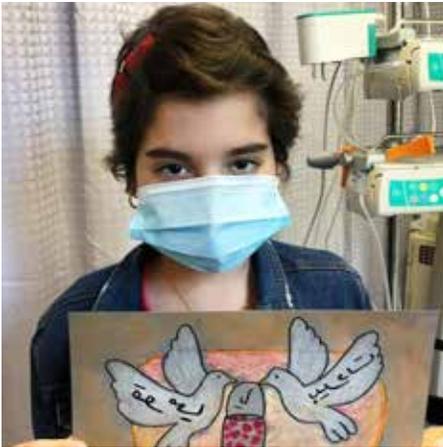




2021 IMPACT REPORT

A snapshot of the health and hope you have helped to spread around the world during an unprecedented year that made history.

OCTOBER 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, LOIS BROWN

Last week, we celebrated 31 years of spreading health and hope with our virtual gala, and the evening was an enormous success.

It was a truly sparkling evening and it was wonderful to see the support and participation from our donors and our pharmaceutical, government and NGO partners. We were inspired by remarks from our keynote speakers that reinforced the importance of global health, especially over the past year and a half. The personal and touching stories of impact resonated with all of us, and remind us why we do what we do.

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, we are especially grateful for all that has been accomplished to keep Canadians safe and allow us to hold our loved ones close once again, but we must also remember that many parts of the world are not so fortunate. This season, as we remember to give thanks, let us not forget those less fortunate, and that our work is far from over.

The next few months continue to be a critical time for HPIC's mission and its work. Please keep us top of mind through family socials that can be enriched as global health fundraising initiatives to improve life for everyone and your upcoming end-of-year giving. Your support continues to be the heartbeat of our work. All of us at HPIC remain excited to see what we accomplish in partnership with you and all those that support this mission. Once again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making our work possible and for giving the gift of health to so many vulnerable individuals during this critical time in history.



Lois E Brown

Lois Brown
President



Did you know?

2021 has been a busy year for us! With so many emergency responses on the go, we had to increase our storage capacity! We've added additional racking to our Oakville warehouse in order to store more medicines and support even more families and communities in times of crisis.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD.

HOPE IN THE SLUMS OF NAIROBI.

Kibera is the largest slum in Kenya, and the second largest in Africa, with a population of about 250,000. Kibera was identified as a region in need due to rising rates of NCDs coupled with low levels of awareness. Furthermore, many of Kibera's residents are unable to afford treatment.

Assessments confirmed that the most prevalent NCDs in Kibera are cardiovascular disease (14%), chronic respiratory (12%) and diabetes (8%), making these the project's areas of focus. The aim of the project is to increase awareness and demand for prevention services, as well as improve the provision of health services.

The project includes supporting community health volunteers (CHVs) to conduct health education visits in homes, schools, churches and marketplaces equipped with blood pressure machines, glucometers and referral forms; distributing educational materials and hosting online local community radio talks.

CHVs also organize free quarterly medical clinics, outreaches and screening days in public centres for early diagnosis and treatment.

To date, these two pilot projects have helped over 27,000 people to access screening, treatment and NCD health education.



BRINGING NCD SCREENING AND TREATMENTS TO PATIENTS IN KENYA

Meet James. James is a resident of Kakamega County, a rural community in Kenya, who has been diagnosed with hypertension and diabetes. Like many other residents of Kakamega, James has to travel long distances to the nearest healthcare facility for his treatments. This is a great challenge for James, especially when he feels unwell.

A third of all deaths in Kenya (33%) are attributable to non-communicable diseases (NCDs), such as diabetes and hypertension. This growing epidemic is straining health services as NCDs now account for more than half of total hospital admissions and over 55% of hospital deaths. The NCDs most prevalent in Kenya are cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and mental health disorders.

Access to healthcare in low-income countries is challenging, especially for those living in remote, rural or underserved communities. The high cost of transportation and time spent in travel to the nearest health facility (which is often very far away) are considerable barriers to healthcare for those living with NCDs.

Last year, HPIC partnered with Anglican Development Services (ADS) Kenya to pilot two new NCD projects to bring screening and treatments to underserved communities in Kenya, including Kakamega County. These efforts have helped James and others facing the same situation. Thanks to HPIC and ADS, people like James are not left behind or forgotten.

TAKING CONSULTS ONLINE

As telemedicine has become more utilized during COVID, it was already in work as a new HPIC-ADS project as a novel solution to the challenges faced in Kenya. This project includes using information and communications technology that allows community health workers and patients to be connected with skilled health professionals without the need for an in-person visit. With telemedicine, health professionals are able to evaluate, diagnose and provide clinical services to patients remotely via video and/or audio connections. This technology has offered a solution for increasing access to healthcare, especially during a worldwide pandemic, in underserved areas and where the closest healthcare facilities were already overwhelmed.

With support from Tech4Life, ADS and HPIC have been working with community health volunteers (CHVs) and the Clinical Officers at three facilities to identify patients with diabetes or hypertension. The CHVs log patient information into the system and thus far a total of 400 cases have been captured and online consultations have been scheduled with the health providers at the health facilities.

"I am very thankful and delighted for the telemedicine project as it has really helped me reduce the travel costs to the facilities to seek medication as it has brought medical care closer to us. Thanks again ADS and HPIC for bringing this project to the people of Kakamega."

– James



RESPONDING TO CONFLICTS & EMERGENCIES

As we all know the past year has seen unprecedented health challenges and emergencies, from COVID-19 to natural disasters and conflicts.

CONFLICT: ROJAVA & KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ

The Syria crisis remains the largest displacement crisis in the world, with over 6 million people displaced within Syria and over 5 million registered refugees in surrounding countries, including Iraq. In 2020, there were approximately 255,000 Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) in need of humanitarian assistance as families continue to suffer the tragic effects of upheaval and conflict in Northern Syria. This includes displacement, insecurity, violence and fragile healthcare systems.

The continuing refugee and IDP crises have stretched public resources in the KRI, limiting capacity to deliver essential healthcare services to vulnerable communities. Provision of primary and secondary healthcare services suffers from a shortage of healthcare staff, medicines, and limited funds to maintain facilities and services.

With support from donors this past year, HPIC has sent more than \$192,000 worth of medicines, such as allergy medicine, inflammatory drugs and analgesics to care for the needs of displaced peoples and refugees in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. The work to support refugees and displaced people continues.



UNREST IN ARMENIA

Last September, fighting broke out between Azerbaijani and Armenian forces in and around the contested region of Nagorno-Karabakh, leaving hundreds of civilians wounded and thousands displaced. The health system, already strained from years of conflict, overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients on top of conflict-related injuries, was in urgent need of support.

Thanks to the generosity of our corporate partners and donors including the Armenian Relief Society of Canada, HPIC was able to send over \$191,000 worth of life-saving medicines and antibiotics to the region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

GAZA/WEST BANK CONFLICT

For the last decade, the socioeconomic situation in Gaza has been in steady decline. The blockade on land, air and sea since 2007 continues to have a devastating effect on its 1.9 million inhabitants, as the region faces a perennial shortage of medicines and medical supplies. With renewed violence in the region, the situation in Gaza remains dire.

Since 2020, HPIC has been providing assistance to the region by supplying medicines to treat a range of conditions – from non-communicable and chronic diseases to mental health conditions – to clinics and hospitals in Gaza’s 4 main cities – Gaza, Al Amal, Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah. To date, **HPIC has sent a total of 97 skids and more than \$1 million worth of medicine to the people of Gaza and the West Bank**

CRISIS IN CAMEROON

Since 2016, the political conflict and security crisis in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon has led to the displacement of more than 705,000 people internally. Conflict-related displacement and violence have led to the deterioration of basic services in the Northwest Region coupled with rising costs of medication.

In collaboration with International Medical Corps, HPIC is providing medicines and medical supplies to be distributed to four Cameroon Ministry of Health operated health facilities, aiming to reach more than 25,500 men, women and children. The medicines will help to treat a variety of conditions from bacterial infections, type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure.

CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA

Conflict in Ethiopia’s northern Tigray region has brought civilian killings, mass displacements, escalating food insecurity, and shortages of essential medicines and medical supplies. Healthcare services in Tigray are limited, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without adequate access to essential medicines and basic services.

In collaboration with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) and Children Believe, HPIC is responding to local health needs through the provision of Humanitarian Medical Kits to identified health facilities within Tigray, where access to medicines is critically low, at 16 percent, as reported by the UN.

In July 2021, HPIC sent its first shipment of \$47,700 worth of medicines to the Tigray region, reaching 6,000 people.



HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

On August 14th, Haiti was hit by a devastating 7.2-magnitude earthquake, resulting in the deaths of over two thousand people, injuring 12,000, and displacing thousands more.

Rescue efforts were further hampered by the heavy rainfall from Tropical Depression Grace immediately following the earthquake.

HPIC responded immediately by working with our partners to procure, ship and distribute 25,200 urgently-needed medications and treatments including antibiotics, oral rehydration, analgesics, antihypertensives, antimalarials, eye/ear drops & ointments, antiemetics, anti-ulcer medication, antihistamines, antifungals, vitamins, topical creams, and medical supplies to affected communities in Haiti. **Overall, these treatments were worth more than \$250,000 and provided much needed relief to families and healthcare systems in desperate need of support.**



HURRICANE ETA & IOTA

In November 2020, Hurricane Eta made its way across Central America, leaving a trail of destruction, followed less than two weeks later by Hurricane Iota, the strongest Atlantic hurricane of 2020. Honduras was among the hardest hit countries, with approximately 80,000 people displaced.

HPIC responded by providing \$12,000 worth of medicines and medical supplies to various clinics and health centres in Honduras providing essential treatments for urgent needs including malaria, meningitis and acute respiratory infections. HPIC continues to support Honduras and other Latin American countries that need aid.



ST. VINCENT VOLCANO

In April, La Soufrière, a volcano on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent, erupted several times, resulting in heavy ash fall, causing 30 villages and 18 health facilities to be evacuated, affecting approximately 20,000 people.

HPIC responded immediately, shipping specifically requested medicines to address the primary healthcare needs related to respiratory issues, including asthma, as a result of ash and smoke inhalation.



VENEZUELA CONFLICT

Since 2016, Venezuela has been facing political instability resulting in a major humanitarian crisis with unprecedented challenges, including severe medicine shortages. With the increasingly dire economic and political situation, conditions continue to deteriorate with no signs of improving.

HPIC mobilized quickly to deliver more than \$57,600 worth of medicines and supplies through our Humanitarian Medical Kits to be distributed to health clinics and hospitals across in the states of Bolivar, Apure and Miranda.



COVID IN INDIA

Over the summer, public health systems in India were overwhelmed by the deadly Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus.

Thanks to generous donations from our pharmaceutical partners, HPIC was able to secure \$175,000 worth of needed inhalers to ship to our local partners in the state of Kerala, providing life-saving treatment to approximately 2,000 people.

2020 BEIRUT EXPLOSION RESPONSE

BEIRUT, LEBANON

More than a year since the devastating Beirut Explosion, HPIC remains active in our efforts to support the people of Lebanon through medical and financial donations, and in restoring damaged healthcare facilities.

In partnership with local NGOs, to date, HPIC has distributed several shipments since the explosion that have resulted in the provision of more than \$1.5 million worth of medicines and medical supplies to facilities in disadvantaged communities across Lebanon, providing life-saving treatment to more than 114,900 people.

HPIC has also played a major role in rebuilding critical structures in Lebanon, primarily with the rehabilitation of the St. George Health Facility in Beirut through funding from the Ministère des Relations Internationales et de la Francophonie (MRIF). The facility was rendered non-operational as a result of the 2020 Explosion, having been severely damaged and suffering loss of critical equipment, but with funding from MRIF, HPIC has been able to provide equipment, supplies and medication. Continuing to operate through the addition of a temporary facility, the hospital is expected to be fully operational by the end 2021.

HPIC has also been working closely to support the Children's Cancer Centre of Lebanon (CCCL), another healthcare facility that was severely impacted from the explosion. HPIC provided support to rebuild damaged areas and sent specialized medicines that helped over 700 boys and girls under the care of CCCL ensuring that treatment plans for these young patients remained uninterrupted despite the physical and financial challenges CCCL faced.

Lebanon continues to be in desperate need of medicine. HPIC will continue to support the people of Lebanon and we need your help to raise \$20,000 in the next two years to mobilize up to 10 tonnes of essential medicines and medical supplies that will help fill the gaps in Lebanon's healthcare system over the next year.



SNAPSHOT:

YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK

 **MEDICAL RELIEF:**
\$25.9M+

 **PEOPLE TREATED:**
1M+

 **HEALTHCARE WORKERS TRAINED:**
206

 **TREATMENTS PROVIDED:**
2.5M+

 **COUNTRIES SUPPORTED:**
30

 **PARTNERS SUPPORTED:**
12 (Canada & International)

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CELEBRATING 31 YEARS OF HOPE

On September 23rd, we celebrated HPIC's 31st anniversary with a virtual gala. It was an inspiring evening, with stories and impact testimonials from our partners, as well as an important discussion on global health, featuring remarks from key speakers including The Honourable Jane Philpott, Dr. Heather Scott, and His Excellency Fadi Ziadeh, Lebanese Ambassador to Canada.

The evening was an incredible success; thanks to our generous pharmaceutical sponsors including Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, and Innovative Medicines Canada, and all of our donors, we were able to reach our goal of \$60,000!

Congratulations to our silent auction and trivia winners, and lastly, thank you so much to all our incredible sponsors, donors, partners and speakers for making the night such a tremendous success.

We would also like to give a special shout out to our fabulous board member Lois Brown for being our wonderful emcee and keeping us entertained throughout the evening!





COMMUNITY TOOLKIT

We are looking for Community Champions! A community champion is someone who shares our belief that everyone deserves equal access to healthcare and is willing to take action by rallying friends, family and their community to raise funds to ensure HPIC's mission remains vibrant.

If that sounds like you, take a look at our HPIC Toolkit for hosting a community fundraiser or event. If you have questions, contact us at: YOUthproject@hpicanada.ca

Download the toolkit here at hpicanada.ca/get-involved/host-a-fundraiser-or-event/

ECHO AGE

Supporting HPIC has never been easier. As we enter the Thanksgiving season and we gather with loved ones, you can do so in a way that gives back. EchoAge gives you all the latest designs and resources you need to host a charitable component at your next get-together; a birthday, anniversary, wedding or just about any family gathering!

This fall, support HPIC. To get started visit: www.echoage.com and search for Health Partners International of Canada (HPIC) to choose us as your charity of choice.

Let the planning and fun begin!



2121 MISSION VIDEO

Have you checked out our 2021 Mission Video yet? If not, do so here! Please share HPIC's mission, the more we reach, the more lives we can restore together.

For more information on how you can partner with us, call **514.822.1112**, visit hpicanada.ca or email dgomez@hpicanada.ca

