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OUR MISSION

We partner with changemakers around the world to provide solutions that save lives and build resilient communities.

With all of our programs, we believe the best way to provide effective and sustainable solutions that bring about lasting positive impact is by coming alongside and working with in-country partners to empower them and increase their capacity.
AREAS OF FOCUS

At Assist International, we provide life-giving solutions for children, families, and communities around the world that bring health, opportunity, and hope.

- **oxygen:assist**
  We help build self-sufficient, financially-sustainable oxygen ecosystems that deliver vital medical oxygen into patient's lungs around the globe.

- **health:assist**
  We train, educate & provide life-saving equipment to healthcare providers in some of the world’s most low-resource settings.

- **child:assist**
  We work with indigenous partners to place orphaned and abandoned children in family-style homes where food, clean water, education, care and love are always mainstays.

- **community:assist**
  We provide emergency supplies, furniture, hygiene items, and household goods to families in need and local organizations that serve families in need.

- **wash:assist**
  We provide clean water in geographic communities that lack access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.
Dear Friends,

In a year that will go down in history, Assist International resolved to respond the way we did at first: one project, one individual, one community at a time. Through creative problem-solving, incredible partnerships, and devoted supporters, we found a way to face the many challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic to bring about life-saving relief worldwide.

Our work is more relevant now than ever before. During this last year, we’ve learned to implement creative solutions during crises, become more connected to our local partners, and grow more motivated than ever to provide relief to suffering communities near and far. We are in awe of all that has been accomplished together in 2020.

Thanks to the support of our friends and partners, our programs reach many more people facing urgent health needs around the world, as well as reaching many orphaned and abandoned children who are now cared for in one of our partner orphan family villages. We have distributed PPE (personal protective equipment) to healthcare workers, provided life-saving medical oxygen in low-resource settings, facilitated tele-education sessions to healthcare workers in over 128 countries, and so much more. As a result, our programs have played a unique role during a significant time for our world. In December of 2020, we were honored to celebrate a new milestone in our oxygen program. Assist International became an official member of the Million Lives Club, which acknowledges organizations directly impacting over 1,000,000 lives for those living on less than $5 a day. We are proud to be recognized as leaders in innovation that emphasizes the "last mile" of oxygen delivery, ensuring oxygen is accessible for patients in remote or low-resource settings, especially during this pandemic.

This year, we have also recognized our 30th Anniversary of Assist International. Three decades ago, our founders Bob and Charlene Pagett said “YES” to meeting the needs right in front of them, helping orphan children in Romania. That was the beginning of a journey that has provided healing and empowerment to thousands of men, women, and children.

As I reflect on the impact you’ve helped us make over the years, I recognize our work has only just begun. Looking ahead, we remain committed to scaling our efforts to inspiring change and impacting lives in our country and throughout the world. We are eager to see all that we will continue to accomplish together.

With gratitude,

RALPH SUDFELD
President & CEO of Assist International
2020 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

49,000+
Patients have been treated with oxygen from our plants

890
Equipment maintenance work orders completed by teams in Ethiopia which increased medical equipment uptime by 23% during COVID-19 surges

5
Ongoing children’s village partnerships provided homes, education, food and care for children

128
Countries engaged in our tele-mentoring program this year

68
Healthcare and biomedical-technician learners accessed our tele-mentoring sessions

59
Health facilities impacted through Safe Surgery in 2020 alone

$5.3+MILLION
Total value of goods distributed from World Vision partnership

50,000+
Large cylinders of medical oxygen distributed

93
Hospitals served with access to life-saving oxygen

1 MILLION+
Units of PPE (personal protective equipment) was distributed from Step Up in Crisis partnership to front line workers across the U.S.

Fire victim families received $750,000 in home goods through our community:assist program to start their lives again

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Over the last year, Assist International has been hard at work distributing essential supplies, medication, food, and equipment to countries facing increased needs worldwide: The COVID-19 pandemic created many challenges for each of our programs. Thanks to our committed community, we were able to equip those in need with support. We are in awe of all that was accomplished this year.

Orphan and vulnerable children have found the love of a family, patients struggling for breath received life-saving oxygen, and families in need found new strength to begin rebuilding their lives.

A GLOBAL RESPONSE

We launched a comprehensive COVID-19 series to provide healthcare professionals with remote training, mentoring, and support.

We joined our partners to distribute emergency medical supplies & food for those in lockdown from COVID-19.

Our community:assist program responded to the essential needs of families who are significantly impacted by COVID-19 and recent wildfires.

3,100 liters of liquid soap & 3,090 masks made for refugees & those in need across Northern Uganda.

Our experience with medical oxygen has been essential in reaching hospitals and health clinics with access to the tools and medication they need to save lives.

Alongside Step Up in Crisis, we distributed over 1M units of PPE to-date to front line healthcare workers across the United States.
IMPACT OF OUR COVID-19 RELIEF
Reaching the hurting with hope

“We had Assist International come in, and it’s partners, they came in to support us to make sure our families did not lack any single day. They gave us a lot support and were able to deliver food stuffs to the families that we work with. We were able to give them a new hope during such a hard time. Up to today, they still talk about it. People are so happy that we have been there with them from the beginning, until now.

— Hannington Segirinya
New Dawn Africa Foundation, Uganda

“I have told everyone that I do not know how we would have survived this year without the constant support from all of you and all the supporters of Assist International. You do so much to bring hope in the world.

— Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe
Sewing Hope Children’s Village, Uganda

Assist international support to Ethiopia at this very difficult time remains a lion share [of NGO support in Ethiopia] so far. We will never forget this.

— Yakob Seman Ahmed
Director General, Medical Services, Ethiopia Ministry of Health

Thank you for your donation. Loosing one’s home and belongings is a bewildering experience. The kindness of donations is both a tangible help, and a huge morale boost!

— Rebecca Braslau
Fire victim and community:assist recipient
THE FARM INITIATIVE:

With the onset of COVID-19 & the locust plague in East Africa, our partners who care for vulnerable children in Uganda were desperate for a consistent food supply.

In collaboration with change-makers like Sister Rosemary, and their team in Atiak, Uganda, we located acreage in the Adjumani District where we were able to plant an additional 30 acres of food for the children at Sewing Hope Children’s Home. In addition, with our partners at New Dawn Africa Foundation, 15 acres of maize were planted to feed children and low-income families. By the end of 2020, New Dawn had a wonderful harvest of maize and Sewing Hope was able to harvest an abundance of corn, rice, and amaron to feed the children’s village as well as store food for the future.

In addition, for our partners at New Dawn Africa Foundation, we were able to support their work to deliver critical HIV medication to families unable to access their medication in lockdown, and well as supply emergency food for families in their community.

Together with our child:assist partners, we launched three new farming initiatives to help grow a sustainable food supply, and maximize the seed for families & communities.
health:assist
SAFE SURGERY 2020

GE Foundation began Safe Surgery 2020 (SS2020) in 2015 with the goal of improving access to safe surgical care for the 17 million people who die each year from surgically-treatable conditions. Assist International lead the innovation segment of the initiative, while Jhpiego focused on leadership and Harvard Medical School's Program in Global Surgery and Social Change led evidence generation.

SS2020 is in the final stages of completion with programs in 2021.

Programs lead by Assist International from 2015 - 2020 impacted:

- **3 COUNTRIES:** ETHIOPIA, TANZANIA, AND CAMBODIA
- **5,000+** HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TRAINED
- **282** HEALTH & EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AFFECTED
- **150+** MEDICAL DEVICES DONATED
Programs that were a part of Safe Surgery interacted with each other to improve the surgical ecosystem at the target health facilities. Assist International provided the following portfolio of Safe Surgery programs over Safe Surgery’s five-year history:

**Surgical Equipment Sterilization Training**  
(Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Cambodia): In partnership with the Sterile Processing Education Charitable Trust, trainers taught hospital team members how to decrease the risk of infection related to re-useable medical devices and improve infection control practices.

**Safe Obstetric Anesthesia Training**  
(Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Cambodia): In partnership with the World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists, trainers provided an in-service training for anesthesia care providers (physician & non-physician) with primary focus on obstetric emergencies like hemorrhage, sepsis, eclampsia, and obstructed labor which cause 80% of maternal deaths.

**Facility Accelerator Fund (Ethiopia and Tanzania):**  
The Facility Accelerator Fund (FAF) was designed to support partner health facilities addressing identified gaps in surgical capacity. Small grants provided by the FAF allow clinical teams to resolve a self-identified barrier to providing safe surgical services.

**Clean Cut Sterilization Program**  
(Ethiopia):  
Clean Cut is a checklist-based intervention that focuses on reducing surgical infections by training surgical teams to time antibiotics correctly, decontaminate skin, perform surgical gauze counts, sterilize equipment, and maintain a sterile field.

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**Perioperative Enhancement Project (PEP)**  
(Tanzania and Cambodia):  
PEP provided health facilities with the key medical equipment needed to provide safe anesthesia and monitor patients.

**Project ECHO Tele-mentoring (Tanzania and Cambodia):**  
Project ECHO was a tele-mentoring model in which expert teams (hubs) use multi-point videoconferencing to conduct virtual clinics with community providers (spokes). This program focused on safe surgery, and featured case-based approaches to improve patient outcomes.

**Touch Surgery Surgical Training App**  
(Tanzania and Cambodia):  
Touch Surgery is a free mobile app based cognitive rehearsal tool. It is used to help surgeons and health professionals practice skills learned in trainings.
VIRTUAL LEARNING HUBS

REACHING HEALTHCARE WORKERS WORLDWIDE

Assist International has curated expertise in creating a tele-mentoring model that is both impactful and cost-effective. We began this program during the Safe Surgery 2020 program but have rapidly expanded it during the COVID-19 crisis. By connecting healthcare workers around the world with both local and international mentors, it was possible to share important knowledge quickly and effectively, even though travel was suspended.

We intend to harness this expertise to further scale and expand our program as an integral component of our ongoing COVID-19 response. Our model is agile, allowing us to significantly scale our program in response to the pandemic.

Assist International’s ECHO program is more than webinar-based didactic lectures. We deploy novel approaches to remote clinical education and aim to foster long-term learning and mentorship. This includes:

- The “Learning Resource Center”, an interactive course platform, custom designed for low-resource settings
- Live & interactive case-based lectures with simultaneous interpretation in multiple languages
- WhatsApp Community Groups for participants to ask questions, discuss experiences, and crowd-source solutions to local challenges
TELE-MENTORING CURRICULUM
Our tele-mentoring curricula cover a variety of critical topics for strengthening healthcare systems globally.

SAFE SURGERY
Provides cases-based discussions focusing on anesthesia, equipment sterilization, surgical skills, and clinical leadership skills.

Contexts: Tanzania & Cambodia

COVID-19:
Focuses on Critical Care and Oxygen Therapy in the context of COVID-19 in partnership with Stanford Global Anesthesia.

Contexts: Global

BMET:
Focuses on maintenance and repair of key health devices & equipment.

Contexts: Global

THE IMPACT
Our model is agile, allowing us to significantly scale our program in response to urgent needs like the COVID-19 pandemic.

82%
Our participants tell us that tele-mentoring is valuable and relevant to their work! 82% of participants will “probably” or “definitely” change their clinical practice based on learnings from this program.

$281,000
Tele-mentoring provides high-quality instruction for a fraction of in-person costs. In the course of one year, switching to weekly tele-mentoring sessions from in-person mentoring sessions can result in $281,000 in savings.

10,000+
To date, over 10,000 healthcare providers and medical equipment technicians from 128 countries around the world have registered to participate in our various tele-mentoring programs.

80
Over 80 global healthcare professionals have supported our clinical programs as expert instructors and panelists, ensuring recommendations are both accurate and context appropriate.

73%
Participants reported triple the confidence in their ability to perform key healthcare tasks after tele-mentoring sessions, and 73% of participants describe our tele-mentoring model as equally or more useful than in-person mentoring.
“Empowering the workers with knowledge is what matters before we think of having equipment. Because we can have equipment that you don’t know how to use. It’s a white elephant. Having these sessions running and reaching the far ends of the providences and rural areas where they are now able to identify a critical patient—this is what matters.”

— Dr. Papytcho Ntambwe, Clinical Director, Livingstone Central Hospital in Zambia

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After the success of the original ImPACT Africa Anesthesia program in Kenya, the program expanded into Ethiopia. The ImPACT Ethiopia program was designed to improve the safety of anesthesia and perioperative care by enhancing in-service education and training for non-physician anesthesia providers in the Amhara and Tigray regions.

Using a combination of powerful training tools, the program aimed to expand education capacity at regional academic institutions and empower anesthesia educators to teach anesthesia more effectively in the classroom, operating room, and simulation center. Simulation centers allow students to practice a variety of common anesthesia issues in a safe and controlled environment. These efforts result in more anesthesia teachers of the highest quality, larger numbers of anesthesia graduates trained every year in high-need regions, and greater skill and confidence among graduates through simulation training.

The focus on training and education was closely aligned with the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health’s Surgical Workforce Expansion Plan and Anesthesia National Roadmap. The program has been implemented in partnership with The ELMA Foundation, the GE Foundation, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Bahir Dar University, and Mekelle University.
RESULTS
Despite significant challenges from national COVID-19 shutdowns and civil conflicts, the program achieved substantial results.

- 2 simulation labs were constructed
- The total number of anesthesia educators across both regions more than tripled, increasing from 20 to 64
- The total number of non-physician anesthesia students that could be trained yearly across both regions increased from 38 to 63
- With the increase in the number of educators, Mekelle University was able to open a new anesthesia master’s program, training an additional 18 students
- Anesthesia safety also increased. Both institutions increased their use of the Safe Surgery Checklist, a tool statistically proven to increase safety and reduce deaths, from less than 65% of surgeries to more than 97% of surgeries

LOOKING AHEAD
We are excited to expand the program to three teaching hospitals in Tanzania in 2021.
MOST (Mobile Obstetric Simulation Training)

- MOST is designed to train clinicians who serve expectant mothers working in hospitals throughout Ethiopia. It targets the entire clinical team (obstetricians, medical officers, maternity nurses, anesthesia providers, pediatricians, midwives) caring for the mother and newborn in a crisis situation.

- MOST incorporates didactics on obstetric emergencies, teamwork concepts of crisis resource management, and hands-on simulation training for the most prevalent peripartum emergencies and neonatal resuscitation.

- Through our educational partnerships, the MOST program team taught 13 trainers how to train their colleagues about obstetric emergency best practices through hybrid simulation. These trainers then provided MOST hybrid simulation training to 222 healthcare providers across 8 hospitals in Amhara and Tigray.

One participant said about MOST Trainings:

“... My General Reflection as Local Program coordinator and MOST trainer, I’m so impressed by the advancement you made on training aids like Mama Birthie and the patient monitoring. As a person working in a developing set up, we really have lack of skill wise trainings and our junior colleagues lack refresh courses once after they graduate from school. And I have witnessed how really affect daily patient care and make our patients cost their lives for our mistakes. I can say this is eye opener training. Hope we will continue to do it.”

- MOST trainers trained in hybrid simulation and MOST facilitation
- Healthcare providers participated in MOST trainings across Amhara and Tigray
- Improvement in test scores
- Hospitals received training
HEALTH TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT (HTM)

Biomedical technicians (BMETs) are the unsung heroes of hospitals around the globe. They perform preventative maintenance on medical equipment to keep it working long term, and they repair broken equipment to make them safe to use on patients again. Since 2012, Assist International provided comprehensive skills training for qualified biomedical technicians through education, practical and professional experiences, and mentorship to optimize existing medical equipment at program hospitals.

From the inception of the BMET program to date, Assist International and partner Engineering World Health there have been:

548 People Trained
155 Sites Affected
8 Countries Served

In 2020, BMET program teams focused on three key areas:

1. HTM Ethiopia COVID-19 Response
2. Tanzania HTM Hub and Spoke Program
3. Mali Oxygen Concentrator Repair and Maintenance Remote Training Program
HTM Ethiopia
COVID-19 Response

As COVID-19 ravaged the globe in 2020, countries across the Global South needed increased numbers of medical devices. However, none of this equipment was produced in-country, and all nations ordering new equipment faced interminable wait times as the entire world competed for the limited supply of this equipment. Based on our previous training and repair experience in Ethiopia, we knew there were hundreds of ventilators, oxygen concentrators, and patient monitors that were already in facilities but not in use because of minor issues or lack of accessories. Since these hospitals could not buy new machines, we mobilized our BMETs to assess critical care devices in the hopes of getting them back into service instead.

After an initial assessment of COVID-19 related medical equipment, we ordered over 2100 individual parts, ranging from small filters for ventilators to temperature probes to oxygen sensors. Most of the repair parts were for ventilators, patient monitors, and oxygen concentrators.

Results

- **890** maintenance activities across **34** health facilities increased the percent of active, functional equipment by **23%** on average (70% of the equipment is now functional)

- Trained **60** local technicians across **14** sites

- Provided the Federal Ministry of Health maintenance team with important tools and test equipment
We received the following report that we believe summarizes the impact of this capacity-building investment. This is written by Dr. Zebenay, the Clinical Director of Tibebe Ghion Specialized Hospital (TGSH). TGSH has been one of the COVID-19 maintenance sites in the Amhara Region:

“\[It is to be recalled that Assist International in collaboration with Tibebe Ghion Specialized Hospital made assessment of COVID-19 medical devices back in June 2020. Accordingly, status of 83 medical devices found in ICU, Emergency, OR and Pediatric departments were assessed. The assessment revealed that only 31 out of 83 (37% of) medical devices were found to be functional, and the rest were non-functional requiring spare parts, accessories, and/or consumables (PACs).]

Thanks to the generous support of PACs procured and donated to our hospital by Assist International, and the committed biomeds mobilized by Assist International, I was very happy to learn that 46 medical devices have been maintained and returned back to service increasing the percentage of functional medical devices in those departments from 37% to 93%.

This amazing achievement demonstrates to all of us that the availability of PACs (donated by Assist International) coupled with the local maintenance capacity (built by Assist International during pre-COVID Safe Surgery 2020 program implemented in Amhara region) has helped our hospital increase equipment functionality by 56% in those key departments.”

TANZANIA MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE CENTER

In 2018, Assist International launched a Medical Equipment Maintenance Center (MEMC) at two hub hospitals that provide maintenance services for institutions in the region. A team of trained biomedical engineers, technicians, and artisans are based out of each MEMC and travel to sites monthly. This team serves equipment within the surgical and maternal/child care modalities. Assist International delivered two brand agnostic, in-service trainings, following a Training-of-Trainers model to ensure that these participants would be able to replicate trainings for other BMETs.

- **83%** of targeted equipment is now active and fully functional, up from **64%**
- Nearly **half** of this increase can be attributed to increases in access to repair parts
- **200** devices are now available for patient use which were out of service
- Hospital administration in Mara ensured program sustainability by setting aside a budget for repair parts, maintenance, and BMET salaries after seeing the impressive work of the BMETs

Mali Oxygen Concentrator Repair and Maintenance Training Program

In partnership with the DAK Foundation, 16 BMETs in Mali received practical, skill-based training modules on the maintenance and repair of oxygen concentrators and pulse oximeters. The 2-day BMET training was conducted in close collaboration with the Muso Health team and biomedical engineering professionals at the Mali Ministry of Health offices.
oxygen: assist
Medical oxygen is a common, necessary, and life-saving treatment for a wide variety of patients. From the neonatal ICU to the surgical suite, medical oxygen is always in high demand. However, throughout the Global South, complex supply chains, irregular power supplies, and budget constraints make accessing adequate volumes of medical oxygen difficult. COVID-19 has greatly exacerbated this problem, increasing both the number of patients who need medical oxygen and the quantity of oxygen they need to consume.

With persistent advocacy and strategic partnerships with government partners and local NGOs, we designed a comprehensive ecosystem model that provided an integrative approach to the systemic bottlenecks to oxygen access. This included an innovative public-private partnership (PPP) model, supply chain and transport solutions, equipment procurement, and clinical and technical trainings. During COVID-19, our programs were bolstered by added partnerships. In response to pandemic-related surges in oxygen demand, we mobilized resources and leveraged our expertise in oxygen systems to optimize oxygen production and distribution at our existing PSA plants.

Over the years, we have developed significant assets, know-how, and expertise in plant maintenance/repair that can be leveraged to repair plants established by other entities on a preventative or reactive basis. This has become a significant need during the pandemic. These services have been provided by our own staff and our network of service providers. Moreover, we are involved with several groups such as the WHO oxygen partners coordination working group, that allow us to engage regularly with the United Nations and partner agencies, as well as ensure we are aligned on needs, guidelines, and standards.

Our combined efforts to establish, repair, and optimize oxygen plants have led to significantly improved health outcomes and access to care. To date, we have established seven (7) PSA oxygen plants and filled over 117,000 large 40-L oxygen cylinders that have served a network of over 185 hospitals across Rwanda, Kenya, and Ethiopia. Over the past 6 years, our modelling shows 4.1 million patients have accessed inpatient care at facilities with meaningfully increased access to oxygen, and our work has led to statistically significant decreases in pneumonia mortality in participating program hospitals. We believe that our pre-pandemic efforts “primed” health systems to care for COVID-19 patients, by preparing and equipping facilities with the resources and know-how needed to care for patients requiring oxygen support. These efforts have been further supplemented by our ongoing activities to optimize PSA plants by supplying power generators, cylinders, delivery trucks, equipment, and ongoing mentorship.
Assist International has been providing comprehensive oxygen solutions in low-resource settings with the goal of saving lives and improving health outcomes since 2007. Our solution is an all-inclusive, sustainable model of oxygen delivery that includes production, distribution, maintenance, and training. Our focus is transforming oxygen ecosystems by providing integrated solutions to critical barriers faced in low-resource settings.

Along with our partners, we’ve established oxygen centers that provide affordable, reliable oxygen to many health facilities. Our design ensures local ownership and long-term sustainability, creating lasting change. Through these oxygen centers, our modeling indicates 4.1 million patients have been able to access inpatient care at facilities with meaningfully increased access to oxygen.

Our oxygen plants in Ethiopia accomplished the following in 2020:

- **49,000+** Patients have been treated with oxygen from our Amhara plants
- **93** Hospitals served with access to life-saving oxygen
- **50,000+** Cylinders of medical oxygen distributed
- **469** Clinicians trained on medical oxygen best practices

A neonatal ICU nurse said the following about the oxygen her hospital receives:

“**In previous times, we lost many children because of lack oxygen. Since oxygen is critically important for neonates to survive, the oxygen plant saves the lives of many neonates that could be dead because of the lack of oxygen.**”
wash:assist
ALLIANCE FOR
NAVAJO SUSTAINABILITY

Helping to increase water access, develop local agriculture, and improve overall health for our neighbors — the Navajo people.

COVID-19 has highlighted the long-existing and intensifying lack of water security on Navajo Nation lands. As a result, the Alliance for Navajo Sustainability was formed as an effort to provide immediate water access and develop agricultural systems leading to improved overall health. The Alliance for Navajo Sustainability is a dedicated partnership comprised of corporations, universities and non-profit organizations dedicated to working with the leadership of the Navajo Nation to change these statistics.

Together we are working to:

- Develop 300 new water access points
- Increase local agriculture to improve 1,000 family farms
- Train the trainers in health, water quality, agriculture, & business management
- Establish a Navajo owned & operated drilling rig
- Increase economic sustainability
You can dodge COVID-19 by social distancing, by staying home, and by wearing masks. But you can’t dodge being without water. You can only live for three days without water, and so, water is life.”

— DR. RUDY SHEBALA
Ph.D., Director of Natural Resources for the Navajo Nation
OUR CHILD:ASSIST PROGRAMS

We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to live a healthy, productive life, and there is nothing more life-changing than providing a child with a family and education. That's why we care for orphaned and vulnerable children by developing and sustaining family-style orphan villages. **Using our experience from 30+ years working with children in need around the world,** we aim to partner with established leadership team to build, grow, and nurture the organization, bringing lasting hope to communities in need. We aim to create lasting and sustainable change by equipping indigenous organizations and individuals with the tools, infrastructure, knowledge, and resources to improve the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children around the world.

This year, the COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the many needs already facing children worldwide as millions must navigate hunger, abuse, and isolation. Together, we are helping children and those caring for them rise above this crisis stronger than before by equipping our child:assist partners with the tools and resources they need to provide lasting change.
In 2000, Ionut Husa and his sister were rescued and given a new family at Caminul Felix. Ionut shared, "Caminul Felix changed my life for the better. It gave me what my biological family could not give me. Here I got love, education, I learned to be a steadfast and self-confident person, I've learned moral judgment, and more..."

When Ionut grew up, he married his wife Aura, and they had two children of their own. Knowing firsthand how difficult it is for a child to deal with abandonment, Ionut realized that he could offer children what they needed most — support and unconditional love. In 2020, Ionut and Aura were approved as house parents and welcomed six children into their home!

Aura shared, at first the children were very scared, but then Ionut told them that he grew up in one of the homes in Caminul Felix, just two houses down the road. "They looked at Ionut and could not believe it... you could see it on their faces that they felt safe and peaceful." As Ionut and Aura were getting to know each of their children, Aura asked their oldest 17-year-old son, Florin, who his role model was. Aura shared, "We were amazed when he told us that Ionut was his role model... I asked him, "Why is Ionut your role model? He is a person right here next to you! I thought you were going to say a celebrity?" But Florin said, "My role model is Ionut because he was abandoned like I was, he went through what I went through, had the same childhood at Caminul Felix as I have. Now he has a beautiful family. He has beautiful children, and eventually, his past did not define him. Now, he came here to become a parent and be an example to the children that went through the same things as him."

The Hosu Family's story is just one example of the transformation we witness. As children's lives are transformed, they are the ones who will go back out into their communities, their countries, and into the world to share the love and hope they have received with others. Thank you for those who continually give generously to see lives transformed!
CAMINUL FELIX
ORADEA, ROMANIA

Caminul Felix is Assist International's first and longest-operating program. Today, Caminul Felix has two orphan villages and a total of 16 homes, six in Village One and ten in Village Two, each providing a mother and father for orphaned and abandoned children. Each home cares for up to 14 children.

"It is wonderful to see part of the needs being covered by generous donors in the U.S... It is beautiful to see the Lord and meet result of your compassionate hard work." — Lars Hornberg, Founder

This year, Assist International has remained actively involved in supporting Caminul Felix through the many challenges presented by COVID-19, infrastructure projects, school fees, and by raising sponsorships for children.

FELIX FAMILY VILLAGE
SURAT THANI, THAILAND

Nearly 15 years ago, Felix Family Village was established in Surat Thani, Thailand to help children in crisis find the love of an adopted family! Today, this ten-home orphan village enables children and young people who have been orphaned or abandoned to find the love of a family. Most of these children lost their biological parents to HIV/AIDS.

During the pandemic, we continued to partner with our friends at Felix Thailand with ongoing needs as well as supported their efforts in teaching children how to plant and harvest their own food, and establishing a farming initiative for improved food security.
NEW DAWN AFRICA FOUNDATION
ENTEBBE, UGANDA

We are proud to partner with New Dawn to support a variety of programs, including a nutrition plan for mothers & infants, a beauty school, a counseling program for people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as educational & farming initiatives.

At the onset of COVID-19 in 2020, we came alongside our partners at New DAWN Africa Foundation as they distributed critical HIV medication by bicycle to those in the surrounding community who could not leave their homes due to the lockdown, as well as supported their farming initiatives to strengthen their food security and provide emergency resources to children and families who are HIV positive.

“During the start of COVID-19 we started a demonstration Garden to help empower our families that started feeling the blows of COVID-19... What is most interesting is that some are sharing with their (sic) neighbors, thereby embracing the culture of being our brothers keepers. Thanks a lot for walking the journey with us to making many lives better.”
— Hannington Segirinya, New Dawn Africa Foundation

JHOR / ONESIMOS HOUSE
TIMISOARA, ROMANIA

JHOR addresses the needs of vulnerable people of all ages, caring for orphans at Onesimus House as well as programs to house the elderly and feed the poor.

Based in Timisoara, Romania, JHOR addresses the needs of vulnerable people of all ages, providing housing, meals on wheels for those in difficult circumstances, service for AIDS patients, food and clothing for the poor, and more. Assist International counts it a privilege to partner with this outstanding Romanian, humanitarian outreach. During this pandemic, we were able to come alongside their work to support their programs and ensure that every child came through this pandemic healthy and strong.
SEWING HOPE CHILDREN’S VILLAGE
ATIAK, UGANDA

We have partnered with Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe to build ten homes, a school and are completing a medical clinic, supporting her vision to provide housing, education, and care for orphaned children, young women, and refugees in Northern Uganda.

As a native of Uganda and one of Time Magazines 100 Most Influential People in the world in 2014, Sr. Rosemary has been a beacon of light to her community for nearly 20 years by living a life that defines hope. At Assist International, we have come alongside Sr. Rosemary for the last seven years, helping expand her reach into Atiak, Uganda through Sewing Hope Children’s Village and Tailoring School. At the start of this pandemic, Sewing Hope needed an immediate emergency food supply AND a sustainable long-term solution. Together, we launched new farming initiative to combat severe effects of hunger and malnutrition and strength for a bright future.

“The most important way to empower women is by putting their destiny in their own hands!”
— Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe

AIDS ORPHAN EDUCATION TRUST
JINJA, UGANDA

Founded in 2000, AOET consists of many child welfare, education, and health programs that impacts over 4,000 children every day. Assist International partnered with AOET when they were caring for less than 300 children; today they reach over 4000! The AOET Children’s Village, located in Jinja and Lira Uganda, includes 26 homes and foster families.

This year, we were able to provide immediate assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic by distributing ongoing supply of emergency food and hygiene items to the families and children across AOET’s programs. With house parents out of work and children unable to attend school, we helped these families overcome uncertain and difficult circumstances this year.
2017 - 2020
COMMUNITY:ASSIST IMPACT TO DATE

Our community:assist program, in partnership with World Vision and others, works to provide supplies and opportunities to those in need within our local community & around the world.

### DONATED GOODS

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### VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS

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The COVID-19 mandates have created challenges for many of our volunteers, but it didn't stop them from offering their time & support! Our community:assist staff trained a team of safety compliant volunteers who have diligently served to keep our program running during the pandemic and distribute goods to families in need.

The COVID-19 changes also enabled us to see that we could streamline the number of partner groups and volunteers in the warehouse and still maintain the program at three truckload deliveries per week.

2020 IMPACT:

405 GROUP PICKUPS & DELIVERIES
2531 TOTAL PALLET DISTRIBUTED
12 AVERAGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS SERVING EVERYDAY
57 TOTAL VOLUNTEERS DURING COVID-19
$5.3+M TOTAL VALUE OF GOODS DONATED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WORLD VISION / COSTCO
Together with our partners Step Up in Crisis, we imported and distributed over $1,684,797 in PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) including the 1.75 million surgical masks pictured here in our warehouse! At the onset of the pandemic, there was a shortage of PPE in the U.S. and our partnership with SUiC helped fill that gap.

During this critical time in our world, we were able to meet the needs of frontline workers across our nation with the protection they needed to continue saving lives.

ONE WILDFIRE FAMILY'S STORY

Deborah Keenan lost everything to the Paradise wildfire. While she was evacuating her home, her truck caught fire and she was escorted out of the flames to a shelter-in-place near the local hospital where Deborah assisted elderly patients into transportation vehicles (pictured center).

Through our community:assist program, we were able to help the Keenan family with furniture and supplies to begin rebuilding their life. The Keenan family is one of hundreds of wildfire victims who have been helped through this program.

"I hope you realize just how much I appreciated every single item given! Your gift made it possible for me to have my family with me comfortable and cozy during the holidays and I can never thank you enough. It is such a relief to be in a home again and feel safe.... your gift has definitely made the transition much easier. My love to all of you and the companies that donated so generously. You are all the greatest gift I received. Much love and gratitude."

— Deborah Keenan
# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For Year Ended December 31, 2020

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

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**WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS**

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- Gain (Loss) from Foreign Currency Transactions: $26,807
- Net Assets Released from Restrictions: $15,987,499

**WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS**

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- Contributed Equipment, Materials and Services: $6,345,673
- Gain (Loss) from Foreign Currency Transactions: $0
- Net Assets Released from Restrictions: $0

**TOTAL**

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- Contributed Equipment, Materials and Services: $6,345,673
- Gain (Loss) from Foreign Currency Transactions: $26,807
- Net Assets Released from Restrictions: $(4,354,023)
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSE ALLOCATION

General & Administrative 3.3%  .6%
Fundraising

Program 96.1%

96.1 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to meet needs of the world’s vulnerable people!

The annual audit of the financial statements of Assist InternationalSM is available upon request. Assist InternationalSM is audited annually by Ronald Blue & Co. CPAs and Consultants, LLP.
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