Help IMA Make a Difference
Since 1960, IMA World Health’s health and development programs have made a significant impact on millions of lives. Our four core program focuses are:

Medicines and medical supplies – Through our on-the-ground projects and targeted pharmaceutical donations, IMA has strategically placed over $1 billion worth of critical supplies in clinics and hospitals in need.

Targeted disease prevention and control – IMA manages and contributes to the prevention and treatment of dangerous diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, several Neglected Tropical Diseases, the aggressive childhood cancer Burkitt’s lymphoma, and others.

Capacity building – Aiming for sustainable results that far outlast our direct involvement, IMA focuses on training and educating health workers and local partners to increase their ability to treat patients, manage health care programs, and develop other skills needed to deliver quality health and medical services.

Health systems strengthening – Successful care and treatment of individuals require integrated, holistic and sustainable health system with adequate supplies, essential management capabilities, and other behind-the-scenes support and infrastructure necessary to meet the ongoing health needs of large populations.

What We Do
IMA World Health is a faith-based nonprofit and member organization that provides essential health care services and medical supplies to people in need in developing countries. Working with local health ministries and governments, IMA identifies the health needs of populations and creates customized solutions to prevent and fight diseases, improve maternal and child health, and much more—sometimes through direct provision to hospitals and clinics, and other times through efforts to strengthen health care systems through training and education of health workers, technical assistance, and supervision.

IMA and Partnership
Between 30 and 70 percent of health care in the developing world is delivered by faith-based institutions. IMA World Health has a long history of partnership with Christian health organizations and health facilities, especially in Africa, as well as longstanding collaborative relationships with governments, secular groups, and corporations. This dedication to partnership and breaking down barriers gives IMA a unique, multifaceted approach to advancing health.

IMA also has established relationships with pharmaceutical and medical supply manufacturers, service organizations, churches, and international funding agencies such as the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), The World Bank, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“We help people around the world when they are in greatest need.”
Rick Santos - President and CEO, IMA World Health

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Since 1960, IMA has been building healthier communities by collaborating with key partners to serve vulnerable people.
IMA was founded in 1960 by a group of mainline Protestant denominations to procure and distribute medicines and supplies to mission hospitals around the globe. Though IMA’s work has since evolved, medicines and supplies remain a key focus.

“Heaven has brought us this help.”

Jose Mirer - Community leader, Haiti

From managing HIV care and treatment clinics in Tanzania to combating Neglected Tropical Diseases in Haiti, IMA plays a major role in disease prevention and treatment for millions around the world. Veronica Topiasi, 9, is a survivor of the highly aggressive childhood cancer Burkitt’s Lymphoma—which is treatable if caught in time—thanks to IMA’s work to train health workers and provide chemotherapy.

IMA believes all people are children of God and thus deserve to lead healthy and productive lives. Our vision of health, healing and well-being for all is based on the Christian call to serve one another.

The founding members of IMA, Protestant Churches and church-based organizations, chose to be intentionally ecumenical to provide health services and to build healthy communities around the world.

We can do more together than alone; that spirit of joint action remains foundational to IMA today. IMA believes the core ecumenical imperatives are unity and respect for all faiths and traditions.