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Cyclone Freddy: RESPONDING TO A CRISIS AND PREPARING FOR THE AFTERMATH

Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo (APZU), as Partners In Health is known in Malawi, responded decisively after Cyclone Freddy devastated parts of the country in March 2023. More than 670 deaths were reported, along with thousands of injuries. Many people are still living in crowded camps, as more than 659,000 were displaced from their homes due to flooding, mudslides, and strong winds.

At the request of the Ministry of Health, APZU teams jumped into action to support emergency response efforts in two rural districts heavily impacted by the storm. APZU's mobile clinics have provided more than 19,000 outpatient visits in 88 camps to date, providing an array of medical services and psychological first aid. APZU has also provided food packages, household materials, and plastic sheets to displaced families struggling in the cyclone's aftermath.

Cyclone Freddy was the third devastating storm to hit Malawi in the past 14 months, compounding the existing climate-related impacts on the country's most vulnerable people. Tropical Storm Ana struck in January 2022 and Cyclone Gombe in March 2022, leading to a deadly (and ongoing) cholera outbreak. During the most recent emergency response, APZU has led assessments to identify urgent needs and prepare for the possible spread of cholera.

It will take some time for the country to recover from this disaster. But, thanks to your partnership, the APZU team has the necessary resources to do whatever it takes to help families recover—while ensuring that this disaster response work is integrated into PIH's long-term commitment to strengthen Malawi's public health sector.



Above: Settea Benard, a resident of the Miondo camp for people displaced by Cyclone Freddy, receives a blanket and food package as part of PIH's response efforts. *Photo by Caitlin Kleiboer / PIH*

Cover photo: Residents of a camp for displaced Cyclone Freddy survivors in Somo, Chikwawa line up as PIH staff provide clinical services. *Photo by Zack DeClerck / PIH*

CEO's Letter

Dear Friends,

I recently gathered in Boston with Partners In Health leaders from across our global sites. It was inspiring to spend the week together, and I was deeply moved by their dedication and collective vision.

These courageous PIH leaders, from the 11 countries where we work, are blazing new paths to bring hope and health to the communities their teams serve. From expanding clinical capacity and training the next generation of global health leaders, to preparing for the next emergency response, they are pushing the movement for global health equity into new frontiers of possibility. I know our beloved co-founder Paul would be proud of the extraordinary community we continue to build.

During our gathering in Boston, a central theme emerged: no matter what challenges we face, we lean into our agility and innovation as an organization and continue to evolve—with patients always at the core of our work. Every nurse, every doctor, every community health worker, every driver, every administrator, and every single member of our PIH team puts patients first—it's why we refer to them as our "bosses." Each day, our staff provides lifesaving care, strengthens health systems, trains health care providers, influences policy, and contributes to replicable models of care delivery. Across every aspect of our work, we are breaking cycles of poverty and inequity to serve as an antidote to despair.

We truly are strongest together, and we couldn't do this work without your support and commitment to our common cause. Thank you for your partnership.

In solidarity,

Dr. Sheila Davis
Chief Executive Officer

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS of Haiti's Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais

For the past decade, Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais (HUM) has served as a pillar of the Haitian health care system. In partnership with the Haitian Ministry of Health, Zanmi Lasante—as PIH is known locally—opened this 300-bed facility in March 2013 and now serves 1,250 outpatients each day, conducts surgery across six suites, and delivers more than 350 babies monthly—among many accomplishments.



Photo by Nadia Todres for PIH

As an internationally accredited teaching institution, HUM has already graduated 194 Haitian clinicians from 10 specialties, including emergency and family medicine, surgery, pediatrics, and OBGYN. Despite experiencing the instability of political upheaval and gang violence in the country, the hospital and its staff remain a destination for those seeking lifesaving care and support in times of crisis, all thanks to your consistent support.

Butaro District Hospital Expansion PROMISES ACCESS TO SPECIALIZED CARE

Thanks to this incredible PIH community, construction is advancing at Butaro District Hospital (BDH) in Rwanda to expand its current capacity and increase access to specialized care, all of which will be key in its function as a newly accredited teaching hospital for PIH's University of Global Health Equity, which sits on the opposite hillside.

The hospital's extensive expansion and remodeling are scheduled for completion by the end of June and will house the new gynecology unit, an expanded outpatient department, increased surgical and obstetrics beds, and fully equipped wards. The facility will also include a new emergency department, imaging unit, pediatric and oncology wards, and oxygen plant. Finishing touches are underway, with an access road being prepared to welcome patients in the coming months.



Photo by Asher Habinshuti / PIH

Progress on the Maternal Center of Excellence

In many of the countries where PIH works, maternal mortality rates are some of the worst in the world. In Sierra Leone, where the lifetime risk of a woman dying in pregnancy or childbirth is 1 in 20, the Maternal Center of Excellence (MCOE) will be a critical resource for women, expectant mothers, and newborns.

Thanks to donors' generosity, construction on the MCOE is in full swing next to Koidu Government Hospital, a PIH-supported facility in the Kono District of Sierra Leone. This new state-of-the-art facility will expand the hospital's maternal health services and host women before and after delivery. It will also include an outpatient department for family planning services, prenatal care, and cervical cancer screening and treatment—among other services.

The quality care mothers and newborns receive in Sierra Leone extends to other countries as well.

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Medical and social services support new and expectant mothers—helping them navigate the health system and access medication and additional care, including free mental health counseling.

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Families have access to a recently renovated neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at PIH-supported Kirehe District Hospital, where premature infants receive oxygen therapy and expert care, and mothers learn breastfeeding techniques and how to care for their newborns. The nearby Pediatric Development Clinic also supports families of newborns at risk of death or developmental delays through nutritional support, group education, and home visits.

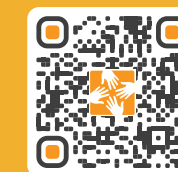


CIRCLE: Isatu Mondeh and her daughter, Destiny Joy, who was delivered safely at a PIH-supported hospital in Sierra Leone. Photo by Maya Brownstein / PIH

BELOW: Construction crews work hard as the Maternal Center of Excellence buildings take shape. Photo by Sabrina Charles / PIH



A group from the Global Nurse Executive Fellowship, a weeklong intensive for nurses and midwives, fellows, and alumni, outside Kirehe District Hospital. Photo by Asher Habinshuti / PIH



**CHECK OUT THE MCOE
IN THIS VIDEO** from a recent visit by John Green, a PIH trustee and supporter. Scan QR Code or go to PIH.org/greenatmcoe

With your support last year, we provided quality maternal care globally through:



147,300
prenatal care
visits



58,000 safe
facility-based
deliveries



Over 13,800
medically necessary,
lifesaving C-sections



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Meredith "Mimi" Zabolio

Mimi spent time in rural Haiti researching child malnutrition and learned about PIH when a friend gave her "Mountains Beyond Mountains."

"I worked with dedicated Haitian physicians and nurses but there are not enough of them. I am so pleased PIH continues to train and empower local medical staff. It is this long-term perspective that has me committed to PIH."

Mimi wanted to give more to PIH and increase her income through retirement. Establishing a charitable gift annuity allowed her to create a legacy with PIH and receive dependable payments for life.

Reflecting on her legacy with PIH, she shared: "PIH is building the future, not just alleviating immediate needs. This approach will have a more permanent benefit in the long run."

Learn more about legacy giving or run a sample gift annuity calculation today at legacy.PIH.org.

ACTION & IMPACT

Your support has deep and measurable impact. Our global work to improve health care in marginalized communities is possible because of you.



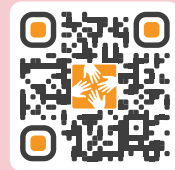
2.9 million outpatient visits

Compassionate care is available at PIH-supported facilities



845,600 home visits

Community health workers deliver care and support directly to families



SEE MORE OF YOUR IMPACT

PIH.org/impact-2022

OPHELIA DAHL RECOGNIZED with Radcliffe Medal

In May, Ophelia Dahl, a PIH co-founder and lifelong social justice advocate, received the Radcliffe Medal, a Harvard University honor that recognizes individuals who have had a transformative impact on society, joining a prestigious list of awardees, including Dolores Huerta, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Toni Morrison. Dahl shared her reflections on global health, her memories of Co-founder Dr. Paul Farmer, and some of the greatest challenges—and sources of hope—she sees in the world.

READ THE FULL CONVERSATION

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'Global health' ... is a field that embraces everybody.

OPHELIA DAHL



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