



ReachAnother Foundation builds pediatric neurosurgical capacity in Ethiopia to save the lives of babies born with neural tube defects.

PREVENTION



TREATMENT



AFTERCARE



REACHANOTHER'S LAZARUS PROJECT **Resurrecting thousands of medical instruments** **for Ethiopia**

Hospitals in the Netherlands are to give thousands of medical instruments a fresh lease on life in Ethiopia and fill an urgent need for children and adult patients suffering from crippling diseases and wounds. ReachAnother Foundation spotted an opportunity to find an alternative use for a vast array of perfectly viable equipment that would otherwise have become redundant under new EU regulatory standards.

Marinus Koning, ReachAnother founder, said: "Good tools are half the work and we were told stories by newly graduated neurosurgeons at medical centers in Ethiopia that they could not perform surgery at all because of a lack of instruments. They were moved to tears when we gave them a set of just 20, because it made it possible for them to start applying their skills with patients. When we heard about the new European regulations, we immediately realized the tremendous opportunity we had to meet a huge need in Ethiopia for everything from surgical scissors, needle holders, retractors, forceps and chisels, to basic sutures."

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Touching words from one of our closest partners, Dr. Yordanos A. Awoke, MD Neurosurgeon. She inspires us to keep fighting for a world where all SBH babies can live and thrive.



"I am extremely grateful that you are in my life, as a great supporter, an amazing motivator- you are my family.

I hope that you know how thankful I am for the lives of all the children we treated.

I hope you know how grateful we are for your kindness, inspiration and for making us look inwards and be accountable for our patients and their families..

I am above all thankful for your service to our kids, for literally saving thousands of lives.

Thank you for being there when I needed it the most."

SBH AFTERCARE TEAMS BECOME A REALITY

Bahir Dar University hospital and Zewditu hospital in Addis Ababa begin nurses' training

A first of its kind in Ethiopia, the nurses' training program is designed to build the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SBH) Care Teams of ReachAnother Centers of Excellence for Pediatric Neurosurgery.

This project was developed at the request of the Ministry of Health Clinical Services Directorate and was created in close cooperation with the Children's Hospital of Alabama Neurosurgery Division and the Patient+Family Care NGO.

These multidisciplinary care teams are centered around the patient:

- Specialists are together at the same time; meeting the needs of the patient in one visit

- Expert advice to parents
- Open lines of communication
- Life long patient follow up
- Limited expenses for parents
- Patient outcome evaluation

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