

FACT SHEET



AWHPI, Inc.

The United States experiences a surplus, and developing nations suffer a shortage of medical supplies, African Women's Health Project International (AWHPI) was created to help bridge the healthcare gap worldwide.

As we begin the New Year, we as Americans can take this time to reflect on what is truly important and how we can embrace the "giving season" in a more meaningful way.

This new year, give the gift of changed lives. Give an ill person the health he/she needs so he can live a productive life. Help a crippled child return to school to receive the education she needs to lift herself out of poverty. Let a young mother give birth in a safe environment so she and her newborn can thrive.

Be a part of a medical miracle. Each dollar you contribute to AWHPI provides \$20 in supplies and equipment to support doctors and nurses serving the neediest of our global community. Rural clinics and urban hospitals in developing countries receive shipments of life-saving medical supplies. Thousands of people, many of whom have never seen a doctor before, are healed, comforted and given the gift of hope.

Based in Little Rock, Arkansas, AWHPI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation dedicatedly solely to this mission. At AWHPI, we believe that Healthy Women transforms into Healthy Families with ultimately evolve as Healthy Societies. The Foundation's work is focused on strengthening the capacity of women to actively participate in local and national development and to positively transform the societies. We do this by providing more information on health care needs of women, establishing Scholarships and training programs to provide the skills women needed to succeed and to enter new fields, creating Life skills, employment and entrepreneurship programs to enable women to improve their lives, incomes and the community, and finally, enhancing educational opportunities for youths to ensure more promising futures for the next generation. Save lives and give the opportunity for a healthy future to underserved people by joining us.

Mission

AWHPI Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to bring health and healing to citizens in impoverished areas by promoting ways to strengthen the health care delivery system among women, and to procure medical and surgical supplies and equipment for donation to medical facilities in less developed countries.

History

Princess Moradeun Ogunlana started AWHPI in 1999 after a trip to her native land Nigeria where she witnessed an incredible lack of basic medical supplies. Accompanied by founding board member, Dr. Babajide Ogunlana, Princess Deun Ogunlana returned from this journey determined to address this shortage all too prevalent in the developing world. Armed with the knowledge that an estimated \$9 billion in medical surplus is produced annually in the US, Princess Ogunlana, along with Dr. Ogunlana and three other board members established and incorporated the African Women's Health Project International on September 2003 in Arkansas to give this surplus a new purpose.

The Problem

While the majority of people who live in poor nations of the world have been preoccupied with the struggle for basic necessities of life (food, water, clothes, and shelter), cancer has silently grown to be an enormous problem, specifically – breast and cervical cancer. Each year over 500,000 women are diagnosed with breast and cervical cancer, and 80% of them reside in developing countries. The majority of these women die within a short period of time due to lack of adequate medical care. Most are young married and have children. Thus, in Africa where mothers are relied upon to provide for and raise the children, cancers not only steal their lives, but tragically disrupt the entire family.

- Can you imagine a mother of 10 children never in her life having seen a doctor for pre-natal or post-natal care?
- A woman in her 40's not having heard of a PAP smear?
- A child with a minor cut that turns into serious infection for lack of an antiseptic?

Such situations are common in impoverished areas of West Africa. The African Women's Health Project International (AWHPI) is making a change in the lives of many of these families by getting needed medical care and medicines to them. Education, food, clothing, and other humanitarian support also are among the range of services that the foundation provides for the women and children of these countries.

The ultimate long-term goal of the foundation is to set-up FREE Medical Clinics and hospitals in impoverished areas in West Africa, notably Nigeria and Ghana by bringing in qualified Medical Doctors, Nurses and others in healthcare fields from the United States of America to provide volunteer services to these women. Our immediate goal is to get needed help to these locations through free quarterly medical clinics and support missions. Through donations from hospitals, private practitioners, manufacturers, retailers, pharmaceuticals companies, and other sources, it is possible. To date, we have collected and donated more than 5,000lbs of supplies.

Will you help us with a donation of medical equipments, medicines, supplies and/or monetary resources to transport the resources to the areas of need in West Africa? The supply needs' list is comprehensive. At the top are medical equipments and supplies,

prescription and non-prescription medicines, personal hygiene items, and computer and office supplies and school supplies. Then there's the cost of transporting the resources to the areas of direst need. At AWHPI we realized that if we are to make significant changes in the motherland, we need your help. We ask that you assist us in bringing healing to the women and children of Africa.

Medical Reach

- Operating in and Serving Nine Countries in Africa that are in-need
- Distributed over \$2 million in supplies and equipment
- Assisted in supplying over twenty shipments to mission teams and individuals
- Set up donation programs in surrounding hospitals throughout the area
- Guided thousands of volunteers and groups; on average, local volunteers contribute over 200 hours a quarter packing and sorting products for distribution.

International Network - AFRICA

■ Nigeria	■ Ghana	■ Uganda
■ Ivory Coast	■ Tanzania	■ Togo
■ Kenya	■ Swaziland	■ Liberia

Make your donation to AWHPI today. On behalf of AWHPI, Inc, our sponsors, our partners-in-country, and the people we help, thank you for your support.

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What we witnessed on Medical Mission:

Each Spring, as AWHPI embarks on a 12-day Medical Mission to Africa, and the conditions that we witnessed impacted on our minds the need for this organization:

- Along the clinic walls, women struggle in labor on stained, makeshift beds.
- Ill and premature babies lay in rickety paint-chipped cribs and deteriorated incubators.
- An old man, weak and near lifeless, is carried in on a makeshift stretcher.
- Doctors and nurses work steadily through the night, doing what they can for every patient. But the clinic is under-equipped.
- Medications and dressings must be carefully rationed.
- Operations are delayed or cancelled because there are no sutures.
- A rusted van with no life-saving equipment serves as an ambulance.

These are the medical hardships healthcare providers and their patients face every day in many areas around the world. With ongoing donations of functioning but unused medical equipments, supplies and funding, AWHPI is helping span this healthcare gap. We can do it — with the tremendous surplus of medical supplies generated here in the United States and through your support!

Testimonials

Your support allows us to provide supplies and equipment to those who desperately need them. With ongoing support, the work continues. Hospitals and clinics scalpels and sutures, and trucks deliver hospital beds, wheelchairs, exam tables, gurneys, and other equipment.

Your gift to AWHPI helps bring health to the world's poorest. Because of you:

- A child who can't walk will have crutches.
- A man will receive the operation or ER treatment he so urgently needs..
- And a young mother's baby will be born healthy and strong.

AWHPI makes a difference, but we need your help. Please make your contribution to AWHPI today. Help bring health and hope to those who need it most!

"We were able to perform small surgeries in the hospital's old operating room. Yet, because the supplies were so outdated, we had to overcome many obstacles. For example, we lost electricity during one of the surgeries. Fortunately we were near completion and only needed a flashlight to suture the wounds. But from that, we realized how the local residents must endure their illness because they lack the proper medical equipments."

—Dr. T.J. Odubela, MD