

# THE AFYA FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

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## MISSION

Our mission is to improve global health by rescuing surplus medical supplies and delivering them to underserved or compromised health systems locally and globally. Working with on-the-ground partners, we respond to disasters and longer-term capacity-building efforts domestically and worldwide. By navigating logistical challenges and diverting vital supplies from becoming landfills, Afya provides an innovative, cost-effective solution contributing to health access and the environment. Afya delivers for people and the planet.



## VISION

At Afya Foundation, we believe that everyone, everywhere, deserves access to quality healthcare. We envision a system where environmental stewardship and re-use lead to under-resourced healthcare providers having access to the supplies and equipment necessary to deliver quality care.



# A NOTE FROM OUR FOUNDER



Dear Afya Family,

2022 was a year of tremendous growth for Afya. We managed a robust and immediate response to the healthcare crisis that resulted from the war in Ukraine, grew the tremendous impact we are having on underserved communities throughout New York, and continued our ongoing health-strengthening work, deepening our efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean.

This report will highlight our accomplishments in 2022. For the last 14 years, Afya has been delivering medical and humanitarian supplies to people and regions where access is extremely limited. We are able to do this work because of our hard-working staff, dedicated volunteers, and generous donors. Afya is grateful for your support in making this possible.

With good health and tremendous gratitude,

**Danielle Butin, MPH, OTR**

Founder and CEO, The Afya Foundation



# 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

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LAST YEAR, AFYA DELIVERED:



**245 SHIPMENTS CARRYING**



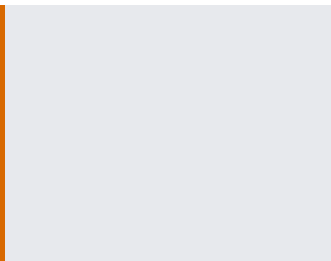
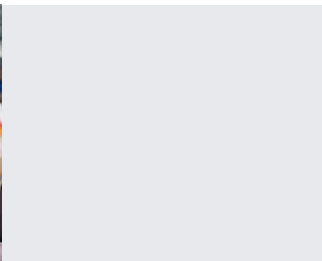
**703,000 POUNDS OF SUPPLIES WORTH**



**\$8,700,000 TO**



**145 RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS AND HOSPITALS**



# 2022 SITES OF SERVICE



## INTERNATIONAL

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Dominican Republic  
El Salvador  
Ghana  
Guatemala  
Guinea  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Jamaica

Kenya  
Malawi  
Mexico  
Nigeria  
Philippines  
Rwanda  
Sierra Leone  
South Africa

St. Croix  
St. Lucia  
Tanzania  
Ukraine  
United States  
West Africa  
West Indies

## DOMESTIC

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Hawaii  
Florida

Mississippi  
New Jersey

New York  
Puerto Rico





# VOLUNTEERS



**3,530 INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS**



**35 CARES INTERNS**



**51 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INTERNS FROM**



**18 SCHOOLS**



**30 CORPORATE SORTS, INCLUDING**



**18 COMPANIES, PLUS**



**17 LARGE-SCALE SORTING EVENTS WITH**



**12 DIVERSE ORGANIZATIONS**

# PARTNERS

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## SCHOOLS & AGENCIES SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Abilis | ADAPT Community | Another Step | Ability Beyond | Cardinal McCloskey Community Services | Cerebral Palsy of Westchester | Community Based Organization | College of Mt. St. Vincent | Devereux Adult | Devereux New York Cares | The Guidance Center | Hawthorne Foundation | Jawonio | JCC Shames | JCCA – Cottage School of Pleasantville | J-Teens of Westchester | Mosaic Mental Health | Nicholas Center | Opengate Inc. | Project HOPE | S.A.I.L. Ferncliff Manor | St. Dominic Family Services | Special Citizens Futures Unlimited | Urban League | WARC Hawthorne | WARC Yonkers | Westchester Dept. of Corrections | Westchester Dept. of Social Services | Westchester School for Special Children | Westchester Jewish Community Services | YAI Tarrytown | YAI Elmsford | YAI Peekskill | YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester | Yonkers Public Schools

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Columbia University | Dominican College | Farleigh-Dickinson University | Hofstra University | Thomas Jefferson University | Long Island University | Touro College | New York Medical College | Mercy College | NYIT | New York University | Pace University | Scranton University | Towson University | York College | Iona College | Quinnipiac University

## CORPORATE PARTNERS

Pantera Capital | Jeff Lewis | Lisa Fields | Mastercard | Warner Music | Valley National Bank | Clarion Capital | Regeneron | Amazon | Bain Consulting | Amazon | Phreesia | Neuberger Berman | Bloomberg | MTS Partners (via UJA) | Morgan Stanley | Goldman Sachs | Ocean First

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Volunteer NY | Riverdale Y | AORN | Greenwich UJA | NYSNA | MSKCC | Friends Seminary | NYU Alum | UJA Federation of NY | Park Avenue Synagogue | NYP | JCC Scarsdale



# AFYA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## AFYA DELIVERS

### HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

We customize shipments of usable, durable medical supplies to health systems in need. Committed to long-term engagements to make the most impact, we work with partners to tailor shipments and ensure we deliver only what is needed.

### COMMUNITY SAFETY NET

We fill the medical supply gap, improving under-resourced facilities' quality of care and helping prevent burnout among providers. We coordinate with each state's association of FQHCs to customize shipments and combat medical apartheid.

### DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

We respond efficiently and effectively to disasters. Our network of partners in impacted regions identifies specific, pressing health and humanitarian needs and what is necessary for long-term recovery. Meanwhile, thanks to our staff, facilities, and systems, we can continue our ongoing work even as we urgently respond to disasters.

### MOBILITY PROGRAMS

Partner organizations on the ground help identify elders' specific, pressing health and humanitarian needs. We deliver supplies, equipment, and training in their usage so that caregivers can provide improved care at home and elders may age in place with dignity.





# **INTERNATIONAL IMPACT: HIGHLIGHTS**

**DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**



# WAR IN UKRAINE

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Afya was a first responder, supporting the medical frontlines in Ukraine. We delivered 358,000 pounds of critical and requested medical supplies, including trauma kits, PPE, durable medical equipment, surgical supplies and equipment, hospital beds, and more. This enabled healthcare providers, hospitals, and medics throughout the country to continue to serve their communities—even as hospitals and clinics came under attack.

Working with ten in-country partners, we ensured that even in a war zone, donated supplies would find the hands of doctors, nurses, medics, and other healthcare providers who needed them. Despite the daunting task of delivering during such conflict, our partners in the US and abroad worked together to provide supplies, logistical assistance, and financial support. Our trusted shipping and air transport partners banded together to ensure the supplies were safely guided through a complex maze of logistics to arrive at their destinations.

*"Due to this conflict, the number of operations performed by the hospital's surgeons has tripled or quadrupled. Consequently, the need for surgical instruments and consumables has also increased," said Viktor Leshchenko, General Director of the Kharkiv Clinical Hospital No. 1, "Afya's support was very timely. It helped us to provide quality medical care to everyone in need."*

# EBOLA IN UGANDA

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In response to the Ebola outbreak that struck Uganda in late 2022, Afya delivered 30 pallets of PPE. Protecting healthcare professionals who serve on the front line during an epidemic is essential in keeping them safe and able to direct care. This shipment was valued at \$260,042 and was air-delivered by our partner, Airlink, who generously donated cargo space for delivery. Once this life-saving equipment arrived, we connected it to our partner on the ground, Alive Medical Services, which works directly with the Ugandan Ministry of Health.



# HURRICANE FIONA IN PUERTO RICO

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When Hurricane Fiona struck Puerto Rico, Afya's response was robust. By working with our longtime partner on the ground, Accion Sociale, we were able to deliver wound care and first aid supplies along with hygiene kits to families displaced by the storm. Thanks to our longstanding collaboration, we could deliver over \$160,000 of supplies quickly and effectively. This effort would not have been possible without crucial help from our partners: JetBlue provided transportation for supplies and volunteers; the Yonkers Hispanic Cultural Foundation collected vital supplies; and Direct Relief and Accion Sociale received and distributed them to those in need.





# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In collaboration with our partner, Grain de Sail, the world's first modern cargo sailboat, we shipped and delivered 46 pallets of medical supplies weighing 15,857 lbs and valued at \$198,025. The supplies were donated to Fundación Expresiones Artes, SS, Sindicalismo, Ambiente y Género (FEARSAGE), an organization working to improve access to healthcare in rural areas throughout the Dominican Republic.



# SAINT LUCIA

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Senior Afya staff visited the island to meet with the Office of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) to assess needs following the volcanic explosion in St. Vincent in 2021. Although the clinic is a designated trauma center, its defibrillator and other essential pieces of equipment were outdated and not operational. The shipment remedied many of the staff's concerns and requests. We shipped an entire container of supplies to Polyclinic as a direct result of this assessment. Afya also prepositioned hygiene kits and PPE in the region to meet these communities' ongoing and future needs in anticipation of hurricane season.

# SIERRA LEONE

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Fifty-four pallets of protective gowns valued at \$1,232,000 were shipped to Healey International Relief Foundation. Healthcare professionals used these protective gowns at four hospitals and ten clinics in Sierra Leone.

# SOUTH AFRICA

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Afya continued to grow our relationship/collaboration with our well-established partner, Ikamva Labantu, in Cape Town. In addition to sending a container filled with supplies to support elder apartheid survivors living in the Townships, the senior team conducted an extensive site visit assessment and conducted a "care for elders" training session with community health workers. We expect to provide significant support to their 2023 expansion of occupational therapy and in-home nursing visits. Assessing supply needs on the ground is invaluable and will greatly assist the growth of our work in South Africa, which we are committed to continuing in the years to come.





# DOMESTIC IMPACT: HIGHLIGHTS

Afya is also committed to supporting health systems across the United States, specifically New York State. Federally Qualified Health Centers and Community Based Organizations are critically under-resourced, and the demand for their services in local communities is enormous. Afya delivers to meet that need.

# COMMUNITY SAFETY NET PROGRAM IN NEW YORK STATE

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This program facilitated over 100 free donations of high-quality supplies and equipment across ten counties to federally qualified health centers, community-based organizations, and nurse's offices in Title 1 schools in New York State.

Afya has partnered with groups providing various services, including healthcare, homeless outreach, mental health and substance use treatment, hospice care, community resources, summer camp programs, and more. These organizations vary in scale and the services they provide, but they share a common dedication to uplifting a holistic concept of community health.

To ensure the most vulnerable populations receive what they need, Afya has delivered:

- **272,973 pounds** of essential supplies
- Valued at **\$1,790,292**
- to **166 organizations**
- Serving approximately **75,000 New Yorkers**

Supplies included surgical equipment, hygiene products, wound care essentials, personal protective equipment, durable medical equipment, medication, water, and ready-to-eat meals.

Diverse groups we've reached **promoting equity** in healthcare access and outcomes include:

- Low-income individuals and families
- Homeless populations
- School children
- Elderly individuals
- People with disabilities
- BIPOC individuals
- Immigrants and/or undocumented individuals
- Victims of crime
- Veterans
- Individuals with substance use disorder

# LUGGAGE FOR LIFE

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The Afya Luggage For Life program offers a unique way to get essential medical supplies to underserved health systems around the world. With a \$150 donation, travelers on a medical mission, family vacation, volunteer trip, or study abroad program can bring an Afya Luggage For Life duffel bag packed full of life-saving medical supplies to a clinic in need.

## IN 2022, AFYA DELIVERED:



**315 LUGGAGE FOR LIFE BAGS, PACKED WITH**



**9,546 LBS. OF CRITICAL SUPPLIES WITH**



**\$276,803.06 OF TOTAL VALUE**





# HOSPITAL PARTNERS

By accepting in-kind contributions of surplus medical equipment and supplies from hospital partners, the Afya Foundation is both a greening solution for NY hospitals and a critical safety net for under-resourced communities.

## SOME OF AFYA'S MAJOR SUPPLY DONORS INCLUDE:

Montefiore

NewYork-Presbyterian



Memorial Sloan Kettering  
Cancer Center



Mount  
Sinai

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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