

HEAL AFRICA

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Healthier Community*

2017

WORDS FROM THE CEO



Dear Friends,

It was a great blessing to have you come alongside HEAL Africa during the year 2017. This year had ups and downs. There is no word to express what we feel to see how supportive each of you has been during this ending year. It has certainly made a difference to the patients whose needs were met. More importantly, it has increased staff morale, those on the front lines, day in and day out.

Yet we live in the shadow of political instability. Elections are being prepared in the country to take place in December 2018, after the delay in 2016, and once again in 2017. We are working hard to keep fear and discouragement at bay. Instead we see this as critical period to unite in prayer and support of one another. In the face of uncertainty, we remain committed to our work in assisting thousands of vulnerable people in eastern DRC who continue to suffer, especially women and children.

Our role to be present in DRC is confirmed each day we show up to work and on days when we don't feel like it. As we renew our commitment to the founding vision of HEAL Africa's Doctor Jo and his late wife, Lyn Lusi, we mimic those with great faith on days when the burden is heavy. With your support through donations, volunteering, sending encouragement notes, or even sharing a memory of your time with us, you lighten the burden.

Justin Paluku, MD

HEAL Africa CEO, DR Congo

INTRODUCTION

As we draw closer to our 17th year of providing health services in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC or DR Congo), we are still in awe that we are able to do what we do.

HEAL Africa has effectively contributed to the training of competent medical personnel within and outside the hospital, and worked for the promotion of healthy communities. We want to acknowledge Christ's generosity of blessings, protection and guidance in our work. We also want to recognize and honor the compassion and generosity of our friends and partners, who have graciously walked hand-in-hand with us, while entrusting us with their resources. As D.R. Congo became increasingly torn apart by the political crisis and armed conflicts, HEAL Africa's partners never gave up. Their support allowed HEAL Africa's teams of medical professionals and community workers, despite DRC's precarious environment, to serve the most vulnerable, thus giving us the opportunity to exhibit God's love and hope.

The 2017 achievements outlined in this report are the result of the collective effort under HEAL Africa's three departments:

- The tertiary **Hospital** located in Goma.
- **Community** projects carried out in different Provinces of the DRC.
- **Training and Research** conducted at the hospital and in Community projects.

This report provides a picture of resources and program activities carried out in 2017. HEAL Africa is built on the energy to transform a difficult region with the capacity of its own people and those who support them. We recognize many of them in this report and included brief summaries of activities in carried out AusHEAL, WorldShare, and the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS 2017

TERTIARY HOSPITAL

Construction Projects

- Began construction work of the Women and Children Pavilion, funded by the Preik Family.
- Launched construction of a building with an operating room to treat patients with fistula and genital prolapse funded by the Fistula Foundation.
- Laid the first stone for the construction of the Community Health Center "GRACE", financed by the Principality of MONACO through the AMADE World Foundation.

Equipment

- Installation of a CT Scan.
- Installation an Oxygen Plant.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Watoto | Children

- Inauguration of the new TUUNGANE School building, funded by Southern Baptist Mission Church of Philadelphia USA.
- Reduction of neonatal intra-hospital mortality. HEAL Africa initiated a HIV viral load test, screening for children living with HIV. The hospital been selected as a center that will implement the "all-in" project of adolescents and young people in the city of Goma.

Wababa | Men Sector, Nehemiah and Churches

- Graduation of the second class of 12 hospital Chaplains, through HEAL Africa's Clinical Pastoral Training.
- Any positive masculinity projects?

Wamama | Women

- Trained key actors on the ground on reproductive health, gender-based violence, and management of VSLAs and AGRs.
- Repair of various gynecological and obstetric fistulas, genital prolapse, in outreach and at HEAL Africa hospital, and holistic care of survivors of sexual violence,
- Support for income-generating activities, support for village savings and loan associations.
- Established a new WAMAMA Simameni base in Beni.
- Moved women underdoing psychological treatment and healing from fistula and/or prolapse to Himbi, located in the middle of the city, away from the hospital's general population. They will slowly learn to integrate with local community as they heal and participate in vocational activities.

TRAINING AND RESEARCH

- Recruited new Family Medicine Residents (4 through PMR, 3 through HEAL Africa USA) and three to train in surgery under the COSECSA program.
- HEAL Africa's COSECSA Program Officers and Trainers participated in the scientific MAPUTO Conference, Mozambique, in December 2017.

Noteworthy

In African tradition, a staff party was organized at Maji Matulivu, over a meal and conversations to strengthen internal relationships. The event was held on the birthday of Lyn Lusi, June 30, to honor her impact on HEAL Africa. Due to competing priorities, the event had not been held in the last two years.

I. TERTIARY HOSPITAL HEAL AFRICA

The following eight departments of the hospital were operational.

- **Internal Medicine** composed of General Medicine, Dialysis and Family Medicine
- **Pediatrics** with Pediatric General Services, Neonatology and Nutrition.
- **General Surgery** with specialized services in the repair of congenital malformations including hydrocephalus, cleft lip (cleft lip), spina bifida, etc.
- **Gynecology - Obstetrics** with services such as maternity, uro-gynecology (repair of fistulae and genital prolapse, overall care of Survivors of Sexual Violence), gynecology prevention (cervical cancer screening and breast).
- **Orthopedic and Traumatology Surgery**
- **Medical Imaging** with services of Radiography, Mammography, Ultrasound, ECG, and CT Scan
- **Laboratory and Histopathology** with different services like Sero-immunology, Hematology, Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Histology / Cytology, CD4.
- **Emergency Management**

The functions of these eight departments were made possible by the administrative department and other general support services in the hospital. The Pharmacy (Central Christian Pharmacy); the Physiotherapy and Physical Rehabilitation Service; the Community Health Service (CPN, CPS, CPoN, Family Planning); the Ophthalmology and Dentistry units; as well as having a modern operating theatre suite, were critical in enhancing our capacity to provide a thorough service.

I.1.1. Outreach

Outreach or "mobile clinics", supports HEAL Africa's community/public health programs. HEAL Africa carried out 14 outreach missions and performed 1,099 surgical repairs.

- 4 missions in Uro-gynecology with a total of 390 repairs (fistulas and prolapse)
- 6 missions in general surgery with a total of 465 operations (cleft lip and labio-palate) and
- 4 missions in orthopedic and traumatology surgery with a total of 244 operations (club foot)

The table below shows the total number of missions performed mobile teams of the hospital and the total number of beneficiaries of the outreach from 2012 to 2017.

Table 1: Outreach Conducted by HA from 2012 to 2017

Indicators	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>Completed Missions</i>	9	7	10	13	16	14
Beneficiaries in Orthopedics	255	218	300	265	235	244
Beneficiaries in Uro-gynecology	467	226	104	421	441	390
Beneficiaries in General Surgery	-	294	-	33	149	465
Total Beneficiaries	722	738	404	719	825	1,099

I.1.2. External Consultations

In 2017 we received 21,584 outpatients, including 15,175 (70%) new cases and 6,409 (30%) old cases. Of the total number of these patients consulted, 3,781 (18%) were children under 5 years of age and 2,429 (11%) were pregnant women.

The below table includes the evolution of external consultations from 2011 to 2017.

Table 2: Outpatient Cases From 2011 To 2017

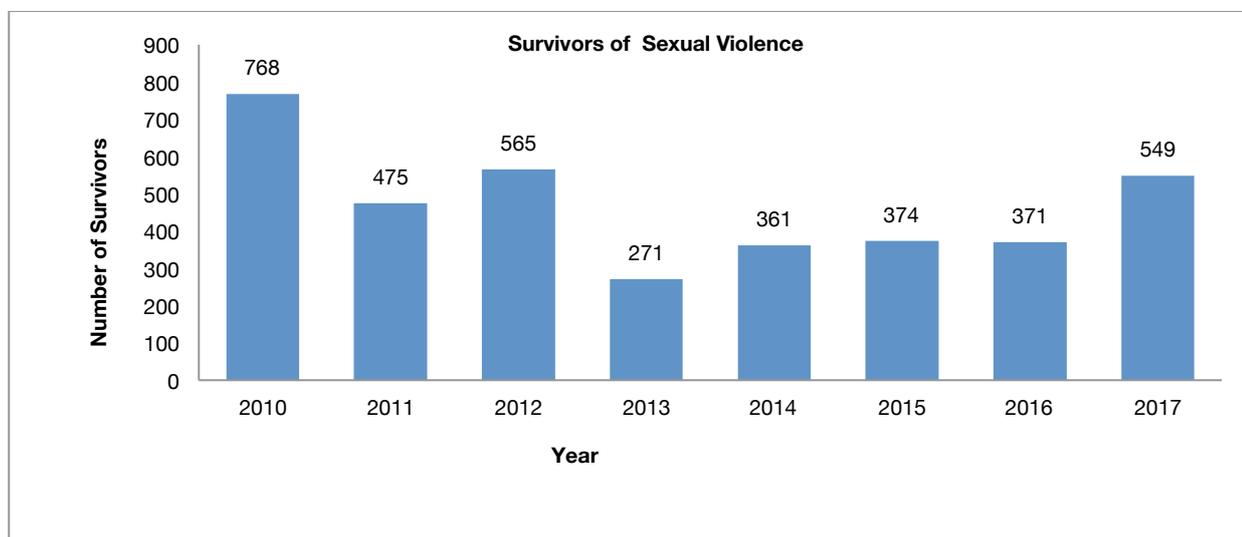
External Consultation	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
New Cases (NC)	14,994	13,639	14,710	18,356	16,328	17,150	15,175
Former Cases (AC)	5,604	7,209	8,827	6,728	6,248	7,588	6,409
Total	20,598	20,848	23,537	25,084	22,576	24,738	21,584

I.1.3. Survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence

A total of 549 new cases of survivors of sexual violence were registered at the hospital in 2017.

- 290 received within 72 hours and benefited from the PEP Kit
- 549 benefitted from psycho-social support
- 244 benefitted from legal support

Figure 1: Survivors Of Sexual Violence Received by HEAL Africa from 2010 to 2017



I.1.4. Preventive Consultations at the Health Center

A total of 24,106 clients benefitted from the services of the HEAL Africa Hospital Health Center.

Table 3: Preventive Consultations Offered In 2017

Services	New Cases	Old Cases	TOTAL
Prenatal Consultation	1,453	4,638	6,091
Preschool Consultation	1,359	11,945	13,304
Family Planning	642	631	1,273
Post Natal Consultation	709	1,470	2,179
Completely Vaccinated Children	1,259	-	1,259
Nutrition			219
TOTAL	5,422	18,684	24,106

Among other achievements, this table reveals that 1,259 children were fully vaccinated at HEAL Africa Health Center in 2017.

Table 4: Preventive Consultations From 2011 To 2017

Preventive Consultation	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Prenatal Consultation	2,767	3,807	3,865	4,541	5,014	4,851	6,091
Preschool Consultation	3,606	5,974	6,052	8,903	9,887	9,558	13,304
Family Planning	1,674	4,880	3,631	2,747	2,806	1,715	12,73
Post Natal Consultation						2,648	2,179
Completely Vaccinated Children							1,259
Nutrition	0	434	393	409	307	389	
Total	8,047	15,095	13,941	16,600	18,014	16,513	22,847

I.1.5. Activity of the Operating Theatre Suite

Our theatre suite carried out 4,603 surgical operations. Among them 3,426 (74%) were complex major and 1,174 (26%) moderate/minor cases.

Table 5: Specialized Interventions Conducted during Outreach and in Goma, 2017

Interventions	Number
Hydrocephalus	9
Cleft lip	465
Spina bifida	8
Total Hip Replacement	15
Virgin club foot	96
Club foot corrected by PONSETI	8,098
Fistulas	302
Prolapse	241
Hysterectomy	106
TOTAL	9,340

Table 6: Transactions Made From 2010 To 2017

No. Of Chirurgical Surgeries	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Goma	1,672	2,916	3,841	3,261	3,687	5,117	5,102	3,450
Outreach	ND	754	803	690	404	776	825	1,153
TOTAL	1,672	3,670	4,644	3,951	4,091	5,893	5,883	4,603

I.1.6. Deliveries

A total of 1,888 deliveries were carried out in 2017.

- 951 were eutocic and
- 931 were dystocic including 679 cases of caesareans

We unfortunately had two maternal deaths at the hospital in 2017.

Table 7: Evolution Of Deliveries Performed At HEAL Africa Hospital From 2010 To 2017

Births	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Eutocic Birth	958	1,133	1,263	1,321	1,317	1,342	1,130	957
Dystocia	192	229	215	285	538	589	698	931
Including Caesareans	167	217	202	275	463	582	675	679
Total	1,150	1,362	1,478	1,606	1,855	1,931	1,828	1,888

I.1.7. Laboratory Reviews Realized

Figure 2. Examinations Performed in 2017

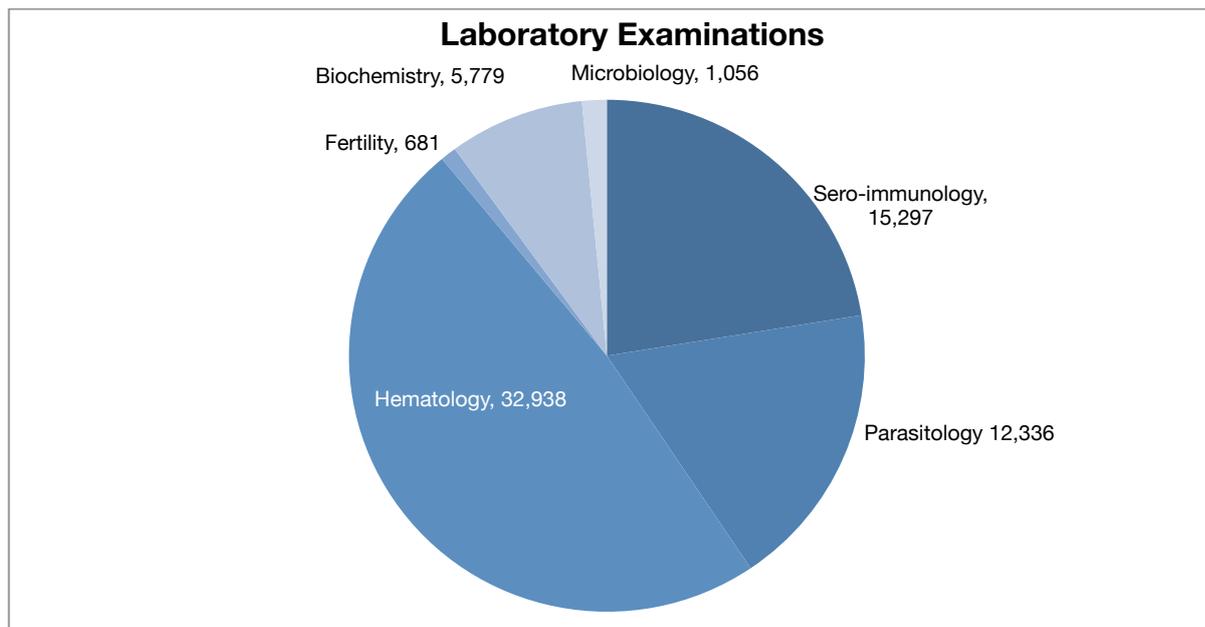


Table 8: The laboratory examinations carried out at the HEAL Africa hospital from 2010 to 2017

Examinations Performed	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Sero-immunology	6,807	8,861	9,478	11,697	12,756	14,188	15,783	16,899
Parasitology	10,007	12,745	12,857	16,010	19,245	21,018	18,186	13,520
Hematology	50,189	64,539	54,400	34,773	46,982	24,195	31,237	35,438
Fertility	270	328	377	542	892	548	612	733
Biochemistry	6,614	6,734	3,965	5,557	4,899	5,383	5,846	6,651
Microbiology	645	1736	1,646	1,374	2,127	3,723	2,194	1,139
Histology/Cytology	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	254	231	292
TOTAL	74,532	94,943	82,723	69,953	86,901	69,309	74,089	74,672

I.1.8. Medical Imaging

In this department, a total of 9464 examinations were carried out among which:

- 5544 (58.6%) in Radiology
- 3498 (34%) in Ultrasonography and
- 422 (4.4%) ECG examinations (Echo-cardio-gram).

Table 9: Medical Imaging Exams from 2010 to 2017

Reviews Requested and completed	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Radiography	5448	2774	4782	4231	6070	5220	4237	5544
Ultrasound	1844	1273	2602	2717	3176	3019	3463	3498
ECG	501	302	778	341	506	482	436	422
TOTAL	7793	4349	8162	7289	9752	8721	8136	9464

I.1.9 Other Services

Endoscopy

Table 10: Endoscopy Examinations Performed From 2015 to 2017

Performed Endoscopy	2015	2016	2017
Esophago-gastro-duodenoscopy	59	85	97
Colo-rectoscopy	5	19	18
Total	64	104	115

Other Units

- Ophthalmology: 1513 procedures
- Dentistry: 990 procedures
- Cascade: 6079 procedures
- Physiotherapy: 896 procedures

I.2. Other Quality Indicators Of Care

Table 11: Other Quality of Care Indicators 2011 to 2017

Indicators	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of available beds	155	155	155	197	197	197	200
Mortality rate	1.85	1.19	1.31	1.37	1.34	0.97	2
Bed occupancy rate	79%	72%	86%	75%	72%	72%	68%
Total hospitalized cases	5,318	5,865	6,506	6,549	7,154	6,887	6,045

II. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The projects implemented by HEAL Africa in 2017 have been grouped into three sectors: WATOTO, WAMAMA and WABABA (Nehemiah Committee, Men and Churches).

II.1. WATOTO | CHILDREN

The services we provide for children focus on three primary issues, education, health and nutrition, and protection.

II.1.1. Education

- **Mugunga Primary School**, funded through the Goma Student Fund (GSF) supervised 184 children during the 2016-2017 school year with a success rate of 88% at the end of the school year. A group of 29 students were qualified to take the National End-of-Studies Test (TENAFEP), of which 25 students passed, a success rate of 86.2%.
- With the financial support of **WorldShare**, the project, "Sponsor a Child", assisted 151 children affected by HIV/AIDS through the payment of school fees. Out of 151, 8 were high school finalists and 5 among them obtained their state diplomas, a 62.5% success rate.
- **Tuongane School** an informal academic center for children undergoing treatment at the hospital, accommodated 118 children in 2017. Among the 90 children discharged, 50 returned to their of formal schools. All the children reintegrated into formal schools, have adapted well.

- As part of the **Babira Bakwame-Maniema project**, 10 schools were equipped with recreational kits, educational kits, teaching materials and teacher kits.

II.1.2. Protection

- With financial assistance from the UN Trust, HEAL Africa has implemented the project to **fight the root causes of gender-based violence and to empower young people to end violence against women and girls in school**. A total of 448 young people, including 224 girls and 224 boys, were trained in two phases as gender champions. These same youth participated in 15 workshop/training sessions in 6 schools in Goma and 3 schools in the city of Sake. At the end of this process, the youth are become peace activists and gender advocates in the 9 high schools.
- Under the Babira-Bakwame project, **40 psychosocial staff and 40 teachers received training** in the protection and the fight against school-related violence in order to supervise the children who will be recovering in the mining area of Punia's health district.
- To **equip children and increase their resilience to shock and trauma** in their daily lives, HEAL Africa has supervised a total of 112 children within the children and youth space in Goma. 691 children were supervised through the Ushindi project (258 boys and 433 girls) distributed by zones: 324 in Lubero (119 boys and 205 girls), 202 in Alimbongo (including 78 boys and 124 girls) and 165 children in the health zone of Walikale (61 boys and 104 girls).
- 195 children in two levels of training (87 at the 1st level and 108 at the second level) were supervised through capoeira activities for their **de-traumatization and the learning of non-violent social relations among the groups**.



II.1.3. Health

II.1.3.1. Fight against HIV / AIDS

A total of 26 health facilities and one clinic for pediatric Antiretroviral treatment were supported by HEAL Africa through the Mother-to-Child HIV Prevention Program (PMTCT) and the Children's AIDS Program (CAP). During the year 2017, PMTCT and CAP followed 1,246 exposed children to HIV/AIDS. Of the number, 236 were screened in Polymerase Chain Reaction, of which 4 were positive or 1.7% seroprevalence; and 178 were screened at 18 months with 0% maternal transmission to child.

Among the cohort of children in CAP, 317 are adolescents (10-19 years) and 88 are young adults (20-24). Of these, 43 participated in vocational training (33 in arts, 6 in knitting and 4 in sewing), while 11 (25%) have been able to transition out of the program and become independent.

Table 12: Overview of Compiled Information from Programs to Prevent Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission and Care for Children Infected and Affected by HIV / AIDS

N°	Indicators PMTCT&CAP	Quantity	Percentage
01	Number of children monitored in HIV	1,246	
	Number of children in the pediatric HIV care program	743	59%
12	Number of children exposed followed in PMTCT (all structures)	503	41%
04	Number of children exposed to HIV treated in PTME and CAP Programs	676	54,3%
05	Children screened at the PCR with available CAP results (HEAL Africa program and other hospitals)	265	39,2%
06	Children tested positive PCR test (CAP)	4	1,5%
07	Number of children tested in the PMTCT program tested for HIV+ at age 18 (including transfer cases)	201	29,7%
08	Number of children tested in the PMTCT program tested HIV + at age 18	0	0%
09	Number of children infected with HIV followed	570	45,7%
10	Number of children receiving antiretroviral treatments	525	92,1%

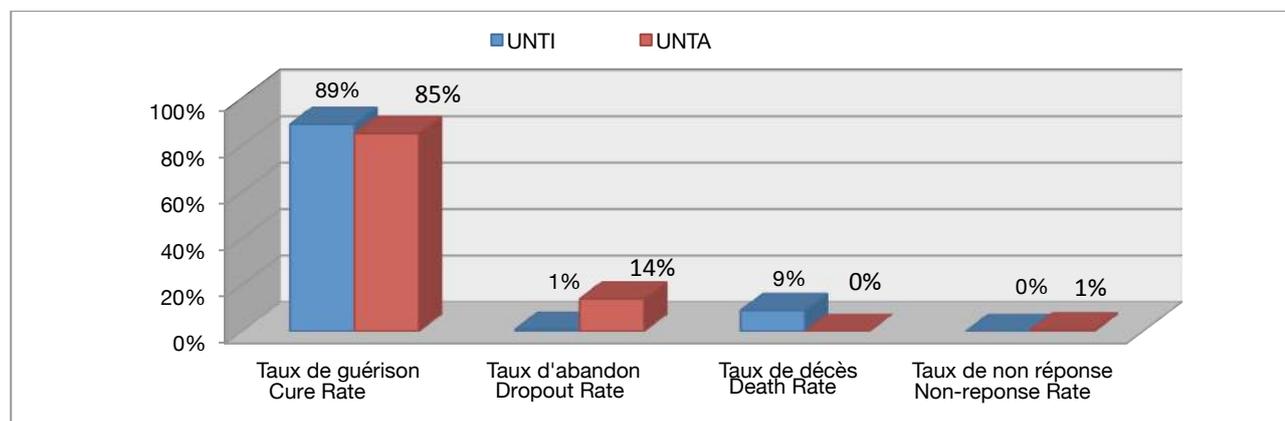
Note: HEAL Africa has contributed to the reduction of the HIV transmission rate, the transmission rate is zero in the PMTCT exposure cohort and 8% in the CPID children who have not followed the PMTCT program. The removal of MTCT from the HEAL Africa cohort is linked to the effective implementation of Option B + as advocated by WHO and the National Ministry of Health. For early virological screening we are within the limits recommended by the WHO or 1.5% in both CAP and PMTCT programs. Thanks to the partnership with MSF, the cohort of children on ARVs has accessed the viral load (CV) test and 54.7% of children have already accessed the CV.

II.1.3.2. Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (PCIMA)

In order to help malnourished children in the city of Goma and the broader community, HEAL Africa operates an UNTI and UNTA in 3 sites including HEAL Africa Hospital and 2 other satellite sites (CS, CCLK and CSR Bujovu).

During the year 2017, **823 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition were followed**, 705 of whom were outpatients and 118 children in hospitalization.

Figure 3: Indicators of the PCIMA Program



Note: The cure rate is satisfactory because it is above 75% (PRONANUT standards). The death rate at UNTI is at 9%, which is not satisfactory because beyond the norm (5%) and the dropout rate of 14% at UNTA (is less than 15% which is Standard). The causes of death were comorbidity severe malnutrition or HIV / AIDS, heart disease, anemia, and late referrals for management. As for abandonment, the main cause remains the Plumpy'nut stock-out.

II.1.3.3. Neonatal Mortality Reduction Program: Neonatology and Neonatal Outreach

In North Kivu, HEAL Africa contributed to the reduction of neonatal mortality with the provision of a newborn care unit. Healthcare providers in 5 health zones were trained in neonatal emergency resuscitation, supplementing 24 care providers in addition to the 57 trained, since November 2013. To date, more than 80% of the targeted health structures have set up a neonatology service, outside of the Goma hospital.

In 2017, there was a reduction in the neonatal intra-hospital mortality rate among the referred cases, from 49% in 2014 to 29% in 2017.

A premature life saved is celebrated in North Kivu.

Baby Albertine, born prematurely at 31 weeks, suffered respiratory distress on 24th November 2017 at 880 grams. She received CPAP care for 2 weeks; her weight began to climb (1,200 grams) and was saved.



With the OMS recommended clinical mentoring approach, HEAL Africa trained 57 additional healthcare workers in other neonatal resuscitation facilities. The providers returned to their respective places of work after the training. In previous years, the training was conducted at HEAL Africa, but have extended to other areas such as **DOCS Grace, CSR Notre Dame of Africa, HGR Kibumba and CS CCLK in the North Kivu and HGR Bugarula** in South Kivu province.

II.1.3.4. Early Care of Children with Disabilities

HEAL Africa has two projects that take care of disability in its early stages.

1. **Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR)**, which focuses on children up to the age of five.
2. **CURE Clubfoot**, which addresses children's disabilities children until the age two using the **PONSETI method**.



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The CRBR project covers the health zones of Kirotshe and Kichanga, North Kivu.

The CURE Clubfoot project covers Bukavu (South Kivu), Uvira (South Kivu), Kindu (Maniema), Kisangani (Tsopo), Bunia (Ituri), Oicha (North Kivu), Mangina (North Kivu), Beni (North Kivu), Kaina (North Kivu), Butembo (North Kivu), Mamboa (North Kivu).

In 2017 HEAL Africa treated a total of **8,221 children with congenital malformations of the lower limbs**, with 8,078 contributed by the CURE Clubfoot project and 143 cases through the CBR project.

Figure 3: Cases repaired for congenital malformations in children less than 5 years



Sifa is a 12-year-old girl born with clubfeet...

She lives with her aunt in an insecure region. Sifa was born with a congenital malformation of the lower limbs (club feet), identified by staff during a community outreach.

The repair of her feet was a complete success, which allowed Sifa to wear her shoes and play with other children without difficulty.



II.2. WAMAMA | WOMEN

Thirteen projects were implemented under the areas of reproductive health, gender based violence, empowerment, and AIDS/HIV in the provinces of North Kivu and South Kivu. Many of the projects overlapped depending on intervention and area of care.

II.2.1. Reproductive Health

Safe motherhood

The key achievements to note for 2017 are:

- Provided support for medical inputs and health information collection tools for 12 health facilities in the Idjwi health zone.
- **343 cases** (144 deliveries and 199 pre-natal consultations) were financially assisted to the estimate of 50% of the cost of services covered by members of the solidarity groups benefitting from micro-projects.
- A sum of **\$9,885 reimbursed** from revolving credit funds, providing financial support to the initiatives of 140 reproductive age members of solidarity groups, including 37 people with disabilities.
- Coupled Post-Natal Care (PNC) was integrated into reproductive health with the IMPACT and PMTCT projects, where this indicator rose to 33.7% in 2017 compared to 25% in 2016.

Fistula and other Gynecological Care

- 905 patients were surgically repaired, of which 491 (54.3%) were conducted during outreach and 414 (45.7%) at HEAL Africa Hospital in Goma.

OUTREACH

414 patients were surgically repaired in 4 mobile surgery missions. These were made possible with the support of the **World Bank** through **The Social Fund of DR Congo (FS-RDC / BM)**, **UNICEF** (Notre Espoir project), **Fistula Foundation** and **Engender Health**. Targeted areas were the provinces of North Kivu (Beni), Equateur (Bikoro), Haut-Uélé (Wamba), and Bas-Uélé (Buta). The operations were carried out in collaboration with general hospitals within each province (See Table 13).

GOMA HOSPITAL

491 cases of fistulas, prolapse and other gynecological complications were repaired by partners **Engender Health / USAID** and **FS-DRC / BM**. (See table 13).

Table 13: Repair of Fistulas, Prolapses and Other Complications in Outreach and Hospital in Africa at Goma.

Indicators	Outreach	HEAL Africa	Total
Missions completed	4	-	4
Fistulas	317	315	632
Prolapsus	69	138	207
Autres gynécologiques complications	28	38	66
Total Beneficiaires	414	491	905

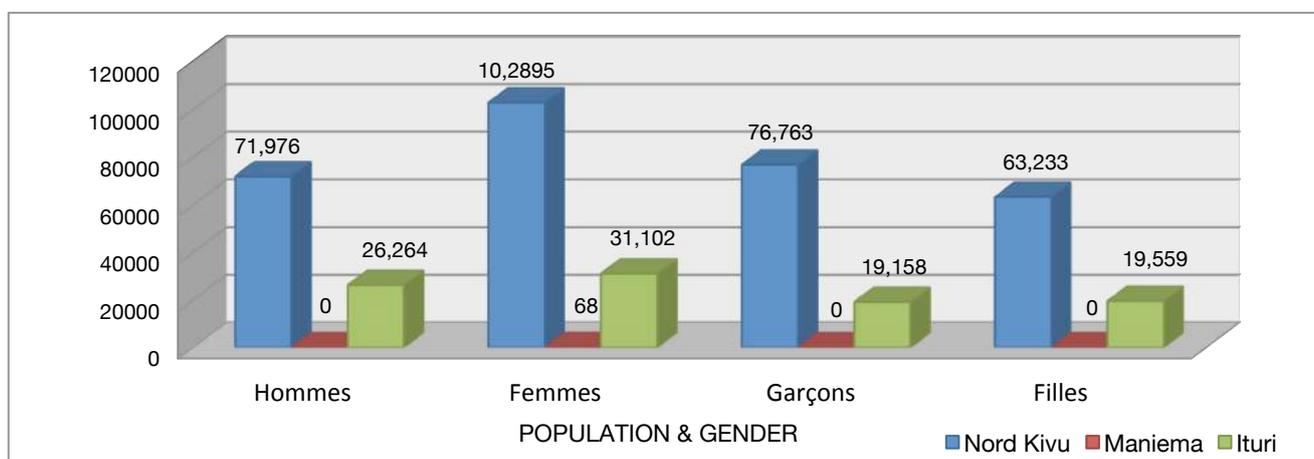
II.2.2. Fight against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

Community Mobilization

Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) continues to be problematic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. HEAL Africa focuses on prevention and protection as key strategies for responding to the effects of SGBV. Of the four SGBV sensitization campaigns implemented in 2017, 3 projects were dedicated to prevention. A total of **2,528 educational workshops** were organized, reaching **411,018 people** with messages related to SGBV in the provinces of North Kivu, Maniema and Ituri. The majority of participants were female, with 56% compared to 44% for men.

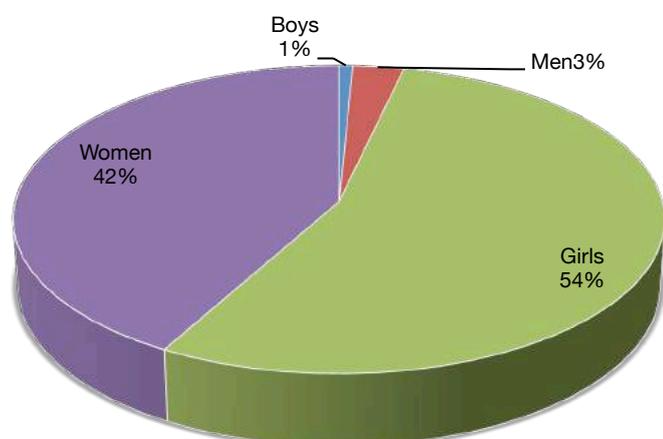
Identification of SGBV survivors

Figure 4: Awareness Raising on the Fight Against Gender-Based Violence In 2017



A total of 4,935 cases of sexual violence based on gender were identified through the interventions of HEAL Africa projects. See Figure 6.

Figure 6: Distribution of Cases of Sexual Violence by Age and Sex



Note: The chart shows that 96% of the victims of sexual violence are female, of which 43% of these victims are girls (minors).

Holistic response to gender-based violence

HEAL Africa intervenes in favor of the victims through an extended multisectoral response on four components of assistance (psychological, medical, legal and socio-economic reintegration). For the year 2017, although the SGBV cases were identified in North Kivu and in the province of Ituri, only the province of North Kivu was concerned by the response to the SGBV as presented in Table 14 below.

Table 14: Distribution of SGBV Cases Supported by HEAL Africa in 2017

Indicators	Nord Kivu	Ituri	Total	%
Cases of Gender based violence identified	4,935	989	5924	-
Cases of Sexual Violence Identified	3,336	286	3,622	61.1%
Rape (with penetration)	2,831	286	3,117	86.1%
VVS Identified in 72 hours	1,468	272	1,740	55.8%
VVS Received PEP Kit	1,120	0	1,120	64.4%
Pregnancy Outcomes of Rape	421	0	421	13.5%
Psychological Assistance	2,789	0	2,789	47.1%
Legal Support	453	0	453	4.4%
Judgments Rendered	76	0	76	29.2%
Civilian Perpetrators	2,451	0	2,451	63.3%
Armed Perpetrators	1,418	0	1,418	36.7%

Note All cases of sexual and SGBV identified, 61.1% are sexual violence, of which 86.1% are rape cases. The majority of rapes were committed by civilians, which accounted for 63.3% compared to 36.7% of armed men. Of 1,740 cases identified in 72 hours, 64.4% had access to the PEP kit, 453 files initiated for legal support, and 76 lead to judgments (17%).

On her way back home from a game she was stopped by street children ...

The DRC Leopards were playing a game against the Hawk Shawks of Togo. CH.M, 15 years old, wanted to see the game. Since there was no electricity at home, she headed for the middle town in Mugunga district of Goma, where she knew the game would be playing and others would be watching.

On her walk home, six kids armed with knives blocked her path and assaulted her. CH.M lost consciousness. Passers-by found her and sent her to Katindo Military Hospital for treatment, located at the military camp near which the incident occurred. Since the hospital had no proper equipment, let alone specialized staff, CH.M was referred to HEAL Africa for better care. Upon closer examination, the doctors found serious injuries to her head. Her diagnosis was made by the new scanner, which allowed our caregivers to have a clear idea of the extent of her injuries.

It was not until three days later, that CH. M woke up to find an unfamiliar room and her mother, relieved. When CH.M recovered her use of speech, she was able to talk about the attack, but could not identify her attackers, deterring any possibility of bringing them to justice.

"... I just crossed them on my way home without knowing exactly who they were."

CH. M. expressed her thanks to HEAL Africa. "I am saved, cared for free at HEAL Africa Hospital. The scars are the only the marks that remind me of the attack. I hope one day I we can all walk freely without being attacked."



II.2.3. Fight Against HIV / AIDS

Within our Prevention of Mother-to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) program, a total of 24,956 women were screened, representing 99.7% of pregnant post-natal care women expected at in health facilities that HEAL Africa supports in PMTCT. Here below is the information relating to it.

Table 15: PMTCT Program Interventions in 2017

Indicators	Workforce	Percentage
Pregnant women seen at the Post-natal Care	25036	-
Pregnant women screened for HIV	24956	99,7 %
Pregnant women tested HIV positive (NC)	178	0,7%
Male HIV+Partners put on ARV treatments	8897	35,7%
Male Partners HIV positive	74	0,8%
HIV+Pregnant women on ARV treatment	178	100,0%
Male HIV+Partners put on ART treatment	74	100%

Note: HIV testing is integrated into the NPC (99.7%). Compared to the participation of male partners, 35.7% of male partners were screened in 2017 against 25.8%. This effort is still to be encouraged, as the comparative prevalence among women is similar to that observed for men (0.7% for women versus 0.8% for men).

II. 2.4. Women's Empowerment Program

HEAL Africa's interventions are geared towards promoting activities aimed at alleviating the suffering of vulnerable populations in communities, primarily survivors of sexual violence and people with disabilities.

- A total of 5 HEAL Africa projects and Wamama Simameni centers (WASI) organized **309 Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs)**, including **27 Village Association of Savings and Credit (AVEC)** for people with disabilities.
- A total of 6,687 people were served by HEAL Africa projects, with 1,088 or 16.3% participants being men, and 288 or 4.3% are people with disabilities.
- 20 AVEC members benefitted from the support of their micro-initiated projects.
- 267 VSLA members and direct beneficiaries of the project were given a kit of essential household items and financial support for their individual micro-project (breeding, small trade, agriculture and trade).
- 29 of the 122 solidarity groups (totaling 1,228 members) benefitted from capital to strengthen their revolving credit system, initiated by monthly membership fees of their members. This capital has enabled the financing of income-generating activities to 140 members of whom 37 or 26.4% are people with disabilities.



Due to insecurity, only 7 Wamama Simameni centers were accessible of the 23 existing.

Table 16: Data of VSLA visited in 2017

Indicators	Values / Number
Number of AVEC	309
Average value of a share in Congolese Francs	559,4
Average value of shares purchased	106,358
Average value of shares purchased	197,474,772
Number of loans given	3,881
Loan values given Valeurs(Fc)	131,170,525
Average value of loans granted (Fc)	33,798

Note: Each member of VSLA saves an average 445.4 CF or \$0.29 USD and a credit loan average in amount of \$23, granted to those who have saved for 3 months. This program has been influenced by the instability of the Congolese Franc against the US dollar.

HEALING Arts

With their length of time spent in the hospital by some patients and to reinforce their economic power when they return home, HEAL Africa has been working for more than half a decade to support these patients and other vulnerable people in the community. The HEALING Arts program in Goma collaborates closely with the WASI program, for the supervision of beneficiaries in the field, in collaboration with the Provincial Division of Social Affairs of North Kivu.

This multidisciplinary trained **168 individuals**, including 15 men (8.9%). The participants are distributed as follows according to the trades: 12 learners in literacy, 61 in restaurant and pastry and 22 in arts (pottery and banana art) and 85 in sewing. A total of **76 (45%) have completed their training and reintegrated** with kits to organize an income-generating activity in their home environment.

At the end of their training, the Provincial Division of Social, Women and Family Affairs of North Kivu presented certificates.



In North Kivu 565 people were trained from 7 out of 23 multidisciplinary training centres of HEAL Africa. Supervisions were led by experts from different HEAL Africa projects. There are 218 in agro-pastoral, 117 in sewing, 73 in Arts (embroidery, banana art and pottery) and 71 in culinary arts. The literacy program has supervised 86 learners in 7 circles organized during the year 2017.

II.3. THE WABABA | MEN

HEAL Africa has continued its community activities through projects involving men. We recognize the leadership role men possess in their communities and within their families. Through six targeted Nehemiah Committees in North Kivu, we partnered with, educated, and held men accountable in their commitment to the following areas:

- The promotion of human participation in reproductive health
- Socio-economic reintegration
- Conflict management and transformation
- Combating Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)
- Spiritual Ministry



II.3.1. The Promotion of Positive Masculinity

For responsible reproduction, HEAL Africa has used the "model father and friendly mother" approach, aimed at community mobilization, encouraging positive parenthood and the assurance of good family health. A total of **10,386 men or 32.9%** accompanied their women in reproductive health activities and **67.9% of deliveries were referred through model fathers and friendly mothers.**

As part of the transformation of masculinity, **7,808 people** including 3,722 women (47.6%) were sensitized through 107 sessions led by 46 speaking groups, 225 community dialogue groups, and 130 gender champions including 92 trained in 2017. Additionally, the **Living Peace** project in collaboration with Promoundo, has trained **36 gender champions** who have accompanied **390 model men who have shown a change in behavior** during 2017.

II.3.2. Socio-Economic Reintegration and Community Integration

To help reduce poverty, HEAL Africa supported community economic initiatives, through agro-pastoral activities, micro-credits, village savings and loan associations (VSLAs) in 9 intervention health zones throughout the North Kivu province.

10 Community Action Groups supported the income-generating activities for 150 new Community Action Group (CAG) members in the Beni territory during 2017.

Six Nehemiah Committees benefitted from ongoing mentorship in their day-to-day activities. In these 6 communities, we experimented with income-generating management training and received formative supervision during field crop testing.

A total of **36 men and 36 women members from Nehemiah Committees** benefitted from these activities.

II.3.3. Spiritual Ministry of Heal Africa

The Spiritual Ministry team organized four key services during the year 2017.

1. Chaplaincy

The chaplaincy program of HEAL Africa attended to **3,426 patients, 2 weddings** were and the baptisms of **14 people**.

2. Sunday School

The Sunday School program drew 540 children, (216 or 40%) girls and 324 or 60%) boys for Bible studies and Christian education.

To improve capacity, 20 instructors received four training sessions on child psychology. The classroom and curriculum were restructured according to age groups. A children's retreat and child's day organization was organized.

Instructors were retrained through the use of teaching materials (picture box, identification sheets, genogram) and the approach of theater and narrative sketches.

3. UAMSHO Choir

Five groups of Uamsho choirs, brought together "troubled" youth in the community for the purpose of biblically based behavior change and social reintegration. One of the choirs is an all-women group who

have been tasked with assisting patients waiting for the care at the hospital. This year, the youth choirs focused on areas related to: how to read the Bible (Old and New Testaments) and its importance, practicing faith through service and giving, and what it means to walk in communion with God (Amos 3:3).



II. TRAINING & RESEARCH

III.1. COSECSA Program

This year marks our second year of accreditation with The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa. Three of our Resident Doctors were able to participate in continuing education in Goma and Kigali, and along with HEAL Africa's Trainers, attend the COSECSA annual conference in Maputo, Mozambique, to network and exchange knowledge. While three new qualified Residents were recruited (of the 21 applicants) into the surgery program, we are sad to share that two of the five from the first year have left.



Residents and Trainers in Surgery proudly representing HEAL Africa at the annual COSECSA conference in Maputo, December 2017.

III.2. Family Medicine

Six Resident Doctors of the Family Medicine program, organized under the UPC (Protestant University of Congo) in Kinshasa / DRC, continued their training at HEAL Africa Hospital. After satisfied their aptitude exams, they are now **second-term Assistants**. They will have passed their final exam in March 2018. This program is funded by the RMP (Resident Doctors Program) supported by Germany and **HEAL Africa USA**.

III.3. Clinical Pastoral Training (Chaplaincy School)

The **second cohort of 12 hospital chaplain candidates** was trained in clinical pastoral care. These included listening, accompaniment, hermeneutics, spiritual leadership, and emotional management. The training focused on "**verbatim approach and active listening**" to better meet the spiritual needs of the vulnerable and the sick. **Pastor Sophonie KASIKI** went to Kinshasa to explain the vision of the training of hospital chaplains at HEAL Africa.



III.4. Orthopedic Officers School

Six students have completed their nursing graduate degree in Orthopedics, during the 2016-2017 academic year. There are currently 27 students in the course, 7 women and 20 men. This cohort of students came from **6 partner hospitals**, including 5 from North Kivu and one from South Kivu. They will specialize in the early identification of congenital malformations and their management using non-surgical means such as the **PONSETI method** for clubfeet.

III.5. Supervision of Trainees and Students in Medicine.

The number of universities who have sent their Medical Interns to HEAL Africa has increased from 4 to 6. These participating universities include: University of Kinshasa (UNIKIN), University of Lubumbashi (UNILU), Official University of Bukavu (UOB), UCNDK, UniKivu, and the Evangelical University in Africa (UEA).

In 2017, **14 (87.5%) out of 16 Medical Interns** from HEAL Africa Hospital passed their final Jury of Medicine.

III.6. Training Continues with MONUSCO Doctors

Specialist Physicians at the Level III Hospital of MONUSCO contributed to the training of HEAL Africa's medical staff through scientific presentations. HEAL Africa **has given them Certificates of Recognition** for doing this.



Photos: Presentation of Certificates to medical specialists of Level III hospital of MONUSCO in HEAL Africa, on October 30th, 2017.

III.7. Ongoing Training of Nurses

The Neonatology department provided continuing education for 21 nurses (trained in 2016) from different rural health facilities in North Kivu **neonatal resuscitation** and **care of newborns**. Each group of 6 was provided three months of follow up supervision after the training. The **decrease in the number of newborns requiring resuscitation** at HEAL Africa is an indicator of the positive impact of this program in the city of Goma.

Three nurses from HEAL Africa went to TANZANIA and KENYA to receive further training in: operating room nursing, emergency nursing, intensive care nursing, nursing of patients operated on for total hip prosthesis.

An emergency nurse (Mr. CITO) was invited to a workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to train other nurses on nerve bloc anesthesia.

In August and September 2017, our anaesthetic nurses received additional training in local regional anesthesia, by an Australian anaesthetist, who generously traveled to Goma.



Photos: 1. Certificates handed out to trained nurses and 2. A newborn in neonatology.

III.8. Scientific Research

Abstracts and manuscripts published or presented.

1. **KakuleKabuyayaMedard, Malemo Kalisya Luc, FadhiliBake Jacques, KakuleKahukuDeyem, Luc Kinyoma, Neil Wetzig** et al. 'Abdominal Disaster', a new surgical diagnosis in Tertiary Referral Hospital in DR Congo. Abstract presented at the COSECSA Annual Conference, December 2017, Maputo, Mozambique.
2. **Fadhili Bake Jacques, Neil Wetzig, Kakule Kahuku Deyem, Kinyoma Luke, Kakule Kabuyaya Medard, Malemo Kalisya Luc.** Left thoracic abdominal penetrating knife-stab injuries with diaphragmatic hernia. Abstract presented at the COSECSA Annual Conference, December 2017, Maputo, Mozambique.
3. **Sarah B Cairo, Agyei Justice, Kavira Nyavandu, David H Rothstein, Luc Malemo Kalisya.** Surgical repair of hydrocephalus in North Kivu Province of Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo: Is Endoscopic Third Ventriculostomy with Choroidal Plexus Cauterization (ETV / CPC) feasible in low resource settings? International Society of Pediatric Neuro-Surgery Annual Conference. Denver 2017.
4. **Luc Malemo Kalisya, Sarah B. Cairo, Jacques Bake Fadhili, Richard Bigabwa, David H. Rothstein.** Operations for Suspected Neoplasms in a Limited Resource Setting: Experience and Challenges in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. American College of Surgeons, San Diego 2017.
5. **Luc Malemo Kalisya, Justin Danga, Phil Wood, Dan Poenaru.** Surgical Education in Eastern DR Congo: Options and Outcomes. To be presented at BRT Conference, May 2018 in Toronto, Canada.
6. **Amit Kumar Das, Prashnant Sengupta, Richa Singh, Kasereka Kihemba.** Head neck neuroblastoma in early childhood: a rare case report. International Journal of Research in Medical Sciences. Dass AM et al. Int J Res Med sci. 2017 Dec; 5 (12): 5466-5469.
7. **Justin Paluku L., Barthelemy Aksanti, Esther K. Kitambala, Eugenie Kamabu M.** From diagnosis to treatment of self-inflicted vesico-vaginal fistula in a mental patient: About a case received at tertiary hospital HEAL Africa, Goma, DR Congo. Great Lakes Medical Review 2017: 8 (3): 61 - 65.



AusHEAL activities are centred on regular annual multi-disciplinary medical teams visiting HEAL Africa, teaching and training, logistical support, scholarships and short-term development grants.

In 2017, AusHEAL had **23** team members at HEAL Africa (HA) in 2017. They spent between 2 weeks and 4 months at HA. David and Heather Kelly, Neil and Gwen Wetzig and Paul and Lyndee Bakes were present for longer terms while short-term teams comprised 6 nurses, 6 doctors, 1 sonographer, 1 medical equipment technician, and 3 others. In September some AusHEAL team members were invited to meet with the Provincial Minister of Health (North Kivu Province) when he expressed his appreciation for the efforts made to teach and train HA staff. A major team activity was the annual AusHEAL–HA staff Workshop held on 9 September. Approximately 100 hospital, administration and project staff attended to address the topic of **'A B C'** Attitude, **B**ack to **B**asics, and **C**ommunication.

AusHEAL's 2017 Activities

1. Anaesthetic Department – Nerve Blocks and Ultrasound: A portable ultrasound machine was purchased by AusHEAL for the HA anaesthetic department and training provided by a team member with nerve block expertise.

2. Oxygen Plant: An oxygen plant was provided by AusHEAL in late October as a result of a generous donor. HA is now able to produce its own medical grade oxygen - and generate income by selling Oxygen to other Goma Hospitals.



3. Scholarships: AusHEAL continues to fund scholarships for 2 HA doctors - Dr Kigayi (pictured left) is training in Anaesthesia in Tanzania and Dr Barthelemy in ObGyn in Nairobi.

4. Short Term Development Grants: 3 Grants to the value of up to \$1,500 USD were awarded to nurses from ICU, Emergency and Operating Theatre in 2017. The purpose of these grants is for staff to travel to another African country for a period of up to 1 month and to a value of \$1,500 USD, to observe and be trained in their specific work area.

5. COSECSA Basic Essential and Emergency Surgical Training Program:

AusHEAL has continued to fund the COSECSA Program with three trainees remaining after 2 withdrew during in 2017. Three new trainees were appointed in November 2017.

6. AusHEAL Hospital Patient Fund: AusHEAL has maintained funding to support the care of poor and vulnerable patients treated by AusHEAL team members. These episodes of care provide excellent teaching opportunities for HA staff.

7. AusHEAL – HEAL Africa Training Centre: Significant funds were raised over Christmas 2017 by Gateway Baptist Church, Brisbane, Australia (where AusHEAL originates from) to construct a much-needed training floor on top of the existing HA CAP building. It is anticipated that this Centre will enhance training of doctors, nurses and spiritual ministries at HA and allow multiple trainings to occur at the same time. A medical skills laboratory will be established to teach basic skills along with a library, interns room and computer area. It is hoped that the construction of this will encourage HA staff to further learn and conduct research.



Australian Embassy Visit 13 November

8. Visit of Australian Government Officials to HEAL Africa – November 2017: In November, Australian Embassy Officials from Harare visited HA. They provided very positive feedback of their gratitude and left with a high impression of the work of AusHEAL/Global Development Group at HEAL Africa.



2017 ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

HEAL Africa has been working in close partnership with WorldShare since 2009. With financial support of WorldShare Australia, many vulnerable and marginalized people from different communities of DR Congo have seen their lives completely transformed and benefited from holistic support as this is HEAL Africa's intervention approach.

During the year 2017, projects funded by WorldShare Australia at HEAL Africa, including Sponsor A Child (SAC), Uamusho, Mercy Fund, Chaplaincy Support, Mugunga Primary School and Specialization Studies Support projects, have contributed to the achievement of HEAL Africa's goals.

Several vulnerable and marginalized people benefited from activities of above mentioned projects, including:

- ✓ 151 vulnerable children from different communities of Goma town and its surrounding quarters, sponsored through WorldShare Australia, received support for their schooling in 2017; their respective families have been funded for starting an Income Generating Activities (IGAs) for the survival of these children.

- ✓ 34 vulnerable and poor patients admitted in HEAL Africa Hospital benefited from Mercy Funds WorldShare Project's funds to cover all their medical bills. These poor patients received food, as well, during their hospitalization. Among them, two patients died while receiving care in the hospital and were buried with dignity.

- ✓ Support for Mugunga Primary School: 184 vulnerable children from Mugunga communities benefited, free of charge, a quality primary education with financial support from WorldShare to Mugunga Primary School; this support has enabled Mugunga Primary School to operate in good conditions for offering good teachings to vulnerable children.



- ✓ With financial support of WorldShare, 1 doctor from HEAL Africa has completed his specialization studies in Gynecology and Obstetrics at ABOMEYI CALAVI University in Cotonou, Benin in December 2017. After her specialization, Dr. Cathy Furaha becomes the first woman specialist in Gyneco-Obstetrics. She will return to serve his community at HEAL Africa Hospital.
- ✓ With financial support of WorldShare, the chaplaincy of HEAL Africa saw its program supported by additional staffs in 2017, including an new chaplain and for the efficiency of activities of the Spiritual Ministry in HEAL Africa hospital.



- ✓ 50 vulnerable women from the Spiritual Ministry received each funds to start an IGA (Income Generating Activity) for their economic empowerment.
- ✓ 20 Sunday school monitors received capacity building training to strengthen them to offer good quality care to children attending the HEAL Africa chaplaincy.

Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF): Mothers of Nation project

With support from the Stephen Lewis Foundation, HEAL Africa supported 70 vulnerable children living under care of their grandmother in Nyiragongo territory through the Mothers of the Nation project.

Among the 70 children supported, 45 received global support for their schooling and their grandmothers were funded to start an Income Generating Activities (IGA) each, to improve the living conditions of their respective families.

The remaining 25 are the beneficiaries of the passed phases of this project, and were supported only for their schooling as their grandmothers had already benefited from the funds for starting an income-generating activity.

VI. RESOURCES

VI.1. Human Resources

During 2017, HEAL Africa employed a total of 308 staff, 219 under contract and 89 consultants (31 for the hospital and 58 for the projects). Women account for 128 (41.56%) of contract staff and 39 (43.82%) of consultants. Some of the staff responsibilities overlap with in other areas, particularly Training & Research, as many are part of the medical staff. The following is a distribution of staff in the following departments.

Hospital Staff: 179

- 26 Doctors (14 Specialists and 13 Residents)
- 62 A1, A2 level nurses and Orthopedic Officers
- 19 Technicians (Lab & Medical Imaging, Ophthalmology, Physiotherapy, Dentistry, Pharmacy)
- 33 Paramedical agents and augmentation techniques
- 8 Administrative Officers
- 31 Consultants in different departments

Community Projects Staff: 129

- 15 Administration
- 114 Programing/projects

Training & Research

- 2 Surgeons/Administrators

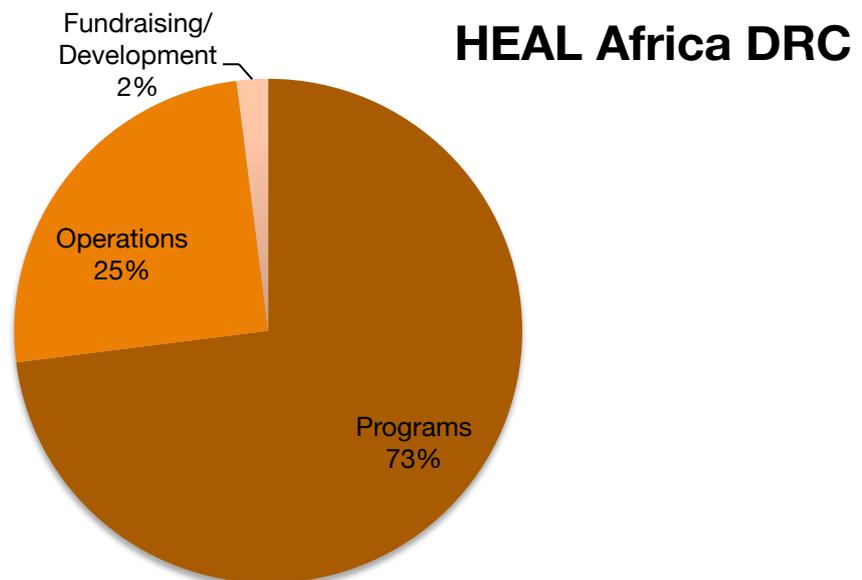
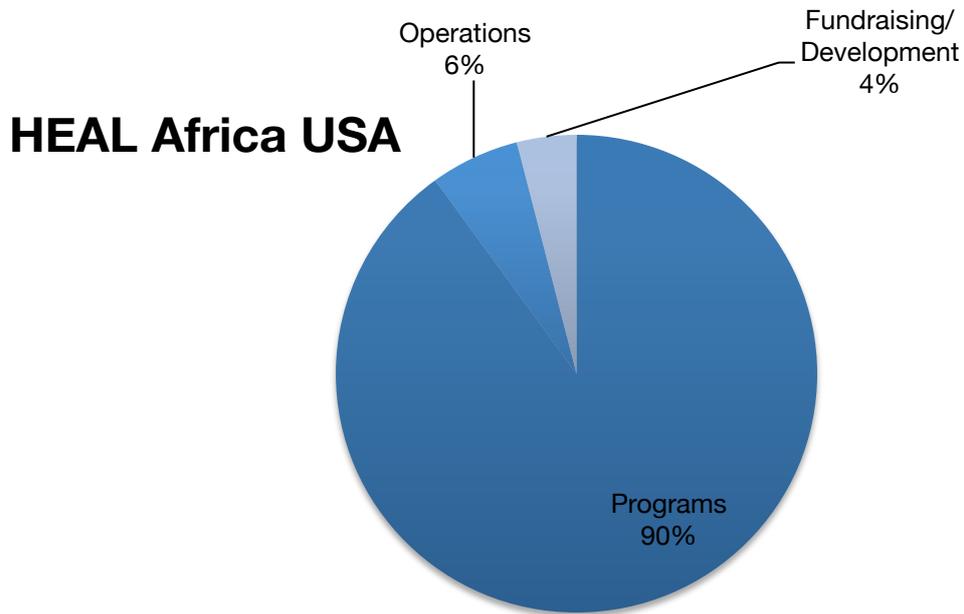
VI.2. Material and Equipment Support

HEAL Africa received supplies from the following global partners

- **Five containers** containing medical equipment / supplies and laboratory consumables from **SONIC HEALTHCARE** Australia, **Mater Health Service Foundation**, Brisbane **Health Partners International of Canada (HPIC)** of Canada and **Medical Teams International (MTI)** of the USA.
- The VSGB / FSRDC project financed by the World Bank provided a good amount of materials in 2017 including: Operative Table, Autoclaves, Headlamps and Monitors.
- The CBM project assisted the hospital with orthopedic materials.

VI.3. Financial Support

The bulk of HEAL Africa's financial support in 2017 came from donors, global partners and clients who purchase the services offered by the hospital.



Note: For financial details, please contact contact-us@healafrika.org

VII. KEY VISITS RECEIVED IN 2017

1. Nikki Haley, US Ambassador to the DRC
2. Marc Erickson and a team of US surgeons (Wisconsin), conducted surgeries and trained HEAL Africa doctors
3. Maninder Gill, Director of Social Development of the World Bank
4. Dr. Neil and Gwen Wetzig, spent six months in Goma for the training of HEAL Africa's medical staff. In August 2017, they mobilized a medical team from AusHEAL composed of 7 doctors and 7 nurses
5. Bertrand de Crombrugge de Picquendaele, Ambassador of Belgium with Director of CHANImetal Kinshasa, to visit CAPOIERA
6. Jack Elwood and Dr. Curtis Preik to discuss how to launch the construction of the Women and Children's Pavilion
7. RAWBANK General Manager and Lokwa Kanza Artist who comforted the sick at HEAL Africa Hospital by donating clothes and food.



8. USAID and IMA partnership delegates for the closure of the USHINDI project
9. Marie-Pierre Poirier, Regional Director of UNICEF for West and Central Africa
10. Dr. Lauri Romanzi, Project Director Fistula Care Plus, EngenderHealth
11. Director of Global Fund Development for the monitoring of the activities financed by AusHEAL,
12. Princess Caroline of Monaco to lay the foundation stone for the construction of the HEAL Africa Community Health Center "GRACE"
13. Engineer, Jim Newell, from Australia to install/launch the Oxygen Plant
14. Second Secretary and Direct Aid Program Officer of the Australian Embassy in Harare, Zimbabwe,
15. Deputy Country Director of WFP (World Food Program) in DR Congo.



VIII. CONCLUSION

This report traces the achievements of HEAL Africa for 2017. It was a year characterized by political uncertainty in the DRC, but also enough blessings to give us some relief, like host a modest staff party. This uncertainty has only aggravated the poverty and vulnerability of people in the country. With the help of our friends and partners, HEAL Africa continues to shine a bright light during a very dark year. Five buildings are under construction to improve our service delivery for women and children in the hospital.

As we look to the year ahead, we continue to covet some semblance of peace in our country, particularly for the sake of women and children, who are most affected. We ask for prayers and encouragement for our HEAL Africa staff, board, and partners—for the demands in their personal lives, their health, and enough balance to continue serving with HEAL and making the difficult decisions that must be made throughout the year. Funds are needed to support HEAL Africa's programs and the often overlooked salaries of staff who must operate them. This includes the training of local nurses and doctors, and medical equipment to fill current construction projects.

We are extremely grateful for where we are today, what we have, and the friends and partners we have made. Each year we learn (sometimes) very difficult lessons on how to operate an organization in a very difficult environment. The challenges are real and it takes patient and compassionate partners like you to walk with us. May God multiply every good thing in your life, as you have ours.

IX. ANNEXES

PARTNERS IN 2017

HIV/AIDS

1. TEAR FUND
2. Global Strategies
3. UNICEF
4. STEPHENLEWISFOUNDATION (Canada)
5. PATA
6. MSF/France

Sexual and Gender Based Violence

1. UNICEF
2. Tearfund
3. WorldshareAustralia
4. IMA World Health/USAID
5. PROMUNDO
6. PAM
7. Banque Mondiale/Fonds Social de la RDC

Hospital

1. Preik Family- USA
2. Fistula Foundation- USA
3. AusHEAL (Australia)
4. SONIC HealthCare (Australia)
5. Smile Train
6. CURE Clubfoot
7. WorldShare UK
8. HEAL Africa USA
9. Banque Mondiale/FS-RDC
10. Medical Teams International (MTI)- USA
11. Health Partners International of Canada (HPIC)

Reproductive Health

1. CBM
2. Union Européenne
3. Eastern Congo Initiatives
4. EngenderHealth
5. FistulaFoundation
6. Direct Relief
7. Banque Mondiale/Fonds Social de la RDC
8. HEAL Africa USA

Community Based Reinsertion & Rehabilitation

1. CBM International
2. CBM Irish AID
3. AusHEAL, Australia
4. HEAL Africa USA
5. Jim & Ruth Gallop, SS White
6. PNUD
7. Sonic Healthcare (Australia)

Spiritual Ministry

1. Southern Baptist Mission of Philadelphia- USA
2. Worldshare UK
3. WorldShareAustralia
4. Jim & Ruth Gallop-USA

Administration

1. Tear Fund
2. HEAL Africa USA
3. AusHEAL, Australia
4. Shifting the Power

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