



CHRONICLE OF AUGUST 2025 CARING

GLOBAL IMPACT STARTS HERE

Thanks to your support, Medical Bridges is shipping lifesaving medical equipment and supplies that strengthen hospitals, support doctors and nurses on the frontlines, and bring hope to communities in need.

Every donation, every volunteer hour, and every act of generosity transforms surplus into lifelines, creating a ripple effect of healing and care across the globe.

BRIDGING THE HEALTHCARE GAP

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AUGUST SHIPMENTS

LIFESAVING SHIPMENT TO IVORY COAST

Medical Bridges recently shipped two 40-foot containers to Ivory Coast (Republic of Côte d'Ivoire), bringing lifesaving medical equipment and supplies to communities in need. With your continued support, we're working to close healthcare gaps not only in Ivory Coast but across 41 other African countries, strengthening access to care and improving health outcomes.



DELIVERING HOPE TO DJIBOUTI

Medical Bridges shipped two containers of critical medical supplies to Djibouti helping strengthen healthcare access for thousands of patients in need. These shipments included essential equipment and supplies that healthcare providers in Djibouti will use to deliver safe, effective care.

Each container represents more than boxes of materials—it carries hope, healing, and the promise of healthier futures for entire communities.

This was made possible through the generous partnership of Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD).

GLOBAL HEALTH IMPACT

A LEGACY OF SERVICE LIVES ON

Hand-carry donations from Medical Bridges have safely reached Kendu Adventist Hospital in Kenya — founded on land donated by the Midamba family a century ago. Messages of gratitude from hospital leadership highlight the lifesaving impact of these supplies. Today, the Midamba family continues this legacy through Nasser Midamba and loved ones, and we are honored to serve alongside them.



SMILES ACROSS THE MILES: DJIBOUTI

This summer, Medical Bridges and Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD) delivered two containers of medical equipment and supplies worth nearly \$490K to Djibouti's Ministry of Health — reaching over 160,000 people. From patient monitors and oxygen concentrators to delivery packs and PPE, these donations are strengthening emergency care, maternal health, and access for vulnerable communities.

SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE HEROES IN UKRAINE

Thanks to our partnership with Nova Ukraine and FIGS, over 500 medical uniforms have reached 13 hospitals across Ukraine, bringing comfort and encouragement to doctors and nurses on the frontlines. These donations help healthcare teams feel supported as they save lives — reminding them they are not alone.



AUGUST EVENTS



U.S.-AFRICA ECONOMIC FORUM

We were honored to be a partner at this year's U.S.-Africa Economic Forum (USAEF)!

Representing Medical Bridges were our President & CEO Walter Ulrich, Marketing Manager Akinyi Adoyo, Director of Global Health Dr. Tadia Diallo and Board Member Richard Clark—all united in our mission to bridge the healthcare gap globally.

Grateful to the incredible sponsors and planning team for putting together such a powerful event. From dynamic panels to thought-provoking conversations, USAEF 2025 was a space for true collaboration and action.



WELCOMING GLOBAL LEADERS TO MEDICAL BRIDGES

We were honored to host His Excellency Kassoum Coulibaly, Ambassador of Burkina Faso to the U.S., for a tour of Medical Bridges, exploring how surplus medical supplies from Houston can transform healthcare access in Burkina Faso and across Africa. Later, our Marketing Manager Akinyi Adoyo had the privilege of speaking at the Swearing-In Ceremony of Honorary Consul Ghislain Kientega in Houston — a historic moment strengthening diplomatic and cultural ties. Many thanks to Posso Ganame and the Texas Africa Chamber of Commerce for fostering collaborations that save lives worldwide.

PARTNER AND DONOR RECOGNITION

PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

We were thrilled to welcome the team from Texas Children's Hospital to Medical Bridges. Longtime supporters of our mission, they help equip doctors caring for mothers and children worldwide. During their visit, they even joined in packing FIGS scrub donations — a true partnership in action.



SHINING A LIGHT ON GENEROSITY

Dr. Amanda Marshall-Rodriguez, orthopedic surgeon at TruOrtho and member of WOGO, donated 8 operating room lights to Medical Bridges. Instead of being discarded, these lights will now support safe, life-changing surgeries worldwide. Special thanks to Dennis, Jorge, and Maggie for making the transport possible.

WELCOMING NEW PARTNERS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Medical Bridges is grateful to TTS Research in Boerne, Texas, and owner Mary Jimenez — a U.S. Army National Guard veteran and former Army nurse — for their generous medical equipment donation. Partnering with her daughter Virginia, Mary shares our mission to extend the life of equipment and expand healthcare access worldwide.



DR. TADIA DIALLO, 2025 GLOBAL LEADER OF INFLUENCE



THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

2025 GLOBAL LEADER OF *Influence*



TADIA DIALLO
Global Medical Bridges

TO BE CELEBRATED AT



Jesse H. Jones
AWARDS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 16, 2025
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Post Oak Hotel
1600 W Loop S, Houston, TX, 77027

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Medical Bridges is honored to announce that Dr. Tadia Diallo, our Global Health Director, has been named the 2025 Global Leader of Influence by the World Affairs Council of Greater Houston.

This recognition highlights Dr. Diallo's exemplary leadership in global health and her commitment to building partnerships that improve healthcare access worldwide.

She will be celebrated at the esteemed Jesse H. Jones Awards Luncheon.

WELCOMING DR. CHRISTOPHER FOMUNYOH TO THE MEDICAL BRIDGES ADVISORY COUNCIL



Medical Bridges is delighted to announce that Dr. Christopher Fomunyoh, Ph.D., Senior Associate for Africa and Special Advisor to the President at the National Democratic Institute, has joined our Advisory Council. Dr. Fomunyoh is a transformative global leader, world citizen, and expert in democratic governance, civic engagement, and international partnerships, bringing decades of experience addressing complex societal challenges across Africa.

Throughout his career, Dr. Fomunyoh has led initiatives that support smooth democratic transitions, uphold constitutional adherence, and strengthen civic institutions in countries including Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Nigeria. He has mobilized former African heads of state, collaborated with elected officials and civic actors, and designed programs that promote accountability, equity, and sustainable development.

At Medical Bridges, Dr. Fomunyoh will provide invaluable guidance as we expand healthcare access globally. His expertise in program development, stakeholder engagement, diversity, equity, and inclusion will help ensure our initiatives are impactful, sustainable, and tailored to the needs of the communities we serve. We are excited for the insight, experience, and global perspective Dr. Fomunyoh brings to our Advisory Council. With his guidance, we are confident in our ability to deepen collaborations, strengthen partnerships, and advance our mission of delivering lifesaving medical equipment and supplies to those who need it most.

2025 MEDICAL BRIDGES ANNUAL GALA

SAVE THE DATE



ANNUAL GALA



Four Seasons Hotel, 1300 Lamar
Street, Houston, Texas

October 30, 2025 at 6 PM
Join us in celebration and support

Join us for a remarkable evening dedicated to compassion, collaboration, and the life-saving impact of partnership. In collaboration with Chevron, we are proud to honor the **humanitarian leaders** and **organizations** whose support empowers Medical Bridges to deliver health and hope to communities worldwide.

This special night will include an elegant seated dinner, inspiring stories of impact, and recognition of those who make our mission to bridge the healthcare gap possible.

HOW YOU CAN HELP MEDICAL BRIDGES MAKE A DIFFERENCE



DONATE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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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Procurement Manager
mбенавидес@medicalbridges.org
713-766-6554

VOLUNTEER

Caring people like you make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to:

Bonnie Oggero
Volunteer Coordinator
boggero@medicalbridges.org
713-766-6576



SPREAD THE WORD

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



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