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EN English
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A Message From Our Co-Founders

Dear Friends,

Mbote na bino!

Hello!

For over a decade, our vision for community-based primary healthcare has driven our mission at Amani Global Works (AGW), but never have we worked harder than in 2020 and 2021. They were the most challenging years we’ve had in recent history, but years that also proved the commitment and resilience of our people and partners.

Our team was put to the test. COVID-19 and other unforeseen crises set back our expansion plans to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in 2021, but through the support of our team, partners, and community, we didn’t just rise above the hardships—we are turning the tide in healthcare. As we faced challenges together, we successfully reduced child mortality and malnutrition rates by 30%, quadrupled our CHW home visits, and rallied around people taking charge of their health, community, and future. We love sharing our collective achievements because we believe in the beauty of serving others without a hidden agenda.

Today, we are even more convinced that AGW’s model is working after witnessing people from the DRC mainland going out of their way to come to Idjwi for the best medical care. Now, it’s our time to go where the people are. This year’s Annual Report is a symbol of our relentless dedication to the DRC, our inspiration, country, and home. We are committed to be present in the mainland by 2022—serving even more people with high-quality, community-based primary healthcare. Our accomplishments would not be possible without our enduring community and tireless team, who are willing to sacrifice for the future we are shaping together. And you of course—our steadfast supporters and friends—thank you for helping us go beyond Idjwi and expand our mission to Care, Cure, and Make Whole!

Ntonderele, Tuasakidila, Merci, Melesi mingi, Asante,

Thank you,

Jacques Sebisaho
M.D, M.P.A
Co-Founder, Executive Director

Busime Mimy Mudekereza
FNP BC, CEN, R.N.
Co-Founder, Director of Nursing
About Amani Global Works

Mission

Amani Global Works’ (AGW) mission is to Care, Cure, and Make Whole by providing healthcare to the most impoverished and forgotten communities of Africa.

Vision

AGW envisions a world where primary healthcare systems provide quick responses to deliver the right level of care at no cost to patients.

What We Do

Our aim is to improve overall health and well-being by providing preventive and emergency care for all communities in need, creating a replicable template of care—focused on improving maternal and child health—throughout the continent:

- We hire Community Health Workers (CHWs) to proactively visit households, seeking individuals in need of treatment and delivering care right at their doorstep.
- We ensure cases that need more than home treatment are referred to the closest, well-equipped AGW health centers with nurses and midwives.
- We refer complex cases to the AGW hospital for comprehensive care.

Today, AGW is poised to launch and expand operations from Idjwi Island to the mainland of the Democratic Republic of Congo and beyond, thanks to the support of our community, partners, and donors.

Amani’s Primary Care Network

Our integrated health system initially provided comprehensive care for Idjwi Island’s 300,000 inhabitants. It is composed of trained and paid CHWs, health clinics, and a regional referral hospital that work in harmony to positively impact the population’s health, with a special focus on maternal child health.
The core of AGW’s work relies upon the dedication of 417 Community Health Workers (CHWs)—composed largely of women—who take on the role of community safeguards with pride and accountability. They work hand-in-hand with 115 nurses, 4 full-time and 1 part-time doctors, and 134 support staff in our hospital and community clinics. Collaboration among CHWs, nurses, and doctors is at the heart of our impact, resulting in better healthcare access for all.

Dr. Jacques Sebisaho
Co-founder, Executive Director

Born and raised in the DRC, Jacques was one of the millions who suffered the terrible violence that afflicted the African Great Lakes region in the mid-1990s. Because of his experiences, he has dedicated himself to healing his homeland, spending years treating the most vulnerable patients.

Busine Mimony Muombokza, R.N.
Co-founder, Nursing and Community Health Worker Training Director

Family nurse practitioner, and certified emergency and registered nurse, Mimony works at the New York Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University Medical Center. She also co-founded the Community of Sant’ Egidio in Eastern DRC, which works with the poor and promotes dialogue between nations and religions.

Clarise Agbor
Country Director,
Democratic Republic of Congo

Clarise leads AGW’s operations in DRC. A graduate of Buea University with a specialization in agriculture economy and agribusiness, she founded Mandah Organics, another nonprofit that trains farmers in sustainable agriculture and agro-processing.

“My work with pregnant women gives me so much joy since most of them have never been to a hospital and can’t afford to pay! I’m proud because I can assure them a safe and healthy delivery for free. Amani has also helped me achieve my personal dreams: sending my kids to school, supporting my husband, securing a home. I’m very thankful!”

— Nurse Sifa
Mapendo
The Democratic Republic of Congo: Our Next Chapter

“He who has health has hope. And he who has hope, has everything.”

-Congolese Proverb

On Idjwi island, a sense of renewed wellness runs through the people. The Congolese soul thrives, not just survives—it grows from our land, soars across the skies, and surges with the energy of the Congo River. Our river unifies 250 tribes that speak 700 diverse languages and dialects in the same way AGW seeks to connect the DRC mainland through the language of health.

Together, we move forward in great expectation, ready to hear remarkable stories, taste exceptional food, see the majestic Mt. Virunga, dance to rhythmic rumba, and serve more of our wonderful people! As AGW expands to the greater Congolese population, we carry with us that vitality. Our journey on the mainland has begun and we are compelled by a rush of hope from like-minded people who share our mission.

Ange Kidorho, one of our community health workers says, “Amani has reduced the mortality rate due to the introduction of the CHVs and the available hospital. [Each] time [patients] go to the hospital, the nurses and the doctors are always ready to receive them and [give] them the best care they deserve.”

One such patient is Madame Uti Dorcas, who is reminded of AGW’s important work each time she looks at her child, Shikena. She, and many other expecting mothers on Idjwi, received free, comprehensive care and support from pregnancy to childbirth.

After acquiring treatment, Madame Dorcas saw an opportunity to start working for AGW, and with her salary, she was able to save and build a home in Goma. Her story is just one of the many uplifting reasons we are committed to expand to the mainland.

Join AGW as we continue our journey to the heart of Africa where we are building a fair and flourishing DRC. When we have sovereignty over our health, our dreams and desires are limitless. We wish to be part of the health and freedom of the Congolese mind and body as we remain one with the boundless, dynamic Congolese soul.
Confronting Crises: Our Response

“No matter how long the night may be, the day is sure to come.”
* Congolese Proverb

2020 was a staggering year: COVID-19 triggered a global health crisis, and those who were most vulnerable bore the brunt of the consequences. In the DRC, natural disasters and Ebola outbreaks exacerbated the effects of the pandemic two years in. Multiple challenges lead to decisive action—reaffirming AGW’s priorities, testing our responsiveness, and strengthening our commitment to serve the DRC.

COVID-19 Update: Protecting Our People

When lockdowns happened on March 24, 2020, AGW focused primarily on safeguarding CHWs because they were critical in ensuring the continuity of essential health services. Their capacity to develop and sustain high-quality community interventions supported the Ministry of Health and local authorities in launching a coordinated response. By equipping and protecting CHWs, we essentially protected our people and sustained efforts to contain COVID-19 while providing support to the national pandemic response.

By the end of 2021, the DRC had 78,067 confirmed cases and 1,225 coronavirus-related deaths. COVID-19 infections are reported to be decreasing in the DRC, but low vaccination rates continue to motivate political, community, and religious leaders to work together to stop the spread of the virus.

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Nyiragongo Eruption: Revealing Our Mandate

Crisis reveals not only who we are, but also who our friends are. Last June 2021, AGW sent out a call to partners, requesting emergency support after another crisis hit during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Nyiragongo volcano in Goma erupted in May 2021, killing over 80 people and displacing more than 2 million from their homes. Over 50,000 displaced people returned to their familial homes in Idjwi, increasing our catchment population by 20%. Critical roads, infrastructure, and economic activity were devastated, which put enormous strain on an already stretched health system. Barely one month into the eruption, rates of severe malnutrition among children increased after a measles outbreak. AGW’s 2021 budget did not account for these emergencies, so our friends helped us raise approximately $400,000 to work closely with the community and provide food, clean water, and medication to those displaced:

- 50,000 emergency primary care check-ups conducted
- 10,000 medicines provided to address immediate health concerns
- 500+ children under 5 years old received nutrition 3x a day
- 50 displaced peoples trained and hired as CHWs in Idjwi and Goma

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Ebola Outbreaks: Proving Our Effective Primary Healthcare

Ebola outbreaks were devastating the DRC’s fragile primary healthcare systems long before COVID-19. From 2020 to 2021, over 153 ebola cases were confirmed in the country, with 86 cases proving fatal. Idjwi experienced no local cases of ebola during this period because our front lines were managed by expert CHWs recruited and trained by AGW. Our brand of expertise, commitment, and vigilance is now poised to launch in the DRC.

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1 https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/cd
Stories of Success: Our Milestones

Healthcare is an engine of development, and we are entirely thankful for supporters helping advance our mission. The past two years were the most challenging we’ve faced as a grassroots community and global society. But because of our partners, we overcame every setback, maintained high-quality health services for communities under our care, and even exceeded most of our impact goals:

Achieved vs. Projected Impact Numbers

- 4,907,337 vs. 1,200,000 home visits
- 574,366 vs. 450,000 child cases treated
- 360,000 vs. 500,000 total population served
- 54,536 vs. 45,000 women started on family planning
- 8,218 vs. 8,000 facility-based deliveries
- 417 vs. 417 CHWs employed
- 25 vs. 25 health clinics supported
- 1 vs. 1 referral hospital

2020–2021 Milestones

- We developed a nutrition bar—named "Doctor Jacques" by the local community—that successfully treats malnutrition. This year, we reduced child mortality by 30-50% after distributing 18,000 nutrition bars from June to December 2021.

- We built a competent team of 417 CHWs—prudently composed of 80–90% women—plus over 500 more trained as CHW reserves. We are very proud to be working with a majority of women, learning from their competence, compassion, and candor.

- As Idjwi’s largest employer, we helped lift over 1,000 households out of poverty, from $55/year to $1200/year—double the average income ($600/year) in the DRC. Our work has an immediate impact on the economy of a country and the development of its people beyond basic physical health.

- We radically cared for the community without receiving salaries for 8 months. Despite being cut off from banking services during the pandemic, our team knew that lives were at stake and still showed up for work daily. As soon as financial services became available again, all staff and CHWs were paid in full, and the trust and morale of our team have never been stronger.

- We partnered with exciting new funders such as Crown Philanthropies and Skoll who share our mission for a healthier world.

“Proximate innovators drive health system transformation. We added to existing investments in primary health care through support of organizations like Amani Global Works.” — Skoll Foundation

Heshima, one of the children who survived malnutrition, holding a “Doctor Jacques” bar
Investing in Health: Our Financials

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*Other Income is the refunded deposit from WeWork.
**Other Income is amounts received awaiting categorization.

**Pitshisha dituku bilenga!**

**Have a nice day!**
Leading Through Healthcare: Our Board, Donors, and Partners

Anonymous • Leslie Chang & Ben Appen • The Hale Family
Jascha Hoffman • David Evans • Colin Rust & Jeannie Tseng

Board Members

With AGW Co-founders Dr. Jacques Sebisaho and Busime Mnymudereza at the helm, our Board of Trustees uphold and champion free and accessible quality healthcare for our communities:

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Through the generous support of individuals, families, and foundations, we have the opportunity to witness change and walk with our communities on the path to good health.

FR Merci pour votre soutien!
EN Thank you for your support!
A fair and flourishing DRC is within reach with your help!

Donate to our programs
Invite us to tell our story
Connect us to like-minded individuals and organizations
Driving Integrated Healthcare: Our Future

2022 Goals

Serve 1,500,000 patients
Train and hire 800+ CHWs
Establish 1 referral hospital in Southern Idjwi

As AGW continues growing in capacity, community, and collaboration, we are targeting the improvement of the quality of our services delivered across the DRC and beyond—expanding to countries such as South Sudan, Central African Republic, and Cameroon—all areas of priority. Scaling AGW’s primary healthcare model will ensure maximum impact and accountability for the communities served.
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