



2020

# ANNUAL REPORT

THE AFYA FOUNDATION

# A WORD FROM OUR FOUNDER



Dear Afya Family,

2020 was an intense year in which we all experienced tremendous change. Afya has always focused on the stark differences in access to healthcare worldwide. The COVID-19 pandemic has created an even deeper divide among those who have access to healthcare and the supplies needed to deliver it. Afya continues to support the fight for access to quality healthcare. With the donations of time, supplies and financial contributions from our supporters we can continue to provide much needed medical supplies across the country and around the world to those who need it most.

For the past 12 years, Afya has delivered medical and humanitarian support to communities impacted by disasters or suffering from a chronic lack-of-resources. Last spring, as Coronavirus cases skyrocketed, Afya took the lessons we learned from over a decade of delivering relief abroad and brought them home.

Afya made 2020 the year of the pivot. First, we listened to the calls from healthcare workers from across the tri-state area. For example a nurse in Brooklyn told us, "the ER feels like a war zone." We were able to respond both quickly and in force by immediately delivering vital PPE directly to those in need.





In 2020, Afya delivered over 2 million masks and 4 million pieces of PPE across the globe. We made 445 deliveries which included more than 250 partners in the tri-state area alongside 20 countries spread across six continents.

In the midst of the summer of Covid, Beirut, Lebanon was hit by an historic explosion. Afya quickly collected, packed, and delivered 10 large shipments of life-saving medical supplies straight to partners on the ground in the disaster zone.

In the US, the virus continues to impact at-risk groups disproportionately. Afya has delivered eight shipments of beds, wheelchairs, and critical eldercare

material to vulnerable seniors in the Navajo Nation. We plan to continue supporting our Native American partners.

This Annual Report will serve to show Afya's accomplishments during 2020. As always, our appreciation for our donors and the supporters who have kept us going through it all is boundless. But this year, our greatest thanks go to our staff - 20-odd essential individuals have kept the wheels on the bus turning. Thank you to this courageous group, and thank you to our entire community for enabling us to have tremendous impact in 2020.

Health and happiness to all in 2021,  
Danielle Butin, MPH, OTR  
Founder & CEO of the Afya Foundation

# THIS YEAR AT AFYA

**January - Australian Bush Fires**  
Delivered wound care material to bush animal rescue mission

**January - Puerto Rico Earthquakes**  
Sent 2 containers and a temporary ICU tent to earthquake effected areas

**March - Covid hits & Afya delivers**  
Amidst the first lockdown, first responders of all stripes requested PPE. Afya delivered PPE to hospitals & healthcare facilities, often running boxes of masks through the front doors straight into the hands of healthcare workers.

**May - South Africa Shipment**  
Durable medical equipment & elder care supplies left Yonkers

**February - PPE Delivery to Wuhan**  
Shipped PPE and other medical supplies to Wuhan at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic

**April - Delivering PPE**  
Delivered PPE to over 100 healthcare facilities, including major hospitals, federally qualified health centers, community organizations, & emergency response teams

**June - Protecting Protestors**  
Donated over 1200 reusable fabric masks to protestors & community organizers participating in New York George Floyd protests.





**July - 500k Bars of Soap Delivered**  
Partners in Botswana and Namibia received over 64,000 lbs of soap

**July - Delivering NY Goody bags**  
12,000 goody bags delivered to healthcare workers in partnership with Gov. Cuomo

**September - Serving Schools with PPE**  
Over 20,000 pieces of PPE distributed to support the re-opening public schools

**November - Puerto Rico Continues**  
Second round of shipments to our partners in Puerto Rico commenced

**August - Beirut Explosion Response**  
10 large shipments of PPE and wound care material valued at over \$2.7 million delivered to four hospitals and multiple clinics

**October - Native Elders Shipments Begin**  
Prepared and shipped 8 deliveries of PPE and elder care supplies to native elders across the Western US, including Yurok, Lakota, Navajo, & Apache tribes.

**December - Holiday Volunteer from Home**  
Volunteers began organizing medical supplies at home with the Boxes for Life program



# PLACES SERVED



## Countries:

Australia	Honduras
Bahamas	Lebanon
Belize	Namibia
Bolivia	Philippines
Botswana	South Africa
China	St Lucia
Dominica	Sudan
Dominican Republic	Tanzania
Ghana	Ukraine
Haiti	United States

## States:

Arizona	Utah
California	Puerto Rico
Connecticut	
Florida	
Illinois	
New Mexico	
New Jersey	
New York	
South Dakota	
Texas	



# 2020 BY THE NUMBERS

**445** total shipments

**20** countries impacted

**4,156,366** individual pieces of PPE delivered

**2,067,515** masks delivered

**511,847** pounds of material delivered

**\$5,120,367** value of material delivered

**1,783** individual volunteers

**14,820** hours served by volunteers



# AFYA'S ONGOING PROGRAMS

Afya uses time and resources wisely to leverage the ability to make a difference through our four medical supplies & equipment delivery programs.

## Disaster Response & Recovery

Afya works with those on the ground in impacted regions to identify the specific health & humanitarian needs following a disaster & during the recovery period.



## Health System Strengthening

We work with partners to assess their needs and deliver tailored shipments.



## Elder Care Support

With adequate supplies like walkers, wheelchairs, mattresses, diapers, and more, elders can age in place with dignity.



## Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers Safety Net

Afya fills the medical supply gap for these under-resourced FQHCs





# 2020'S MOST IMPACTFUL PROGRAMS

2020 began with fires erupting across Australia and unrelenting earthquakes in Puerto Rico. Then, the Coronavirus hit. Covid-19 sent the world into lockdown and Afya into action. Check out where we spent the majority of our energy this year!

## Explosion in Beirut, Lebanon

10 shipments  
212,993 lbs delivered



## Coronavirus in New York

365 shipments  
95,447 lbs delivered



## Covid-19 Impacting Indigenous Elders

8 shipments  
22,032 lbs delivered



## Puerto Rico Earthquakes & Ongoing Aid

15 shipments  
19,454 lbs delivered



# AFYA'S PROGRAMS

## DISASTER RESPONSE & RECOVERY



### The Need:

Natural and man-made disasters are on the rise; it is not a matter of if but *when* a disaster will strike. Preparing in advance for these events is key to mitigating their consequences.

### The Solution:

Afya promotes efficient and effective response in times of disaster. With committed staff, warehouse space and systems, we respond to disasters while continuing our ongoing health systems strengthening work.

### Our Approach:

Afya works with those already on the ground in impacted regions to identify the specific, pressing health and humanitarian needs immediately following a disaster, the recovery period and for longer - term support.



Afya focused on distributing PPE for the majority of 2020.

All types of medical facilities saw a desperate need for PPE as they served Covid patients, and Afya delivered.



## PPE delivered in 2020

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<b>2,067,515</b>	masks
<b>1,721,098</b>	gloves
<b>312,176</b>	gowns
<b>30,233</b>	surgical caps
<b>3,539</b>	goggles
<b>21,805</b>	shoe covers
<b>4,156,366</b>	total individual pieces of PPPE

# SPOTLIGHT

## NEW YORK



New York was hit hard by Covid-19 in the early days of the pandemic. The widespread lack of PPE impacted all types of healthcare facilities, from large hospitals to small clinics, especially in the five boroughs of New York.

When Afya began receiving reports of nurses wearing garbage bags and utilizing homemade masks instead of certified personal protective equipment, Afya mobilized to source and deliver millions of pieces of PPE to our healthcare heroes.





## NEW YORK DELIVERY STATS

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**365** deliveries in New York

**227** partners in New York

**95,447** total pounds delivered

**\$1,000,465** total value delivered

**1,924,740** individual pieces of PPE delivered

**973,650** masks delivered

# SPOTLIGHT

## BEIRUT, LEBANON



The August 4th explosion killed 190 people and left 6,500 injured and 300,000 homeless. Beirut was already facing civil unrest, a socio-economic crisis, and the coronavirus pandemic when its surviving hospitals and clinics found themselves overwhelmed by people seeking treatment for injuries caused by the explosion and patients with the virus.

Afya sprung into action to help the recovery effort with partners including the American Lebanese Task Force, Anera, Lebanon Needs, Direct Relief, Fedex, and more.

Afya sent 10 shipments of medical supplies to hospitals across Beirut between August and December including:

- The American University of Beirut Medical Center
- The Lebanese American University Medical Center
- Hotel Dieu de France
- The Rafik Hariri University Hospitals





## BEIRUT DELIVERY STATS

**10** deliveries to Beirut

**212,993** total pounds delivered

**\$2,765,995** total value delivered

**1,581,461** individual pieces of PPE delivered

**817,771** masks delivered

# AFYA'S PROGRAMS

## HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING



### **The Need:**

Health systems in low-resource settings around the globe are in dire need of support. Without quality medical supplies, providers cannot do their jobs and patients do not receive proper care.

### **The Solution:**

Afya customizes shipments of consumable and durable medical supplies and delivers to health systems in need. We are committed to building long-term engagements to make the most impact.

### **Our Approach:**

Afya works with partners to assess their needs and deliver tailored shipments. Our iterative assessment process ensures that we ship only what is needed.



# AFYA'S PROGRAMS

## ELDER CARE SUPPORT PROGRAM



### **The Need:**

Older adults that have lost mobility or certain functions are vulnerable, particularly in low-resource settings. They often go without equipment to support their mobility and safety. Durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and bed lifts are scarce in some settings. Other supplies, such as adult diapers, can be cost prohibitive.

### **The Solution:**

With adequate supplies like walkers, wheelchairs, mattresses, diapers, and more, caregivers can provide care at home allowing elders to age in place with dignity.

### **Our Approach:**

Afya works with our partner organizations on the ground to help identify the specific, pressing health and humanitarian needs of elders.

# SPOTLIGHT

## PUERTO RICO



Afya's relationship with Puerto Rico is a story of partnership, long-term aid, and recovery. Following Hurricane Maria in 2017, Afya began delivering regular aid to partners across the island.

A series of earthquakes hit the island in December 2019 and January 2020. Afya leveraged its existing partnerships to quickly assess needs and deliver the appropriate supplies. Due to the fear of aftershocks, Afya provided a large medical tent to serve as an intensive care unit for the Hospital Pavia Yauco.

When Covid-19 hit the island, Afya supported the most vulnerable health centers in the inland regions of the island with PPE and additional medical supplies.





## PUERTO RICO DELIVERY STATS

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**15** deliveries to Puerto Rico

**19,454** total pounds delivered

**\$253,110** total value delivered

**58,126** individual pieces of PPE delivered

**5,766** masks delivered

# SPOTLIGHT

## INDIGENOUS ELDERS



Indigenous people have experienced disproportionate hardships due to Covid-19. The combination of higher health risks and lack of resources has been deadly for entire communities and particularly for elders.

Afya has delivered critical PPE, humanitarian supplies, and durable medical equipment (e.g. canes and walkers). All of these supplies have been used by elders, vulnerable keepers of each tribes' culture, in five tribes:

- Apache Tribe
- Lakota Tribe
- Navajo Nation
- Oglala Tribe
- Yurok Tribe





## INDIGENOUS ELDERS DELIVERY STATS

**8** deliveries to Indigenous elders

**22,032** total pounds delivered

**\$181,886** total value delivered

**79,747** individual pieces of PPE delivered

**32,500** masks delivered

# AFYA'S PROGRAMS

## FQHC SAFETY NET PROGRAM



### **The Need:**

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) are community-based primary health clinics that serve 27 million urban and rural poor patients annually.

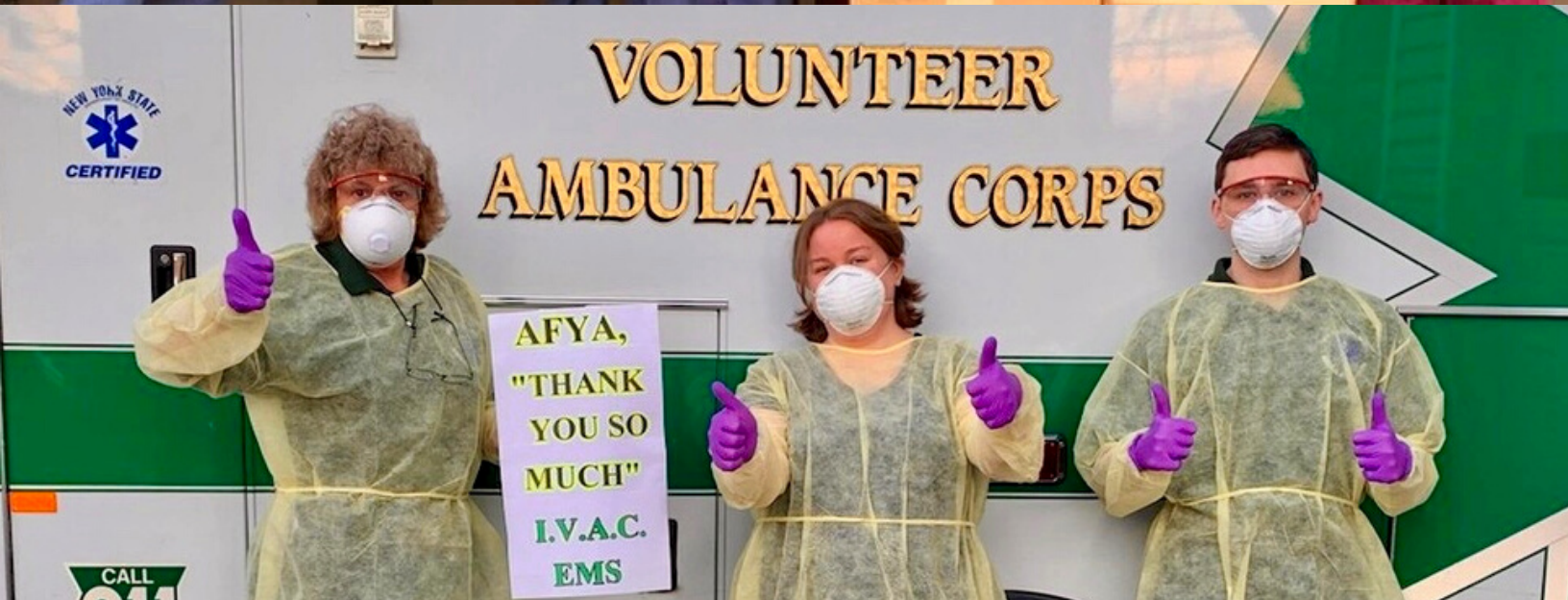
### **The Solution:**

Afya fills the medical supply gap for these under-resourced health facilities. Our assistance improves both the quality of care for patients and helps to prevent burnout among providers.

### **Our Approach:**

We coordinate with the association of FQHCs in each state to customize each shipment and delivery.







# VOLUNTEERING AT AFYA

## DURING COVID-19



Covid-19 didn't stop our community of volunteers from contributing!

From March until June, retired nurses with NYSNA volunteered in the warehouse and enabled us to deliver millions of pieces of PPE in the first months of the pandemic. We also invited a small number of volunteers into the warehouse over the summer.

Many groups got creative with volunteering! Their efforts included: auctioning art, organizing a bike-a-thon, starting TikTok challenges, fundraising on Instagram stories, collecting warm winter gear for Native Elders in the Navajo Nation and holding outdoor sorting events.

Country-wide volunteers made 6,000 fabric masks, 1,000 face shields, and 3,000 fabric gowns at home. Afya also began Boxes for Life, a program that allows volunteers to sort boxes of medical supplies at home.





## VOLUNTEER STATS

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**1,783** unique volunteers

**259** special needs volunteers

**14,820** total hours served by volunteers

**20** large sorting events

**30** schools & agencies serving  
people with disabilities  
volunteering at Afya

# AFYA'S PEOPLE

## Staff

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CAO Erica Quiroz

Director of Programs Heather Clark

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Warehouse Associate Anthony Ruiz Cortez

Warehouse Associate John Tommarello

Executive Assistant Milagros Gutierrez

Receptionist Felicia Cullotta





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# THANK YOU!

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it is a fundamental human right."

- Nelson Mandela

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