MISSION

We design and implement humanitarian programs in the areas of Global Health, Orphaned & Vulnerable Children, and Poverty Solutions that build capacity, develop opportunities, and save lives around the world.

VISION

We envision a world where all people have access to health, opportunity and hope.
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Letter from the President

During this past year, 2017, Assist International continued to grow and expand its capacity to bring innovative solutions to the challenges that the most vulnerable people face each day. The strength of our organization is the quality of the people and organizations that continue to partner together to impact the world. You will see in the pages of this annual report many individual projects and ongoing programs that continue to demonstrate impact and sustainability.

In 2017, we streamlined our strategy into two primary areas: Orphan & Vulnerable Children and Global Health. Our Orphan & Vulnerable Children program starts with the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to live a healthy, productive life, and that is why we focus on a family-style orphan village model, with an educational component. In 2017, we focused on partnering with Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe in the development and construction of the Sewing Hope Orphan Village in Atiak, Uganda. We completed the first five of 10 orphan homes, each capable of housing 5-8 orphan children along with house mother. We also facilitated the infrastructure development of the entire campus, use permit, master plan, and leadership development. The needs in Atiak are significant, and the Sewing Hope Orphan Village is strategically located just 30km from the border of South Sudan, not only giving hope to orphan children in these outlying regions, but also impacting the growing refugee population streaming in from South Sudan and fleeing to refugee camps.

AI continued to partner with AOET Village in Jinja, Uganda. Through generous partners, we built an additional orphan home on campus to care for more children in need of a family.

Another significant program launched in 2017 centered on bringing hope to South Sudanese refugee students living in refugee camps in Uganda. Through our partnership with Gabriel, one of the original “Lost Boys” of South Sudan, over 25 young people were rescued from the refugee camps in Uganda and placed in residence at AOET village and Rehaboth Integrated High School. Through sponsorships, these students are flourishing in the context of a safe, loving environment, where they receive quality education. We are committed to rescuing more young people from refugee camps and giving them the possibility of a hope and a future.

Assist International increased our impact in the Global Health space. With our GE Foundation partnership, the scope and scale of programs have significantly expanded. AI continued its role as the implementing NGO for the GE Foundation Safe Surgery 2020 initiative, which aims to accelerate access to safe surgery and anesthesia worldwide. Our programs focus on countries in East Africa and include providing access to lifesaving medical oxygen, safe water for health facilities, and innovations around health technology management and medical equipment up-time.

Assist also continued to make an impact with several medical projects through our partnership with Rotary International, including the installation of a Quantum X-Ray at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, and a project equipping the Critical Care Department of the University of Cluj Orthopedic Hospital.

As I reflect on the many programs that we were a part of during 2017, I am reminded of the importance of relationships with people. Meeting the needs of the most vulnerable people in the world is a privilege, because these are real people, with the same basic needs that we all share. We are thankful that every day we get to partner with great people, great corporate partners, and great friends to bring hope and opportunity to a hurting world. Thanks for being part of the Assist International team.

Warm Regards,
Ralph Sudfeld President/CEO
The Power of Partnerships

[Logos of various organizations]
We have a wide range of programs and projects that aim to strengthen health systems and save the lives of people in low and middle-income countries. Every day, thousands of people die from curable or treatable causes because of a lack of adequate healthcare. We work with our partners to increase the capacity of local healthcare providers and improve the quality of health.
The Safe Surgery 2020 (SS2020) Initiative is a group of partners, including Assist International, GE Foundation, Dahlberg, JHPIEGO, Harvard PGSSC, and the G4 Alliance, seeking to improve access to surgical care in some of the world’s most challenging health contexts. The initiative focuses on three pillars:

- Leadership Development trains and mentors surgical teams to identify safe surgery gaps in their facilities, seek the resources they need, take action to improve surgical outcomes and share their experiences.
- Innovation drives new solutions to top-priority surgical gaps in low- and middle-income countries by finding and supporting innovators with funding, training, and mentorship.
- Elevating Ideas enables sharing of best practices, innovations, and insights by building a body of evidence on how to improve access to safe surgery and sparking national and global conversations.


**2017 Outcomes:**

**Workforce Development:** 1721 health workers trained

**Population Served:** 40 million people

**Countries Served:** 13

**Healthcare Facilities:** 235
Access to Oxygen

There is a severe lack of medical oxygen across Africa. Consequently, preventable deaths occur every day—adverse anesthesia events in surgery, premature infants in respiratory distress, mothers with obstetric emergencies, and trauma patients in shock.

Our Medical Oxygen Programs save lives by producing and distributing medical oxygen through a local social business enterprise, and implementing clinical training to teach oxygen therapy best practices.

Rwanda

We’ve partnered with Health Builders and the GE Foundation to establish Total Oxygen Solutions in Rwanda. Through this program, oxygen consumption at our host hospital increased by 853%, and oxygen consumption at other hospitals increased by 236% on average. Total Oxygen Solutions provides oxygen to 13 health facilities and a catchment population of 3.1 million people.

Kenya

In Kenya, we’ve partnered with the GE Foundation and the Center for Public Health and Development to create Hewa Tele—a social enterprise based on a public-private partnership model that delivers affordable oxygen to over 20 health facilities and a catchment of 2.5 million people.

Ethiopia

We collaborated with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health and many other partners to help develop the Ethiopian National Oxygen Road Map. This document is designed to address the growing need for medical oxygen throughout Ethiopia. One aspect of this scale-up is the planned construction of thirteen oxygen plants around the country. In 2017, Assist International partnered with Global Challenges Canada and the GE Foundation to establish two financially-sustainable oxygen production and distribution plants in Ethiopia.
Healthcare Technology Management (HTM) / Biomedical Equipment Technician (BMET) Training

Healthcare Technology Management (HTM) aims to strengthen hospitals and clinics in low and middle-income countries by helping them efficiently and effectively manage their healthcare technology.

Partnering with Engineering World Health (EWH), Duke University and Assist International, the GE Foundation supports a biomedical engineering technician training curriculum that helps to promote—and sustain—equipment repair and maintenance.

The program provides ongoing coaching and mentoring resources to cultivate a professional community of biomedical technicians who can support the technical needs of public district hospitals and health centers.

2017 Outcomes:

Honduras
- 79 BMETs trained
- BMETs have achieved 30% reduction in non-functional equipment

Nigeria
- 61 BMETs trained
- 1 Center of Excellence launched

Ghana
- 20 BMETs and Regional Equipment Managers trained

Ethiopia
- 20 BMETs trained

Impact of BMET Education

- 353 BMETs trained
- 30+ Local trainers trained
- 10+ Biomedical Centers of Excellence
- 463 BMETs to be trained by 2018
- 95 Facilities Impacted
- 6 Countries
In Western Kenya, there is an immense need for surgery. While there are many surgeons in the region, there is a critical shortage of anesthesia professionals. To solve this problem, Assist International has partnered with the GE Foundation, Kijabe Hospital, Vanderbilt University, the Center for Public Health and Development (CPHD), and Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) to train Kenya Registered Nurse Anesthetists (KRNAs) for Western Kenya.

This program equips trainees with essential skills of anesthesia, research, ethics, and professionalism.

**2017 Outcomes:**
To date, 360 trainers, KRNAs, and students have undergone training through the ImPACT program in Kenya. In 2017, this program increased the number of practicing Kenyan nurse anesthetists by 149%, covering 36 counties, and the federal government has begun scaling the curriculum throughout the country.
Partnering with the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA), we provide in-service training for anesthesia care providers on the role of the anesthesia care provider in obstetric emergencies, with clinical scenarios based on the conditions causing 80% of maternal deaths such as hemorrhage, sepsis, eclampsia, and obstructed labor; the course also covers early newborn care including resuscitation.

**2017 Outcomes:**
We trained 49 anesthesia care providers in Ethiopia and engaged local professional societies and the federal government, who continue to expand this program into other regions to increase safe anesthesia.

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We train and mentor teams on unique and effective approaches to cleaning, disinfecting, and sterilizing medical devices to lower surgical site infections. Often overlooked, the cleaning staff plays an essential role in reducing surgical site infections.

**2017 Outcomes:**
This program has trained 66 healthcare workers using a train the trainer model, and those trainers then trained an additional 311 healthcare workers.
Safe Water

Clean, safe water is critical for saving the lives of people in low and middle-income countries. Assist International has partnered with the GE Foundation and Emory University to provide safe water filtration systems to 39 health facilities across five countries: Rwanda, Ghana, Honduras, Cambodia, and Uganda.

Access to safe water in health facilities and communities.

**Strategy:**

- **Installation:** Upgrade health facility infrastructure to support installation of filtration system capable of producing 50,000 liters (filter buildings, supplemental piping, electrical wiring, water towers, and reserve tanks).
- **Training:** Train health facility staff to manage, operate and maintain the water filter system and ensure sustainability.
- **Support:** Support routine maintenance, water management, and water quality monitoring. This consistent engagement builds capacity, self-reliance, and problem solving ability.

**Completed Projects: 39 Health Facilities across 5 countries**

1. Establish sustainable safe water solutions
2. Build a global consortium through evidence base and advocacy

**Approach:**

- **Multi-Sector Approach:** Leverage strong partnerships to reach communities with safe water.
- **Scalable:** Ultra-filtration water treatment systems, scalable for larger health facilities and hospitals.
- **Market-Based:** Utilization of market-based approaches.
- **Advocacy:** Build global advocacy for safe water in health facilities within the global water sector.
Assist International partnered with the Oklahoma City Rotary Club to equip the Critical Care Department at the University of Cluj Orthopedic Hospital in Romania. This project was done in the memory of Bob Medley - an influential leader of the Oklahoma City Rotary Club.

Quantum X-Ray at Tenwek Hospital (Kenya)

Assist International installed a Quantum X-Ray at Tenwek Hospital in Bomet, Kenya, in partnership with a host of Rotary Clubs, led by Corral de Tierra Rotary in Salinas, California. Tenwek Hospital serves the population in rural West Kenya, providing primary care and advanced referral services.
Our Orphaned & Vulnerable Children programs, currently active in Romania, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, and Thailand, provide family-style orphan villages and educational opportunities for children.

We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to live a healthy, productive life, and there is nothing more life-changing than providing a young child with a family and education.
Caminul Felix

Founded in 1990, Caminul Felix is a family-style orphan village in Oradea, Romania, that “gives families to the children of the world.” Assist International has partnered with Caminul Felix since its inception, and today, there are two orphan villages, a total of 16 homes, with each providing a mother and father for orphaned and abandoned children.

Felix Family Village Thailand

Felix Family Village in Surat Thani, Thailand, rescues children and places them in families. Many of these children have lost their parents due to HIV/AIDS. There are ten homes at Felix Family Village Thailand, and each of these homes provides a loving environment for up to ten children.
Sister Rosemary Orphan Village (Sewing Hope)

Sister Rosemary gives hope to girls, young women, and children in northern Uganda. The Orphan Village in Atiak, Uganda, provides homes and a sense of belonging for these young women and their children, as well as other orphan children in the region. In partnership with Sister Rosemary, Assist International has built five homes, and we plan to build a school and a medical clinic to help Sister Rosemary reach the needs in her community.

AOET (Rescuing Orphans in Uganda)

Founded in 2000, AOET (Aids Orphan Education Trust) cares for nearly 4000 children, providing education, housing, and medical services. Assist International has partnered with AOET to build a high school, kindergarten, library, an orphan village consisting of 20 homes, and two dormitories at the high school.

In the last 10 years, 1743 children have graduated from high school through the AOET program. Many of these children are orphans, and many others come from broken families. 446 students have gone on to graduate from university, and 802 have graduated from vocational school.
Gabriel, one of the original Lost Boys of South Sudan, escaped civil war in South Sudan and lived at a refugee camp in Kenya for many years. He now lives in America with his wife and two young children, and his heart’s desire is to provide for orphan and vulnerable children in South Sudan. Assist International has partnered with Gabriel to help place refugee children from South Sudan in schools in Uganda. In the future, we hope to help Gabriel achieve his vision of building an orphan village and school in his home city of Bor, South Sudan.

JHOR/Onesimus House, based in Timisoara, Romania, provides housing and care for orphans, abandoned children, and at-risk adolescents in the city. The organization also provides food and clothing for poor and homeless people in the community. In 2017, we partnered with JHOR to build a youth camp in the Apuseni Mountains for orphan and vulnerable children.
In 2017, we launched an initiative called child:assist, which aims to change the world, one child at a time, by building a team of partners to provide health, opportunity, and hope for children around the world. child:assist is an engagement strategy that allows us to be intentional in our children programs, expanding our capacity to do more, and enabling us to meet needs proactively. Many donors joined the cause, committing to a monthly donation that supports these efforts.

An example of the child:assist program is the story of a boy named David. In 2017, Assist International in-country partner Hannington Segirinya met a severely malnourished young boy in Uganda named David. David had stopped taking his AIDS cocktail since it would not work without food, and he had given up all hope. Through Hannington, we were able to hospitalize David and provide proper nutrition for him. After two months of treatment, David had transformed into a happy, healthy young boy.

These two photos show David’s transformation.
Our community:assist programs meet the needs of communities, both locally and internationally.
In 2017, World Vision partnered with Assist International, and through this partnership, we’ve received much-needed supplies, including food, water, furniture, blankets, clothing, and personal hygiene products, that we then donate and distribute in partnership with local charities to some of the most vulnerable communities throughout the greater Bay Area and the Central Valley of California. Over 300 volunteers from our community have partnered with us to help sort through pallets and re-categorize items for new shipments.

In response to the Northern California wildfires during the fall of 2017, Assist International mobilized volunteers to help sort and distribute supplies for evacuees. Items included air mattresses, food, water, blankets, and clothing, and were delivered to The Promise Center in Santa Rosa and The Leaven in Napa. All of the supplies that were sent were originally donated to Assist International by World Vision.

We have many programs that help communities in low and middle-income countries. We work with our partners to provide sustainable income opportunities, whether through providing a sewing machine and training, a bicycle-powered irrigation pump used for farming, or teaching cooking and jewelry-making skills.
### Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

#### Assets
- Cash & cash equivalents - unrestricted $794,681
- Cash & cash equivalents - restricted 12,164,715
  - Total cash & cash equivalents 12,959,396
- Grant receivable 217,263
- Investments 168,402
- Other assets 13,200
  - Total current assets 13,358,261
  
#### Noncurrent assets:
- Inventory – project equipment and materials 3,906,997
- Property and equipment, net 2,214,162
  - Total noncurrent assets 6,121,159

**Total assets** $19,479,420

#### Liabilities & Net Assets

##### Current Liabilities
- Accounts payable and accrued expenses $84,716
- Notes Payable - current portion 55,494
  - Total current liabilities 140,210

##### Noncurrent Liabilities
- Notes Payable - noncurrent portion 1,034,616
- Security deposits 5,275
  - Total noncurrent liabilities 1,039,891

**Total liabilities** 1,180,101

#### Net Assets
- Without donor restrictions $3,903,591
- With donor restrictions 14,395,728
  - Total net assets 18,299,319

**Total liabilities and net assets** $19,479,420
### Consolidated Financial Statements

(For Year Ended December 31, 2016)

#### Consolidated Statements of Activities

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#### Expenses:

| Program activities                              | 10,180,042                  | -                       | 10,180,042 |
| Supporting activities:                          |                             |                         |           |
| General and administrative                      | 489,097                     | -                       | 489,097 |
| Fundraising                                     | 80,520                      | -                       | 80,520 |
| Total supporting activities                     | 549,617                     | -                       | 549,617 |
| Total expenses                                  | 10,709,659                  | -                       | 10,709,659 |
| Changes in net assets                           | 691,746                     | 4,312,676               | 5,004,422 |

#### Net assets, beginning of year, as restated

| 3,211,845                                      | 10,083,057                  | 13,794,897              |

#### Net assets, end of year

| $3,903,591                                      | $14,395,728                 | $18,299,319             |
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