



## **2023.... PROFOH ANNUAL REPORT**



**PHOTO: A team of surgeons led by Prof. Stuart Quartemont during Kaduna medical mission.**



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## Chair Message



### Dear Members & Partners,

As 2023 draws to an end, we find ourselves reflecting on the year's successes, challenges, and the immense work that still lies ahead. It's a moment to be thankful for our community, beneficiaries and supporters, who have steadfastly joined hands with us at PROFOH, in our mission to ensure life-saving surgeries and treatments, education, training, potable water, climate sustainability and poverty reduction activities. While 2023 can be seen as a difficult year for countless communities globally, that were stricken by conflict, disaster, hunger and disease, PROFOH's steady and unwavering interventions in collaboration with partners in providing quality health care, education and training, safe drinking water, have impacted our beneficiaries, so that we conducted more than 600 surgeries in Nigeria and Egypt, saw 22,197 patients who received consultations and treatments, in addition to several non-medical interventions in Ghana, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Nepal, and other countries.

This year, PROFOH got incorporated in the United Kingdom, so that our flag is now flying at full mast in Great Britain, with long-standing relationships and collaboration with the Commonwealth Foundation through several Commonwealth Head of Government Meetings (CHOGM) in December 2003. Activities range from the Tolerance Summit, in support of the Royal Commonwealth Society covering schools in Nigeria and Ghana competition participation, 2009 to an official invitation to the United Kingdom Open Government Summit, 2010 and most recently the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with the United Kingdom International Health Care Management Association (UKIHMA) and the British Integrated Solutions Export Network (BISEN), two leading UK organizations partners of HM Government.

As Chair, I can confirm that our Board was very proud to have participated at COP 28 in the United Arab Emirates. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), climate change is directly contributing to humanitarian emergencies from heatwaves, wildfires, floods, tropical storms and hurricanes and they are increasing in scale, frequency and intensity. Research shows that 3.6 billion people already live in areas that are highly susceptible to climate change. Between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year, arising from under-nutrition, malaria, diarrhea and heat stress alone, aggravated by weak health infrastructure – mostly in developing countries.

Our organization supported the COP28 UAE Declaration on Climate and Health that promotes a comprehensive response to address the adversities of climate change on health, including mental health and psychosocial wellbeing, loss of traditional medicinal knowledge, loss of livelihoods and culture. In its Declaration, it focuses on the inclusion of local communities, women and girls, children and youth, healthcare workers and practitioners, persons with disabilities (PWDs) and the most vulnerable and marginalized.

Once again, I thank all our partners including World Health Organization (WHO), Stop TB Partnership (Stop TB), Switzerland; Social Leaders Society (SLS), Egypt; United Kingdom International Health Management Association (UKIHMA), UK; British Integrated Solutions Export Network (BISEN), UK; State Clinical Translational Scientific Research; United Nations Office and Drugs and Crime, Austria (UNODC); and the European Center for Leadership and Entrepreneurship Education (ECLEE), France for their continued support to PROFOH's work. I look forward to continuing our journey to deliver quality health care and human development for all. We, at PROFOH wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

**God bless you all!**

**Reem N Bsaiso (Chair)**



## Executive Director's Message



### Dear Members & Supporters,

I'm very proud to share with you this year PROFOH'S ANNUAL REPORT which focuses on some challenges and victories we faced in 2023, as our commitment to reduce diseases and surgical burdens remains unshakable while fighting to preserve the lives of those individuals and communities most severely affected by diseases, lack of safe potable water, education and non-prudent policies that prolong these adversities.

For more than a quarter of a century, our organization has kept the flame of giving and supporting burning, this year, we postponed several Medical Missions due to the unavailability of funds, however, there were remarkable achievements and visibility especially on the international scene, as PROFOH physically attended several high-level United Nations (UN) events, such as: the UN Stakeholder Meetings, UN High-Level Meetings, Arab Health Fair, COP/28, COSP/10 and many other online meetings and events, for many years, PROFOH is also an accredited/affiliated organization with the United Nations on OSAA, OEWG Ageing.

This year, PROFOH advanced its strategic partnership with some of its members, notably the United Kingdom International Health Management Association (UKIHMA) British Integrated Solutions Export Network (BISEN). Notably, also PROFOH and UKIHMA/BISEN held several days of talks in London, where parties affirmed their commitment to support international healthcare delivery globally.

In the coming years, PROFOH shall scale up its interventions in disparities associated with out-of-pocket (OOP) health care spending across communities we serve, to help elevate poverty. At the UN High Level Meeting in September, New York, PROFOH made a commitment to globally scale-up its Socialized Medicine Program -i.e. free medical missions, knowing that significant gains in poverty reduction are achieved when vulnerable populations are exempted from paying OOP when seeking health care. This is a huge challenge, needing your ongoing support to PROFOH to enable us to reduce it to the barest minimum. Notwithstanding, we have a scheduled medical mission to Cameroon Q2 of 2024 in collaboration with our value-added partner: the European Center for Leadership and Entrepreneurship Education (ECLÉE).

With the permission of the Board, several milestones were achieved. PROFOH has been incorporated in the United Kingdom, and also PROFOH Ghana was re-certified by the government of Ghana after 13 years of its incorporation, several MOUs were signed in the United Arab Emirates, Ghana, India, and France. Our 2024 directions aim to accelerate social research by driving innovative solutions through our core mandates on health, education, safe potable water, poverty reduction, climate sustainability and most importantly, impacting the shaping of Policies.

In conclusion, if we were to assume for a minute that PROFOH's activities 2023 were a movie, then it would be appropriate to say that production is attributed to Chair Reem and her Board, Members and Volunteers for their dedication, in addition to our strategic partners (alphabetically) A2Z, BISEN, ECLÉE, ESF, MMI, SCTSR, SLS, STOP TB, UKIHMA, UNODC, WHO and many others, for their continued support of PROFOH's work. We look forward to continuing our journey towards quality health care, and human development for all.

**With deep gratitude,**

**Dr. Gemuotor Kama,  
Executive Director**



## **SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE**

### **PROFOH/CZECH REPUBLIC GROUP PROPOSED TRAINING EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Most of the communities we serve are in the developing world, they are facing many challenges, for several years now PROFOH has been receiving passionate appeals for some of these communities for training in developed countries, two groups in Prague public and private sector. For PROFOH, this mentorship exchange program is not about predicting the future of these communities; rather it is about initiating a process of community awakening and the enhancements of technical knowledge in public health delivery, some low-level technology transfer from EUROPE to Africa. Surely it will reduce poverty activities and promote Education, Safe Drinking Water, and Climate sustainability. This call for action focuses on what we can do to start strengthening our bilateral relationships between North and South, as we all know the people-to-people relationship is the best. Currently, we are working on details, the role of PROFOH as Facilitators, the Objectives of the program, training Deliverables and service architecture, traineeship and advantages of traineeships.

### **PROFOH PARTICIPATED AT GLOBAL CIVIL 7 (C7) SUMMIT**

PROFOH participated at the global Civil7 (C7) Summit, which was held in April, Japan, prior to the C7 Summit, a 10-member delegation consisting of C7 Steering Committee members and Working Group coordinators visited the Prime Minister's Office and handed the C7 policy proposal (Communiqué) to Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who will be chair the G7 Hiroshima Summit. PM Kishida stated that "It is important to transcend the boundaries between the public and private sectors in tackling international issues, and that civil society is particularly important in leading the way toward the achievement of SDGs – a society in which no one is left behind" and that "We appreciate the policy proposals of citizens and will confirm them for use in discussions at the G7 summit. The take home of the summit was the promised of Japan collaboration with other G7 countries, partner countries and organizations, we will address global challenges such as climate change, global economy, humanitarian crisis, and food security with concrete solutions and actions. "On the second day of the C7 Summit (14th April), the breakout sessions were held with wide-ranging discussions on sector and cross-sectors issues such as global food system reform. Atsushi Mimura, Director-General of the International Bureau of the Ministry of Finance, was at the stage as a representative of the Finance Track and engaged in heated discussions with civil society representatives on issues such as debt in developing countries, development finance.

### **GLOBAL HAND WASHING DAY**

PROFOH is a member of the United Nations Water Mandate headquartered in Sweden thus have participated in several activities of the organization. Water Mandate is working round the clock to ensure effective Water governance and global access to millions of people its ironic that water covers over 70% of earth surface, yet nearly a billion people do not have access to this most important liquid to human. PROFOH is also part of the Global Hand washing initiative, a global advocacy day dedicated to celebrating and advocating for handwashing with soap as an effective, affordable way to prevent diseases. Celebrated every October 15, it is an opportunity to design, test, and replicate creative ways to encourage people to wash their hands with soap at critical times. Post-COVID-19, hand washing has been relax in most communities Global hand washing Day provided a platform to not only raise awareness, but to also build commitment toward hand hygiene for all, in accordance with the WHO/UNICEF-led Hand Hygiene for All Global Initiative. Global hand washing Day called for strengthening the institutional and policy environment to drive progress for hand hygiene, ensuring the availability of hand hygiene facilities and supplies, and drawing on evidence-based behavior change approaches to encourage sustained hand hygiene practices. Good hand hygiene is a highly cost-effective public health measure, and a cornerstone of safe and effective health care. It is important in protecting against a range of diseases, It is also critical to combatting antimicrobial resistance (AMR). As part of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) efforts. <https://wateractionhub.org/organizations/65/d/professionals-for-humanity-profoh/>



### **WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY:**

As part of organization efforts to celebrate this and her partners are very pleased to join the World Health Organization (WHO) to mark World Patient Safety Day. No one should suffer harm when seeking medical care. Yet, globally, more than 3 million deaths are linked to unsafe care each year. On 17 September, we observe World Patient Safety Day. This year WHO is focusing on the crucial roles of patients, families, and caregivers in healthcare safety .Evidence shows that when patients are treated as partners in their care, significant gains are made in safety. Patient and family engagement is a pivotal strategy to advance safety in healthcare. As users of the healthcare system with first-hand experience of the entire patient journey, the perspectives of patients, families and caregivers are invaluable in improving patient safety.

The impact of meaningful patient engagement is remarkable, with studies showing a potential reduction in the burden of harm by up to 15%, saving countless lives and billions of dollars each year. Therefore, patient and family engagement has been embedded as a fundamental principle in the World Health Assembly resolution (WHA72.6) on [Global action on patient safety](#) and in the [Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030](#). The day aims to influence stakeholders including patients, families, policymakers, health care leaders, health workers and patient organizations to work collaboratively towards co-designing health care policies and safety interventions that truly reflect the needs and preferences of patients, ultimately enhancing healthcare safety globally. As an organization, PROFOH commitment to our patient's safety has remain unshaken for 25 years as evidenced with thousands of surgeries performed and more than a million outpatient cases.

### **PROFOH OFFICIALLY ENDORSED THE UN TIMELY WARNING OF LIFE- CRITICAL EMERGENCIES:**

PROFOH was pleased for the official endorsements as the "Timely warning of life-critical emergencies is essential to public communication services" for the United Nations. Institutions, government agencies, NGOs, and companies involved in emergency alerting were invited to endorse including this assertion in the Global Digital Compact. The occasion was the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, over 1 million voices from around the world, from governments, civil society organizations, businesses, academics, technical experts, and individuals, including youth, shared their views on priorities that the United Nations and international community should consider in looking to the future. Following these consultations, the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, declared by saying "Looking to the future, two seismic shifts will shape the 21st century: the climate crisis, and digital transformation." United Nations Member States adopted a Declaration on the Commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations (A/RES/75/1) which contains this pledge: "We will improve digital cooperation. Digital technologies have profoundly transformed society." That was exactly what gave birth to the UN Global Digital Compact. The deliberations of the Global Digital Compact, will take place in 2024 as the Summit of the Future. PROFOH endorsement is shown at <https://gdc-ews.s3.amazonaws.com/index.html>

### **UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY:**

12 December 2012, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) unanimously endorsed a resolution urging countries to accelerate progress toward universal health coverage (UHC) as an essential priority for international development .In 2014, the Universal Health Coverage Coalition started celebrating 12 December as UHC Day, to commemorate the date on which the UN General Assembly officially recognized the importance of UHC. Since then, the day has become the annual rallying point for the global movement for Health for All. In 2017, the UNGA proclaimed 12 December as International Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC Day) by resolution, making it an official UN-designated day.

In doing so, they committed to ensuring that by 2030 everyone in their country will receive all the quality health services they need without suffering financial hardship. Recognizing the need for greater collaboration and harmonization across health stakeholders and programmes, the Coalition of Partnerships for UHC and Global Health unites health leaders and advocates in a common goal to align advocacy and accountability efforts to achieve UHC and advance the SDGs. On UCH day, PROFOH raised awareness of the need for strong and resilient health systems and universal health coverage. Each year on 12.12, UHC advocates raise their voices to share the stories of the millions of people worldwide still waiting for health, to call on leaders to make bigger and smarter investments in health, and to remind the world that Health for All is a human right and an imperative to create equitable and resilient societies.



UHC Leaves No One Behind - Let's work together towards good health and well-being for all. PROFOH conducted hospital visitations and assessment of patients and had conduct some training for non-clinical staff of the hospitals visited. 15%, saving countless lives and billions of dollars each year. Therefore, patient and family engagement has been embedded as a fundamental principle in the World Health Assembly resolution (WHA72.6) on [Global action on patient safety](#) and in the [Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030](#). The day aims to influence stakeholders including patients, families, policymakers, health care leaders, health workers and patient organizations to work collaboratively towards co-designing health care policies and safety interventions that truly reflect the needs and preferences of patients, ultimately enhancing healthcare safety globally. As an organization, PROFOH commitment to our patient's safety has remain unshaken for 25 years as evidenced with thousands of surgeries performed and more than a million outpatient cases.

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**WORLD HIV/AIDS DAY:**

Join us in commemorating International AIDS Day – December 1<sup>st</sup>

For a quarter of a century **PROFOH** has been providing quality treatments for HIV/AIDS patients globally.

We have also conducted Social Research on HIV with our partners Medical School of Texas A&M University in the United States.

Please join us today!!!

**1<sup>st</sup> December**

**World AIDS Day**

World AIDS Day 2023, under the theme, "Let communities lead", reflected on the progress made to date, to raise awareness about the challenges that remain to achieve the goals of ending AIDS by 2030 and to mobilize all stakeholders to jointly redouble efforts to ensure the success of the HIV response





## HEALTH

### NIGERIA: DR. BRIAN CAMAZINE SURGICAL MISSION



**Photo:** Dr. Brian Camazine performing bold and complicated surgeries across Nigeria since 1985

Dr. Brian Camazine, Board member PROFOH, President Earthwide Surgical Foundation (ESF), non-profit organization, dedicated to delivering surgical care to the poor of the world by means of manpower, equipment and education and few years later he graciously agreed to serve on the Board of PROFOH, we have conducted joint surgical mission were hundreds of patients benefited from his exceptional surgical skills. This year, Dr. Camazine conducted several medical missions in different locations across Nigeria. He worked with numerous people who were critical to the work the first trip ended February 2023. Most of the work was done at Dr. Jombo's Destiny and Maternity Hospital. A total of 61 surgeries were done during this trip. In June, Dr. Camazine returned to Nigeria, Most of the work was done at Destiny and Maternity Hospital., Nkechi Hospital, Okparavero Memorial Hospital and Teresa Orsini Hospital. We also worked at two new hospitals- African Apostolic Mission Hospital and Sterling Specialist Hospital.

A total of 79 surgeries were done during this trip, most of the surgeries at Okparavero Memorial Hospital, Sapele, in Delta State were very complicated and complex. He revisited Okparavero Memorial Hospital in October, conducted 37 surgeries which comprised of thyroidectomies (19), myomectomies (8), hysterectomies (2), hernia repairs (6), mastectomies, Lipoma removal (1) and a parotid gland removal (1). He also performed 8 hernias at the Aba Prison or Correctional Center in Aba, Abia State. A total of 91 cases were done .In total, 231 surgeries were done in 2023. Dozens of doctors, nurses, medical students and nursing students received training.



Prof. Brian Camazine, is a Harvard University trained Surgeon, President Earthwide Surgical Foundation (ESF) and Board member PROFOH, He has made hundreds mission trips to Nigeria. Performed surgery in FCT, Delta, Abia, Rivers, Akwa Ibom States. During these years, 25 eventful trips, thousands of Nigerian upper-level healthcare workers participated, and they acquired valuable experience and exposure to handle complex surgical cases.

Camazine hospital location within Nigeria has been a medical Mecca for doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and medical students, including senior consultants from government-owned medical facilities. This aspect of the trip is quite unique and Surgeon is very happy to get such a strong local participation. The mandate of ESF is also provide education and manpower development, exactly what we did in Terabor, Gokana in Rivers State some years ago where we broke our records, by performing 25 bold surgeries in one single day. The Chair, Board and members of PROFOH express their profound gratitude to Dr. Camazine for his amazing dedication and call to serve.

#### **EGYPT: SLS/PROFOH PARTNERSHIP MEDICAL MISSION IN EGYPT**



**Photo:** SLS team of surgeons led by Prof. Abdelmoneim Fawzy during the medical mission in Siwa Egypt.

PROFOH is a strategic partner to Social Leaders Society (SLS), this Mega Mission was carried out by Social Leaders Society (SLS) in SiwaOasis, Egypt along with PROFOH'S Dr. Rania's team. The Mission was conducted June, 2023. Total Number of patients seen were 2867 Examinations in Details:- General Surgery 168- ENT 423 - Pediatrics 502- Rheumatology 60 - Internal Medicine 343 - Urology 109- Orthopedics 175 inclusive ( 7 casts and 8 Joint injections in knee, shoulder and Elbow joints.)- Ophthalmology 415 - Gynecology and Obstetrics 153- Dermatology 222- Dentistry 198 - Radiology and Sonography 65 - ECG and Echocardiography 30- Medical Lab examinations 672 - free medical Glasses 250 Free medical Prescriptions about more than 2500 Specialized Surgery Total 132 Operations( general surgery, Gynecology, ophthalmology, Orthopedic surgery, ENT and Pediatric surgery)- screening for the early detection of



Diabetes, Hypertension and Cardio-Risk-factors 587- Screening for the school students for the early detection of Anemia and Obesity 150 - Screening for early detection of refractive Errors and Eye diseases in early school age 270 Veterinary Medicine about 600 ( different types Horses, Cows, sheep, goats) inclusive 5 surgical interventions with Tendon repair in injured horses . Social Aids in different forms for the poor people - clothes for about 1500 persons)- food supplies ( about 1000 packages

## **NIGERIA-DR. STUART QUARTEMONT MEDICAL MISSION**



**Photo:** The team-led by Dr. Stuart Quartemont during a medical mission in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

The Chairman of PROFOH Advisory Board and President Medical Mission International (MMI), Dr. Stuart Quartemont, is a professor of family medicine and general surgeon, he led a team to Kaduna. PROFOH and MMI have been long standing partners. Our recent missiontrip to Nigeria was in In February, Dr. Quartmont led a team of Dr. Davis and Dr. Jackson. It was Dr. Jackson's first time to Nigeria and he learned a lot about a daily relationship with God and many occasion his heart was broken for the Nigerian people. In June, Dr. Quatermont led a team of Velvet, Eileen Nitcholas, a RN with 45+ years' experience. She was an invaluable asset to our team. In summaryfor 2023, we three trips were made to Nigeria, performing 125 surgeries. MMI has donated numerous medical supplies and have accumulated a 20-foot container of medical and dental supplies to Mercy Hospital in Kaduna and that will be ship soon



## UNITED STATES: PROFOH @ THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH- LEVEL MEETINGS ON UHC

In September, the UN General Assembly hosted three High-Level Meetings on health the highest number ever. Here, world leaders made a [historic commitment](#) for greater collaboration, governance and investment to prevent, prepare for and respond to future pandemics. During the High-Level Meetings, a new [Political Declaration was agreed](#) on universal health coverage to mobilize actions to meet the 2030 target of access to quality essential health-care services for all using the primary health care approach. [A new Political Declaration on ending tuberculosis was also signed](#) with ambitious new targets for the next 5 years to advance global efforts towards ending the TB epidemic. According to WHO and World Bank report, 'Leaving no one behind' is a central promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which recognizes health as a fundamental human right. The best way to fulfil this promise is through universal health coverage (UHC), which means that all people – no matter who they are or where they live – can receive quality health services, when and where they are needed, without incurring financial hardship. Achieving UHC is no easy feat, but with concrete and coordinated actions, countries and organizations like PROFOH can create the conditions in which the right to health is ensured, upheld, and respected for everyone.

Based on the most up-to-date data, this report shows that as of 2021, about half the world's population – 4.5 billion people – was not covered by essential health services, including 344 million people living in extreme poverty. The report stated that reaching the goal of UHC by 2030 requires substantial public sector investment and accelerated action by governments and partners, building on solid evidence and reorienting health systems to a primary health care approach, to advance equity in both the delivery of essential health services and financial protection. According to PROFOH head of Delegation, Dr. Omo Izedonmwen lots of emphasis was placed on Data Collection and above all, Out Of Pocket (OOP) approach is mitigating against UCH. In effect, OOP health spending comprises medicines and health products; outpatient and inpatient care services, including dental care; diagnostic and laboratory services; and emergency transportation and rescue services. Medicines include over-the-counter medicines and outpatient prescribed medicines. Health products include masks and other prevention and protective devices, medical diagnostic products and assistive products such as glasses, hearing aids, crutches, etc.



delegation, Dr. Omo Izedonmwen at the UN



**Photo:** The Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau and PROFOH head of



## EDUCATION

### SIERRA LEONE: PROFOH EDUCATION MISSION AND SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE KIDS



**Photo:** PROFOH Education mission led by Lasana Kodeh in Mongo, Falaba district in Sierra Leone

PROFOH is a member of several international groups promoting and advancing quality education globally, including International Network for Education in Emergencies, which has inspired our education interventions during our medical missions, or stand-alone Education mission or Education Emergency Interventions including the provision of several scholarships, writing desks to public schools. At PROFOH, we believe that Education is the most powerful tool to improve individual lives and societies as a whole, and deliver on the promises outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is important in times of peace, but even more crucial during crises. However, amidst armed conflicts, climate-induced disasters and forced displacement, education is often the first service suspended and the last to be restored. This year, we conducted several educational interventions in Uganda, Nepal, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The Uganda and Sierra Leone interventions stand out due to the fact that Nigeria and Nepal have enjoyed our interventions in the past.

With our interventions PROFOH presence is now visible in Sierra Leone and Uganda. Country Representative Lasana Kodeh and also the Executive Director MOFA Sierra Leone took the EDUCATION mission with great dedication. The mission took place at Ansarul Islamic Primary School in Mongo, in Falaba District of Sierra Leone, closer to Guinea Conakry than Freetown the Capital City of Sierra Leone.

In responding to the needs in crisis-affected areas, it is critically important to ensure spread globally. For this reason, PROFOH in long-established designed interventions settings, for situations where children and adolescents have had their education disrupted as a result of forced internal displacement and/or destruction of their schools in their villages and towns, By adoption of this strategy, we are paving the way to reach even more of the world's 224 million crisis-affected girls and boys who urgently need the protection, opportunity and hope of quality education.



**Female Education Project** is still running, a simple project but very impactful, girls in rural communities are very disadvantaged due to their monthly menstrual period –they skip classes for weeks, some do during their examination period, and some have suffered high-level infection as a result of using pieces of rags, lots of these young women we have treated during PROFOH medical missions. PROFOH distribution of washable sanitary towels pads project in schools in Bwari, FCT-Abuja Nigeria was magical, the outcome was amazing, Girls Academic performances increase by almost 52%. The unique aspect of our towels –they are clinically tested and washable and could be reusable for three years

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**Photo:** Child Education mission conducted by PRIDE in India





## ENVIRONMENT

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: PROFOH PARTICIPATED AT COP 28

PROFOH dedication to ensure that climate and the provision of quality health care go hand in hand remain very strong, placing health at the heart of climate action. This year, we are proud to have participated at UN Climate Change Conference - United Arab Emirates 30 Nov - 12 Dec 2023. The global Conference have 195 represented states 97,372 registered participants to date 1,293 media organizations. Mansur Arif Shamsi, PROFOH United Arab Emirates, Country Director UAE and , represented our organization at this year event. He is also a member of the PROFO's Global Advisory Board and his PROFOH accreditations covers the GCC. With global temperatures hitting record highs, and extreme weather events affecting people medically and otherwise across the globe, this year's UN climate change conference, COP28, is a pivotal opportunity to correct course and accelerate action to tackle public health crisis. In an historic first, the organizers of COP28 hosted a dedicated health day in response to the climate-related health crisis affecting at least 3.5 billion people – nearly half of the global population. Extreme heat, weather events and air pollution caused millions of deaths in 2023, putting enormous pressure on health systems and workforce.



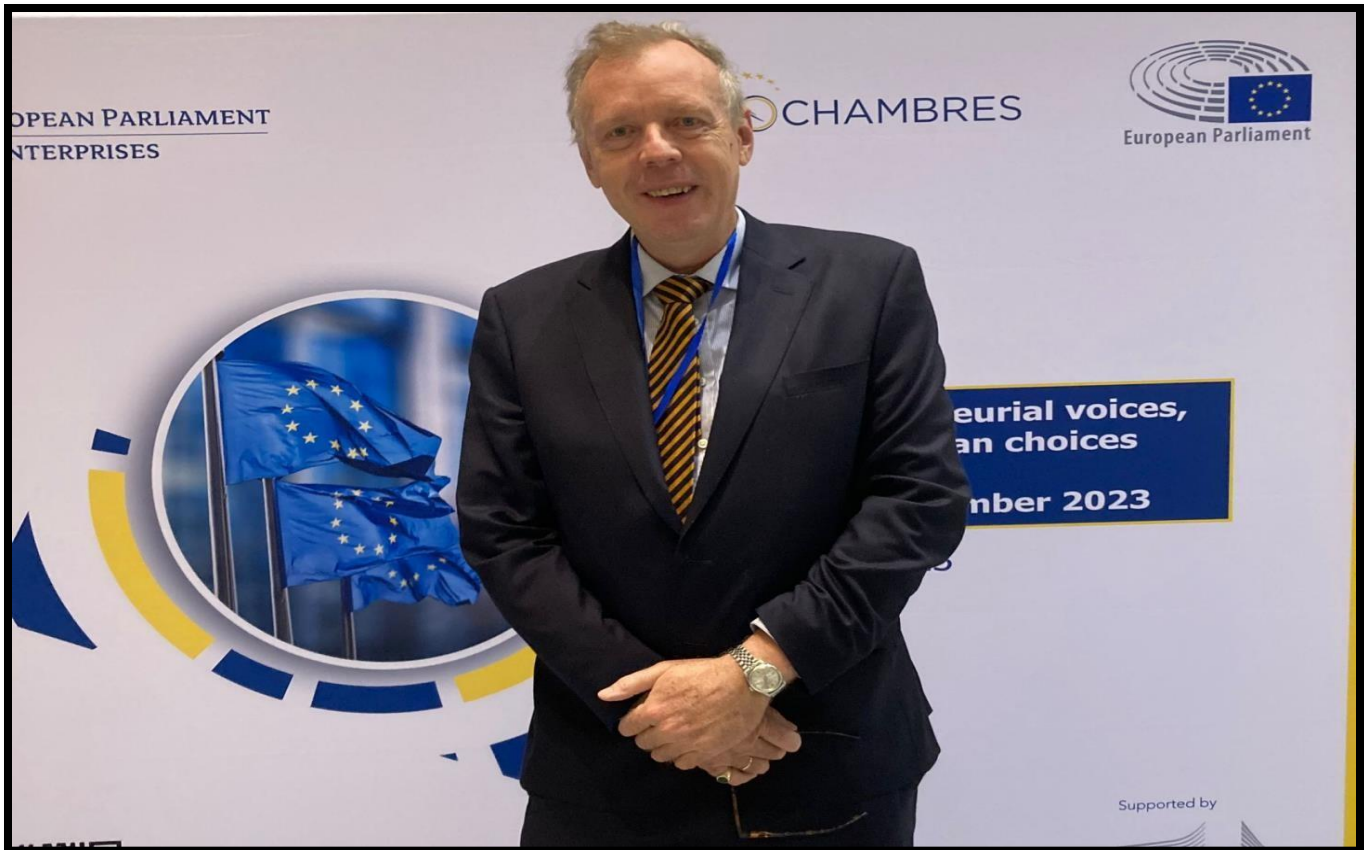
**Photo:** World Leaders at the COP28 pledging clean environment and greener Earth.

A new COP28 UAE Declaration on Climate and Health was signed by over 130 countries at the UN Climate Conference. The Declaration advocates for a rapid increase in political and financial commitments, and concrete action to protect people from the devastating health impacts of the climate crisis. In the lead-up to COP28, WHO, together with global health partners, mobilized the signatures of over 40 million health professionals calling for bold health and climate action at the Conference. WHO also released an Operational framework for building climate-resilient and low carbon health systems as a blueprint for a future-proof and sustainable health sector in an ever- changing climate. The Conference also discussed others pressing issues to humanity such as Health, Food, Agriculture and Water Day saw key announcements on global water scarcity and food security, as countries mobilized behind the conference Declaration on Agriculture, Food Systems and Climate Action (the Declaration), now endorsed by 152 countries, and the Water Action Agenda to keep climatically 1.5 degrees temperature within reach.



## **POVERTY REDUCTION**

**GERMANY: DR. ALEXANDER ROCHLITZ INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA**



**Photo:** *Dr. Alexander Rochlitz Chairman Germany driven by a mission to reduce poverty in Africa*

Dr. Alexander Rochlitz is the Chair of PROFOH Board Germany and also a honorary member of the Nigeria chapter, a mission-minded personality who believes that effective integrated waste management can be used as an effective tool to brutal reduce poverty in the developing world. Alexander is highly experience in Waste Management their contributions have impacted several cities in Germany, Mexico City, Dubai, Panama City etc. The Circular Economy is a multibillion US dollars' business globally, it has a major impact on environmental protection, hygiene and healthcare. According to the German Chair, The plan was designed as "Waste is Money Africa" to be earned locally in the continent, when fully implemented it will have a massive impact on the continent economy and Secondary raw material to supply the increasing local and international demand on raw materials: plastics, fibers, textiles, metals, biomass, agriculturalcompost, etc .The United Nations and the World Health Organization studies showed a direct correlation in between hygienic and efficient Circular Economy combating disease incidences such as Cholera, Malaria, Dengue, Typhus, etc. – Dr. Rochlitz has meet several high profile people in Africa to convey its message of poverty reducing through waste management, he has visited Nigeria alone for the morethan eight times within the last three years. Next year PROFOH will be rolling out its strategic plan to reduce poverty, starting from the communities we served. The PROFOH Germany Chair had earlier met senior government officials from, Borno, Gombe and Kaduna states including the Minister of Abuja City. There was high interest from the government and private sector. On his last trip, he met with official of Federal Government and Edo State Government, the plan is very advanced to roll out in 2024/2025.



## EVENTS

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: PROFOH PARTICIPATED AT THE ARAB HEALTH



**Photo:** *The leadership of UKIHMA, EN PROJECTS and PROFOH breakfast meeting.*

PROFOH was at the United Kingdom stand with her partners United Kingdom International Health Care Management Association (UKIHMA) and the British Integrated Solutions Export Network (BISEN), two leading UK organizations. The UKIHMA stand H19 Hall 2 in the British pavilion at the World Trade Center, Dubai, UAE. PROFOH and BISEN logos will be proudly displayed as partner organizations. Andy and Ralph were very warm in their reception for Mr. Joseph Ayitevi who is also the PROFOH Ghana Country Director. There were other UKIHMA board members, including Fazal Ahmed, General Manager, EN Projects hosted a great breakfast meeting for you at the Hyatt Jumeriah. PROFOH and other UKIHMA members and partners also benefited from the social media campaign to publicize its presence at Arab Health. The Arab Health Exhibition Congress is the World Largest Medical and Technology Event, a 48 years Annual Event. This year from 30 Jan-2 Feb, 2023, it hosted about the following: 3,000 Exhibitors, Over 70 countries signed up, 50,000 physical person participants while 5 million online participation.



## UNITED KINGDOM: PROFOH /UKIHMA/BISEN CONSORTIUM PARTNERSHIPS MEETING

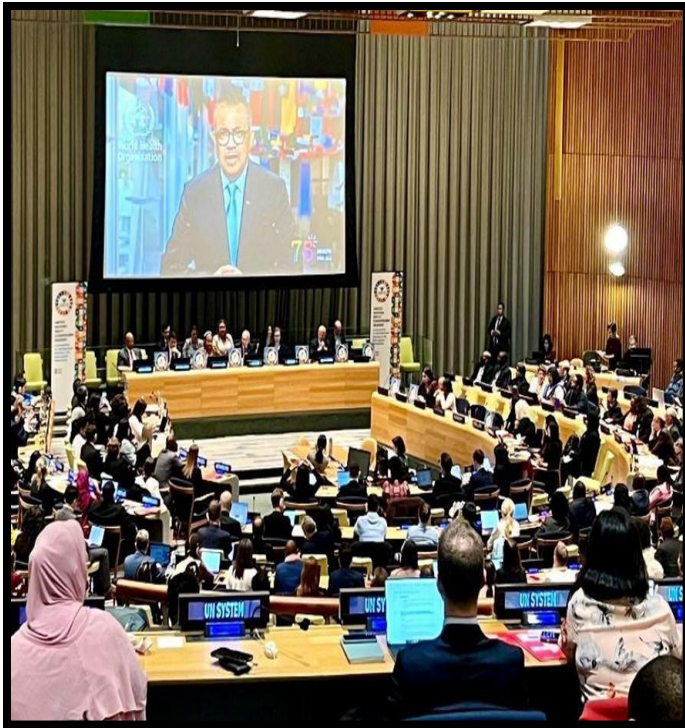


**Photo:** Officials from UKIHMA, K2, EN Projects, PROFOH and BISEN meeting in London to promote Global public health

PROFOH was pleased with the series of meetings held in the United Kingdom with its partners United Kingdom International Health Care Management Association (UKIHMA) and the British Integrated Solutions Export Network (BISEN), two leading UK organizations, partners of the HM Government. It started from February -March 2023 the meeting was to advance the MOU signed 2022. PROFOH delegation to the talks was led by our Executive Director, Dr. Gbemutor Kama and Country Director Ghana, Mr. Joseph Ayitevi, other members of our organization based in the United Kingdom. The team was well received by our partners and had an extensive tour of the United Kingdom, the delegation met EN Projects representative, the tour took to several health care related companies such as Drive Devilbiss and Brandon Medical (Leeds and Halifax), visits and meetings were arranged to several organizations and visits including Weatherhaven for presentations and also Export Support Team (EST) Larkhill, Salisbury, where PROFOH delegation led by Ambassador Joe Ayalogu visited in July 2022. The meeting Weatherhaven gave PROFOH team the opportunity to inspect the structures that are made of Field Hospital., we also had presentations Patient Source – cloud based patient record systems , 3CPAP – closed circuit positive airway pressure medical device , Biovice - rapid PCR diagnostics , SaniLume – upper room ultra violet germicidal irradiation air sanitizer , Weatherhaven (field hospital manufacturers) I am glad to report that we have advance discussions with two countries on pharmaceuticals and Hospital construction to the PROFOH UKIHMA AND BISEN Consortium.



## UNITED STATES: PROFOH @ THE UNITED NATIONS MULTI STAKEHOLDERS HEARING



**Photo:** *The Director –General of The World Health Organization on screen addressing the invited guests.*

PROFOH official participation of the Multi-stakeholder Hearings on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) / Tuberculosis / Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response was sequel to the President of the United Nations General Assembly announcement, it took take place at the Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, on 8 – 9 May 2023. The Universal Health Coverage is also link to the practice of Socialized Medicines in developing countries is one of our signature mandate as an organization, we are proud to have impacted more than a million patients globally. Our long standing partnership with the United Nations for the past 25 years has been remarkable, from UNICEF support during Jesse Fire disaster Intervention in Nigeria, Oct.1998 to the recent participation of the eleventh session of the Conference of Parties to United Nations in Vienna, Austria, 2022. PROFOH is also an accredited/affiliated organization withthe United Nations on OSAA, OEWG Ageing for more than a decade.

The Hearings provided the required opportunity for all relevant stakeholders’ contribution to the then ongoing preparatory process for the High-Level Meeting on the three sectors. Universal Health Coverage (UHC) / Tuberculosis / Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness andResponse, that also focused on the state of efforts and top needs to accelerate response. According to PROFOH head of delegation, Participants exchanged views on key priorities for the High-Level Meeting, while underscoring experiences and best practices on the ground, highlighting the special challenges faced by civil society and other relevant stakeholders working in the field and the need for stronger partnership and accountability at all levels. PROFOH also have the United Nations Accreditations/Affiliations/Membership include the following: OSAA OEWG Ageing, WHO Stop TB Partnership, UNDOC, etc. Our organization official delegation was led by AmbassadorSean Bardoo, a ranking global member of PROFOH United States



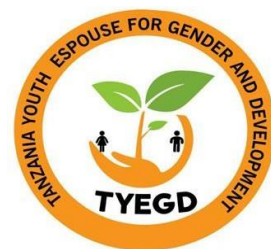
## FRANCE: PROFOH SIGNED PARTNERSHIP MoU WITH A LEADING EUROPEAN CENTER



**Photo:** *The official logos of the Partners, PROFOH & ECLEE*

As a member of several international bodies including some United Nations agencies one of our objectives is to seek viable partnerships. This year, we signed several high profile recorded MoUs, they include the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with European Center For Leadership and Entrepreneurship Education (ECLEE) France. **ECLEE** is an independent training, education and research institution specialized organizations, academic institutions in Europe, North America and Africa, ECLEE designs programs that meet the learning, training and development needs of both today's and tomorrow's workforce. ECLEE a French/EU accredited Vocational Education and Training Center incorporated in France with office (Dallas) and operations in USA, Asia, and Africa. The MOU will foster education development especially in the area of capacity building, lean health care training, professional certification and Poverty reduction activities for global benefit. Already both organization have hit the ground running with training plans free medical outreach in some countries in Africa. Nigeria, Guinea, Cameroon, etc. The plan outlines a comprehensive training and certification program in Lean Healthcare which utilizes the curriculum developed by the renowned Lean Advancement Initiative and Lean Academy of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the United States.

## TANZANIA: PROFOH SIGNED PARTNERSHIP MoU WITH TYEGD



**Photo:** *The official logos of the Partners, PROFOH & TYEGD*

TYEGD is a youth non-governmental organization guided by transformative youth empowerment; focused on advocacy campaigns, and economic empowerment programs in Tanzania. TYEGD's goal is to increase the health, well-being and livelihood of communities, particularly women and youth. We deliver training workshops, develop and disseminate social awareness campaigns, and organize conferences and dialogues all relating to our 3 strategic areas of actions, Youth Empowerment through Education and Health, Agriculture Livelihood and Environmental Protection and Gender Equality and Social Inclusion.



## **GHANA: PROFOH SIGNED MoU WITH STATE CLINICAL TRANSLATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

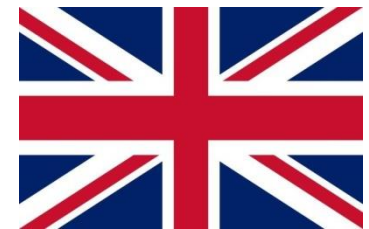


*Photo: The official logos of the Partners, PROFOH & State*

### **Clinical Translational Scientific Research.**

State Clinical Translational Scientific Research (GH) and Foundation with its headquarters in Accra Ghana and branch office in Colorado, United States, the group was established to collaborate between clinical trials and facilitate medical consultations in healthcare facilities, procurement projects and affiliation concepts to provide better healthcare services and technologies. Few years ago, the organization the government of Ghana signed a major MOU to boost the health care sector-with the construction of Medical Care Centres throughout the ten (10) regions of the country.

## **UNITED KINGDOM: PROFOH FLY ITS FLAG IN GREAT BRITAIN**



*Photo: Flag of United Kingdom and PROFOH Logo*

It gives us a great pleasure to announce that we have registered our permanent office in the United Kingdom and our head office is in Worthing, while the operational office is in London. The organization was established 25 years ago, and headquartered in the United States as a Non-Profit Organization and has registered offices in various countries including Germany, India, Nigeria, Ghana, Jamaica, Nepal, South Africa, and Ireland and a presence in 15 other countries. We also have our active membership in 15 other countries. The organization is a leading member of several international organizations including the, Stop TB partnership of WHO, the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage etc. and has actively participated in several international meetings and conferences conducted by the United Nations as an Observer – We were invited by the UN for the eighth time in the 2023 year alone. We have also participated at the World Bank and IMF Spring meetings held in Washington, DC, several UN meetings in Vienna, Dubai, New York, Marrakesh, Atlanta and other cities of the world and has partnered with several governmental agencies of Japan, Netherlands, Nigeria, South Africa and other nations on special projects interventions. The United Kingdom Volunteer Country Director will be Ms. Maria Mogor.

**Maria Mogor** who brings with her over 5 years of experience in project management and international development. She has worked in both large and small development organizations, so understands the necessity – as well as many challenges – of working together for greater impact. Above all, Maria is very deep in positive thoughts, gifted in both knowledge and imagination, and highly educated.



**UNITED STATES: PROFOH PARTICIPATED AT THE UNITED NATIONS COSP/10 ATLANTA.**



**Photo: PROFOH representatives led by Advisory board member Camille Bradshaw and Donmale Gbaanador**

PROFOH is a ranking partner of the UNODC, we have attended similar conferences in the past, Morocco, Austria, etc. This year, Camille Bradshaw, PROFOH Advisory Board and ranking member PROFOH United States and Donmale Gbaanador, one of our organization Legal Advisers in the United States attended the historic event. Both women reported the event was fantastic and very rewarding for PROFOH. According to facts from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) estimates that 45 percent of global citizens believe the health sector is corrupt or very corrupt. Approximately \$455 billion of the \$7.35 trillion spent on health care annually worldwide lost each year to fraud and corruption. Public spending for health care is inefficient in countries with poor governance, on the other hand, good governance is vital for national healthcare systems to work optimally. In fact, the quality of governance is a key mediator for whether public spending on health care influences health outcomes positively. Many strategies exist for reducing corruption and making environments less conducive to malpractice, including remunerating healthcare workers adequately, adequately financing the public healthcare system, ensuring social accountability, and strengthening institutions outside the healthcare sector. Global healthcare expenditures total \$7.35 trillion each year, much of which comes from out-of-pocket (OOP) payments by families and insurance reimbursements. Corruption is a complex and multifaceted challenge. Offenses range from smaller-scale acts by health care providers who demand bribes or "informal payments" to larger-scale acts at the ministerial or hospital administrator level when individuals in powersiphon money or redirect resources away from those who need it for their personal benefit.



## GOVERNANCE

**GOVERNANCE:** Professionals For Humanity (PROFOH) is a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Texas, United States and nine other countries with a presence in 15 other nations. The programmatic work of PROFOH is guided by an Executive Council led by the Executive Director and supported by senior officers, country directors and overseen by the Global Board of Directors and Advisory Board. The Board of Directors is a leadership group that promotes understanding, oversees the organizations assets and advances its objectives and goals.

### GLOBAL BOARD

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<b>Organization. Grow International Inc</b>	New Jersey	United States
<b>Commonwealth Foundation United Nations</b>	Washington DC	United States
<b>UNODC</b>	London	United Kingdom
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<b>World Bank Meeting Dialogue</b>	Sydney	Australia
<b>Global Cancer Care &amp; Research</b>	Washington DC	United States
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<b>AB</b>	Gothenburg	Sweden
<b>Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital</b>	Kano	Nigeria
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<b>Global Thinkers Forum</b>	London	United Kingdom
<b>General Group, AG</b>	Zurich	Switzerland
<b>A 2 Z Universals</b>	Dubai	UAE
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<b>Stakeholders Forum.</b>	New York
<b>International Network forEducation in Emergencies.</b>	ViennaLondon
<b>Stop TB Partnership of WorldHealth Organization.</b>	New York



## **MISSION:**

...We support weak and compromised communities globally to overcome Health, Education, Safe drinking water and social challenges arising from ill health, poverty, and man-made or natural disasters. This work substantially supports men, women and children through critical interventions including medicine, safe water, education, and necessary policies around them.

## **VISION:**

Is the elevation of the human race through medical and social interventions and access to high-quality health care by vulnerable populations in all cultures throughout the world.

## **CALENDAR 2024**

### **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES/MISSIONS:**

The 77th World Health Assembly in May 2024, PROFOH and selected organizations will be there as Observers, countries will consider a new international agreement known as the pandemic accord. The purpose of the accord is to prevent a repeat of the devastating health and social impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in the event of a future pandemic.

In September 2024 there will be a UN General Assembly High-Level meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), one of the top global public health threats. AMR makes infections harder to treat and increases the risk of severe illnesses and death. Countries will be urged to make bold commitments to tackle this threat, accelerate action, and work towards internationally agreed targets.

PROFOH / State Clinical Foundation Mission- Feb., Accra, Ghana  
PROFOH / ECLÉE Education Mission March, Benin, Nigeria  
PROFOH / ECLÉE Mission- June, Garoua, Cameroon.  
PROFOH / Broncos India Mission- July, Gujarat, India  
PROFOH / St. Moses Hospital Mission- August, Poukasse, Accra Ghana  
PROFOH / Mission- August/Sept, Nyeri, Nairobi, Kenya  
PROFOH / La Ong Recourse Mission- Sept/Oct, Cotonou, Benin Republic  
PROFOH / Mission- Oct/Nov, Kampala, Uganda  
PROFOH Education Mission- Oct, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea  
PROFOH / Partners Mission- Oct/Nov, Juba, South Sudan  
PROFOH / Bizani Mission- Nov/Dec, Eastern Cape, South Africa  
PROFOH / Education Mission- Nov/Dec, Kathmandu, Nepal



## **FINANCIAL REVIEW & SPONSORS OF 2023**

PROFOH is a self-funded organization by the Board and some dedicated members, our annual expenses have grown more than tenfold in recent years. As an international organization, we commit to the highest level of efficiency and transparency in our work through a thorough financial management system. Our methodology minimizes overheads to almost zero costs and maximizes the impact of our interventions. Our transparency is consistent with the commitments of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. The 2023 audit of our financial statements will be done by an independent accounting firm. We would like to thank the following members for their financial contributions.

PROFOH wishes to thank all members who sponsored or contributed to make the world a better place for our collective humanity during the year through their self-funded efforts, energy, and goodwill.

**Alexander Rochlitz**, -Self-funded three international trips to Africa to facilitate a special project for poverty reduction.

**Joseph Ayitevi**- Self-funded two international trips to UAE and the United Kingdom, covered PROFOH Ghana recertification by the Government of Ghana.

**Sean Badoo**-Self Funded two international and one local trip, Uganda, UAE, and a UN event in New York.

**Fikile Zutumane**, Self-funded two international trips to the UAE and United States.

**Doris Yaro**- Self-funded two international and one local trip, Thailand, Congo Brazzaville, and Abuja, Nigeria.

**Gbemuotor Kama**- Self-funded one international trip to London, United Kingdom, and three trips within Nigeria, covered for PROFOH UK office address.

**Itsehme Thomas** - Self-funded one international trip to London, United Kingdom and one local trip within Nigeria.

**Omo Izedonmwen**, Self-funded one international trip to UN High-Level Meetings in New York the United States.

**Sam Akor**- Self-funded two international trips to Equatorial Guinea for pharmaceuticals and Hospitals.

**Donmale Gbaanador**, Self-funded two local trips to the United Nations in New York & Georgia, the United States.

**Allan Martin**- Self-funded two local trips within the United Kingdom.

**Stuart Quartemont**- Self-funded several medical missions to Nigeria.

**Brian Camazine**- Self-funded several medical missions to Nigeria.

**SLS Egypt**- Self-funded several medical missions across Egypt.

**Mansur Arif Shamsi**-Self-funded one Local trip UN event COP 28 in the United Arab Emirates.

**Camille Bradshaw**- Self-funded one local trip to the United Nations COSP/10 in Georgia, United States.

**Maria Mogor**-Covered PROFOH United Kingdom incorporation cost.

**Anita Singh**- Covered PROFOH Nepal financial cost, the purchase of relief materials for distribution and funded the education project.

**Cliff Jarrell** - Covered PROFOH Bank account payment in the United States.

**Yinka, Ajiboye**- Covered PROFOH Ireland running financial cost.

**Angela Chester Johnson**- Covered PROFOH headquarters rent in Washington DC, United States.

**Sunny Ekwenife**- Covered PROFOH Internet subscription for the year.



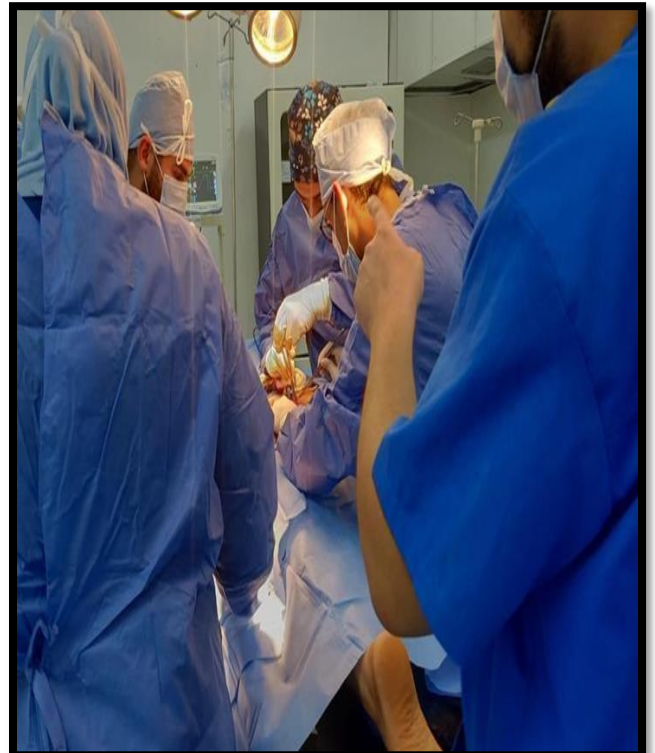
## **PHOTO GALLERY:**

**With patient's permission for publication...**

*Photo: Team of surgeons at the operating rooms in Egypt*



***Team of surgeons led by Dr. Stuart Quatermont and Davis at the operating rooms at Mercy Hospital, Nigeria***





## **APPRECIATION.....**

Many people have supported our work and have done so in many ways, we were able to take on all this (and more) because of you. Your on-going support, encouragement, and indomitable spirit sustained us, as they always have, through the challenging year many to some of us. Thank you for being there for humanity, this generosity has included the following organizations and individuals (volunteers, members and supporters) including our strategic partners. ,ESF Texas, UKIHMA London, BISEN London, EDSPHCDA Benin, Global Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Country Chapters, Allan Martin, Ayalogu Joseph, Markus von Have, Fikile Zutumane, Angela Chester-Johnson, Mansur Arif Shamsi, Itsehme Thomas, G. B. Gbaanador, Maria Mogor, Ben Akhiwu, Sean Badoo, Alfred Ajagbe, Mustapha Sabra, Alexander Rochlitz, Jutta Wisura, Cliff Jarrell, and a special thanks to all of our country directors, Markus von Have in Germany, Anita Singh and her team in Nepal, Mansur Arif Shamsi and his team in India, Ajiboye Yinka and his team in Dublin, Nicolaas Herldodlt, and his team in South Africa, Joseph Ayitevi and his team in Ghana, Safiya Umar and her team in Nigeria, Jackie Russell and her team at management level, And finally, all the PROFOH strategic partner organizations.

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