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Worldwide**

# Impact Report

2025-2026



# What We Do

**Health Access**

**Health Emergencies**

**Health Improvement**



*Strengthening palliative care means dignity for every patient at the end of their lives. In 2025, through our collaboration with the Palliative Care Society of Bangladesh, we are expanding access to palliative care for families like Mohammad who would otherwise not receive any care.*

# To date, over the last 25 years:



**148**

medical projects delivered



**31**

emergency crisis responded to



**31**

countries benefitted through our work



**150**

local and international partners benefitted



**261**

clinics and hospitals directly strengthened



**2,470,077**

patient consultations



**69**

clinics built or rehabilitated



**6**

hospitals built or rehabilitated



Peace Prize nomination



UN Partnerships undertaken



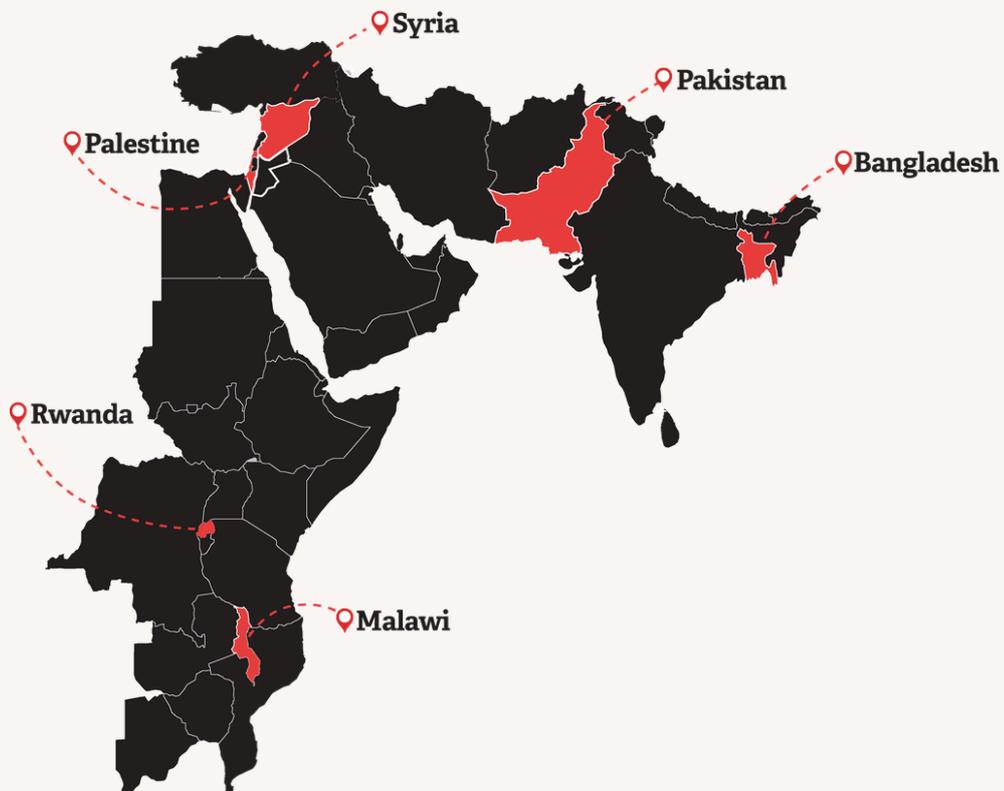
A total of

**4,845,868**

lives saved or impacted

# Serving communities in need so that they can **build healthier, happier futures.**

At Doctors Worldwide, we believe that good health enables people and communities to define their own future. Without good health, a parent cannot take care of their family, nor can a child meet their full potential. As a result, communities miss out on a chance to grow and contribute to their collective wellbeing. **Access to quality healthcare is not a privilege, it is a human right, and we work towards making that a reality, especially for the most vulnerable communities.**



## With your help in 2025:



**222,370**  
lives impacted



**181,101**

people received medical treatment



**25,853**

maternal healthcare consultations



**7,496**

people received nutrition support



**675**

healthcare workers trained



*A nebulising session for a baby and mother in Gaza, supported by our dedicated healthcare team. Each month, the centre delivers approximately 6,000 consultations, meeting urgent and ongoing health needs in an increasingly fragile context.*



# Palestine

## Medical Care in Camps

We developed the operations of three medical tents in partnership with a grassroots non-profit organisation. These tents operate in densely populated camps hosting large numbers of internally displaced persons (IDPs) across central and southern Gaza, specifically in Deir Al-Balah, Al-Zawayda, and Al-Mawasi.

**Approximately 2,000 health services per month were delivered by the medical tents** through the work of family physicians, nurses, and psychologists.

Services delivered included medical consultations, mental health support, medication dispensing, and wound management. These interventions addressed both acute and chronic conditions, ensured patient follow-up, provided health education, and individual and group health promotion activities, thus enabling the early detection of common diseases such as diabetes.

To strengthen holistic care, the three medical tents were complemented by a dedicated mental health tent in the Al-Mawasi area, providing psychological and psycho-social support for both adults and children.



**3**  
Medical tents established



**1**  
Mental health support tent established



**6,870**  
Medical consultations provided



**8,484**  
Mental health services delivered



**2,150**  
Health education sessions conducted

The support was delivered through individual counselling, group sessions, and structured activities and events for both children and adults.



**51,587**

Medical consultations provided



**3,115**

Consultations provided through outreach services



**17,496**

Individuals received subsidised medicines

## Primary Healthcare Facilities

We are providing ongoing support to sustain critical operations of a Primary Healthcare Centre in Al-Zawayda, Deir Al-Balah Governorate, one of the few functioning health facilities serving both host communities and nearby displacement camps. **Each month, the centre delivers approximately 6,000 healthcare consultations**, supported by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, a midwife and a pharmacist to address urgent and ongoing health needs in an increasingly fragile context.

Our support also ensures the delivery of essential care, including treatment of acute and chronic conditions, maternal and child health services, and access to a subsidised pharmacy that is often the only affordable source of medicines for displaced families.

The centre also hosts a dental clinic and subsidised laboratory services, integrated with nutrition services for children under five and pregnant and lactating women. These facility-based services are complemented by outreach medical teams that extend care to surrounding communities and camps, ensuring access for those unable to travel.

*A nurse providing essential wound care to a young boy in Gaza, supporting recovery with timely and compassionate treatment.*



## Mother & Babies

The conflict in Gaza has made safe formula feeding nearly impossible, as clean water, sanitation, and essential supplies are in short supply. **Out of every 10 infants who are not exclusively breastfed, up to 9 may die from preventable causes in early life.** The risk of death from diarrhoeal or respiratory infections is even higher. With 77% of the population facing acute food insecurity, mothers struggle to give their children the nourishment and care they desperately need.

To address these challenges, we are **supporting a local initiative to deliver life-saving breastfeeding and maternal mental health support** across hospitals, neonatal units, and community settings. Using evidence-based approaches, the programme promotes access to colostrum and breast milk, the safest and most essential sources of infant nutrition while enhancing maternal wellbeing and confidence.

Specialised lactation support is also delivered across four Gaza hospitals including the Nasser and Al Attar Primary Healthcare Centres, where mothers receive assistance in Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs), labour units, and maternity wards from trained teams based in Gaza. The support includes counselling, practical breastfeeding assistance, and essential supplies



**25,966**

Medical consultations provided



**787**

Remote consultations (telehealth)



**615**

Healthcare providers trained



**433**

Mothers receiving food or cash assistance



**3,686**

Children supported with specialised nutrition supplies



**2,588**

Mothers supported with specialised nutrition supplies



**5,337**

Babies supported in Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs)

such as breast pumps, milk storage and sterilising bags, baby carriers, and specialised feeding bottles for infants with cleft conditions.

*Practical breastfeeding guidance to build mothers' confidence and protect infant health in Gaza.*



Meanwhile, **on-site care is reinforced through telehealth follow-up from over 50 specialised volunteer professionals specialised in infant nutrition**, alongside **supervised peer-to-peer counselling that has reached more than 2,000 mothers.**

We also **prioritise mothers most at risk**, including those with premature or low-birth-weight infants, multiple births, malnutrition, or infants with cleft palate or other medical vulnerabilities. The programme also provides monthly financial assistance and, when available, nutrition supplies, ensuring the most vulnerable mothers and infants are protected during this critical period.

*Providing essential primary healthcare services from a tent facility supporting displaced families and host communities across Deir Al-Balah Governorate in Gaza.*





# Malawi

## Health Systems Strengthening

Our **health system strengthening project provides support to 23 rural and mobile clinics** through training, service development, facility rehabilitation, medication supply, and essential health staffing to facilities.

## Maternal Care

Recognising the critical need for skilled maternal and newborn care, we **delivered Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) training to 43 healthcare workers in 14 health facilities across Blantyre and Mangochi**. The training strengthened frontline providers' capacity to manage maternal and newborn emergencies, improving the quality of care in facilities serving thousands of patients each month and contributing to reduced maternal and newborn deaths.



**40,000+**

Medical consultations provided



**225**

Babies delivered



**3,106**

Maternal care consultations conducted



**43**

Participants trained in Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC)



**225**

Patients assisted by ambulances



**857**

Patients received care through Balaka outreach mobile camp

Through our BEmONC training delivered in Malawi, healthcare workers build critical skills in emergency maternal and newborn care, improving quality of services for thousands of mothers and babies each month.





# Syria

Following the devastating earthquake in 2023 our main focus was the emergency response in Turkiye and some parts of Syria where the greatest destruction and loss of life occurred. The focus through 2024 and 2025 then shifted to Syria only, where DWW Turkiye already had an established medical clinic, with multiple specialties available, based in the Jinderas refugee camp for those displaced in the war.

This already overcrowded refugee camp expanded further with more displaced families due to the earthquake. We responded by adding to the medical staff at the clinic, providing additional medication and setting up a dedicated indoor play area for children, with trained psychologists also available to help the many children with mental health problems.

By the end of 2024, following the change in the regime, families started to move out of the refugee camp back to areas around Aleppo. However, with the devastation to the health infrastructure, we undertook a graded response, initially running mobile clinics from the base at Jinderas. In 2025 as the Jinderas clinic was closed due to the population's return of people, we established new medical clinics in and around Aleppo to continue providing essential care.



**19,907**

Medical consultations provided



**1,186**

Children provided with mental health support



**4,500**

Provided free medication via the mobile clinic



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*As Syria recovers from both prolonged displacement and the 2023 earthquake, we are restoring access to vital medical care where it is needed most.*

# A Lifeline in War Zones



# Case Study

Amid Gaza's ongoing conflict and scarcity, Sana welcomed her newborn into a world of uncertainty. Worried that her baby wasn't getting enough nourishment, she relied on formula milk to soothe him through endless nights of crying and hunger. For the first month and a week, formula became part of her baby's daily routine, offering her a small sense of relief amid the stress of parenthood in a crisis zone.

Yet in emergencies like Gaza, infant feeding becomes even more critical. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), optimal breastfeeding could prevent over 800,000 child deaths globally each year. Breastmilk is especially vital in conflict settings, where access to clean water and safe sanitation is limited, and formula feeding significantly increases the risk of infections such as diarrhoea and respiratory illness.

When her baby fell ill with meningitis at around one month old, Sana admitted him to the hospital, bringing formula, a kettle, and a bottle, hoping it would keep him nourished. At the hospital, formula was available, and she felt reassured, believing her baby would finally be satisfied.

Everything changed when Sana attended a breastfeeding seminar supported by Doctors Worldwide. She learned that exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life strengthens immunity, reduces the risk of life-threatening infections, and supports healthy growth and brain development. For mothers, breastfeeding also reduces the risk of postpartum complications and certain cancers.

It was a turning point for Sana as she made a firm decision:

“  
**No more formula.  
My milk is enough  
for my baby.**”

The results were remarkable. Her baby became content, slept better, and thrived solely on breastmilk. Today, nearly a year later, he is healthy, strong, and growing well, without a drop of formula since that day. Sana credits the guidance and support she received for giving her baby the nutrition and protection he needed to flourish.

# Bangladesh

## Zakat-Based Primary Healthcare Project

The Zakat-Based Primary Healthcare Project in Dhaka **leverages Islamic Zakat to address healthcare inequities among low-wage workers living near unaffordable private facilities.** Piloting a Zakat-funded clinic, the project **provides reliable access to primary healthcare for Zakat-eligible populations,** with the **potential to reach over 5,000 low-income workers and their families.**

The clinic delivers free, ethical, and accessible services including disease screening, health education, and treatment of acute and chronic conditions while improving health outcomes and reducing financial barriers. The pilot demonstrates a transparent, sustainable, and replicable model for advancing urban health equity in Bangladesh, with plans to expand in 2026.

## Expanding Access to Compassionate Palliative Care

Palliative care improves the quality of life for people facing life-limiting illness, ensuring comfort, pain relief, and dignity at the end of life. Yet more



**120**

Patients received consultation and free health screening vital test care



**61**

Male patients registered and received care from the clinic



**59**

Female patients registered and received care from the clinic

than 50 million people worldwide need palliative care each year, and over 80%, mainly in low-and-middle-income countries lack access (WHO).

To help close this gap, **we have strengthened our collaboration with the Palliative Care Society of Bangladesh (PCSB).** Through this partnership, we are supporting sustainable, evidence-based palliative care systems in Bangladesh by **building professional capacity, strengthening services, conducting data analysis and research, and expanding access to compassionate care for patients and their families.**



We formalised our partnership with the Palliative Care Society of Bangladesh during World Palliative Care Day so that together we can improve access and quality of palliative care across Bangladesh.



Through our pioneering 'Zakat Clinic' we are establishing a transparent and sustainable model to expand free healthcare for low-income workers and their families thus reducing financial barriers for Zakat-eligible communities.

# Rwanda

## Health Insurance Support Project

For many low-income families in Rwanda, the high cost of healthcare can make even basic treatment a daily struggle. Recognising these challenges, **we are supporting families accessing Community-Based Health Insurance (CBHI)**, which provides essential care without financial hardship. Eligible households are identified through mosques and community networks and guided through enrollment, giving them the protection and peace of mind they need to care for their own health and that of their loved ones.

Through this initiative, families who previously could not afford care can access services at public and accredited facilities nationwide. CBHI covers consultations, medications, lab tests, hospital and maternal care, and preventive services. **The programme also supports the poorest patients, including those trapped in hospitals, and helps vulnerable mothers, children, and newborns with essentials.**

By removing financial barriers and out-of-pocket costs, it encourages early treatment and helps families stay healthy before illnesses become severe.



**3,648**

Individuals received health insurance coverage



**980**

Vulnerable households supported with health insurance



**108**

Patients received holistic palliative care



**770**

Home visits conducted by the palliative care team



**10**

Staff received capacity building training



**52**

Children received educational support



**519**

Patient and their dependents received food support



**29**

Families receiving bereavement and burial cost support

## Palliative Care Project

Palliative care improves the quality of life for people facing life-limiting illness, ensuring comfort, pain relief, and dignity at the end of life. Yet more than 50 million people worldwide need palliative care each year, and over 80%, mainly in low-and-middle-income countries lack access (WHO).

Palliative care often falls through the cracks, and the consequences are even more severe for patients in hard-to-reach communities. In Kigali, Rwanda and surrounding areas, many patients with advanced cancers or chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and HIV struggle to access consistent, compassionate care.



We are **providing support for home-based palliative care services that provide holistic, patient-centred support, addressing medical, psychological and social needs in line with international standards.** Care is delivered by a multidisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, social workers, and trained community volunteers, including pain and symptom management, wound care, essential medicines and supplies not covered by insurance, and referral and transport support for specialised treatment such as for cancer when needed.

Beyond clinical care, we also support families of palliative care patients facing social and economic challenges when a household breadwinner is unable to work. This includes enrolment in community-based health insurance, food for under-nourishment, rent assistance, and access to education support for children in palliative care households. Families also receive counselling, psychosocial and bereavement support as needed.

# Pakistan

## Healthcare and Emergency Preparedness

The **health collaborative we oversee continues to strengthen hospital governance** and expand services and community outreach. In 2025, **outpatient care was extended to include family planning, asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) care, malnutrition screening, and rabies vaccination.**

**Specialist outreach nursing staff visit 300–400 households per month, providing health education and screening in surrounding communities.** Critical services, particularly in the emergency room and pharmacy, have been reinforced, while hospital operations remain fully computerised, laboratory facilities upgraded, and solar panel capacity increased. These improvements ensure families receive timely, quality care and support sustainable healthcare development.

We also **supported essential safety and emergency response training** for local authorities, community members, and school children, covering basic life support, patient shifting, fire safety, and earthquake response. This **equips communities,** especially in remote areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa that is particularly



**12,882**

Patients received consultation and free health screening vital test care



**7,000**

Meals provided to poor families and orphans



**11,225**

Screened for health conditions in the community



**91,930**

People benefited from the facility since its start

earthquake-prone, **with the skills and confidence to act decisively during disasters, saving lives and strengthening local emergency preparedness.**

*Through expanded outreach and improved hospital services in Pakistan, we continue to deliver compassionate maternal and child healthcare, including screenings, education, and essential treatment for families in the community.*



# Project Snapshots



In **Gaza**, we ran three medical tents in Deir Al-Balah and Al-Qarara, and supported a primary healthcare centre serving displaced families.



Across **Gaza**, lactation consultants supported 8,000+ mothers with breastfeeding guidance and essential newborn care.



In **Pakistan**, we delivered essential emergency response training to local authorities, communities and schools, strengthening disaster preparedness amid deadly floods and earthquakes.



Our team on the ground in **Gaza** has been providing critical one-on-one mental health support sessions, especially for children.



In **Malawi**, 45 healthcare workers completed BEmONC training in Blantyre & Mangochi, strengthening maternal and newborn emergency care.



In **Dhaka**, our Zakat clinic expands primary healthcare access for over 5,000 low-income workers and their families.



We delivered medical care through our health centre in Jindires, **Syria** since the 2023 earthquakes.

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**Change a Life.**



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