healthier futures.



TWO CONTAINERS. THOUSANDS OF LIVES IMPACTED. COUNTLESS MOMENTS OF HOPE.



Medical Bridges, in partnership with HHRD, delivered two containers of essential medical equipment and supplies to Wajir County, Kenya, with a value exceeding \$460,000. Distributed through the Wajir County Ministry of Health, the donations are expected to benefit more than 140,000 residents across the region.



Wajir County faces significant healthcare challenges due to its vast arid landscape, dispersed communities, limited medical infrastructure, and ongoing shortages of critical healthcare equipment. The donated supplies are helping strengthen local health facilities by improving emergency response capacity, maternal and child healthcare, patient diagnosis, and treatment efficiency.

The impact is being felt across hospitals and clinics serving vulnerable populations, including children, pregnant women, elderly patients, and communities affected by disease. Healthcare workers have improved access to essential medical tools and equipment, reducing treatment delays and minimizing referrals to distant hospitals.

MAY SHIPMENTS

DELIVERING CARE TO JORDAN

Medical Bridges recently loaded two shipments bound for Jordan, filled with essential medical supplies and equipment that will strengthen healthcare access and support communities in need. This important step was made possible through partnership with Helping Hand for Relief and Development, whose collaboration ensures surplus medical resources reach the healthcare providers and patients who need them most.



MEDICAL BRIDGES RETURNS TO HAITI

After a two-year pause, Medical Bridges is once again returning to Haiti, renewing a longstanding commitment to supporting healthcare providers with essential medical supplies and equipment. This shipment represents more than the delivery of resources, it reflects continuity, trust, and the power of sustained partnership.

From responding in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake to helping equip critical healthcare facilities, Medical Bridges is committed to stand alongside Haiti in times of need. Through collaboration with HHRD and United Light of Hope, this shipment continues that legacy, ensuring vital resources reach the communities and healthcare facilities that need them most.

SMACHS FOUNDATION

CONVERSIONS THAT SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CARE



Some visits carry more than presence, they carry possibility. This week, Medical Bridges President & CEO Walter Ulrich, Global Health Director Dr.

Tadia Diallo, and Head of Marketing Akinyi Adoyo had the pleasure of welcoming Charlene Ruto, Founder and CEO of SMACHS Foundation, and Festus Orina, Director of SMACHS Foundation. Together, they shared stories, insights, and a mutual commitment to expanding access to healthcare with dignity and care for all communities.



These meaningful exchanges underscore the power of aligned vision and purpose. We are grateful to Posso Ganame, President & CEO of TXACC, Texas Africa Chamber of Commerce, for helping make this connection possible as we look ahead to future collaboration.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

PETERSON HEALTH'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO GLOBAL CARE



Medical Bridges received another generous donation from our valued partners at Peterson Health, including a tourniquet machine, a brand-new mobile sphygmomanometer, and several laryngoscopes with blades. Their continued generosity, including a surgical ophthalmology microscope now staged to serve patients in Gaza, is helping expand access to critical care where it is needed most. Thank you to the partners who turn compassion into action and bring hope to communities around the world.

HOW YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES



DONATE EQUIPMENT - TURN SURPLUS INTO LIFESAVING CARE

Please help by allowing Medical Bridges to pick up your surplus medical equipment and supplies. To donate, please reach out to:
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VOLUNTEER - HELP PREPARE SHIPMENTS THAT REACH HOSPITALS WORLDWIDE

Caring people like you make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to:
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PARTNER WITH US - CONNECT YOUR ORGANIZATION TO GLOBAL IMPACT

Corporations, hospitals, and foundations can collaborate with Medical Bridges to equip healthcare providers in underserved communities around the world.



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If you share our passion for improving access to healthcare, please like, follow, and share our stories on social media.



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