An Introduction to HVO
HVO’s Mission

Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) improves the availability and quality of health care through the education, training and professional development of the health workforce in resource-scarce countries.

HVO is a private, nonprofit volunteer organization founded in 1986.
HVO’s Vision

We envision a world where all people have access to high quality health care delivered by local health professionals.
The Global Health Workforce Crisis

- global shortages of health workers
- skill imbalances
- uneven distribution of providers
- poor work environment
- weak knowledge base
The Global Health Workforce Crisis

➢ The estimated deficit of health care workers in 2022 was 15 million.

➢ By 2030, the shortage is estimated to still exceed 10 million.

➢ Resource-scars countries are expected to bear the worst of the shortage.

World Health Organization. Health Workforce. https://www.who.int/health-topics/health-workforce#tab=tab_1
The Global Health Workforce Crisis

“The chronic under-investment in education and training of health workers in some countries and the mismatch between education and employment strategies in relation to health systems and population needs are contributing to continuous shortages.”

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HVO – A Snapshot

- More than 12,600 volunteer assignments completed since 1986
- 95+ projects in 22 countries
- 35 e-learning projects
- 3,100+ health professionals trained, mentored, and educated by HVO volunteers annually
- 400+ volunteer assignments annually
- 15 program areas that encompass dozens of health care specialties and address numerous global health challenges
- 245 international partners since 1986
- 243 scholarships awarded between 2011 and 2022 to colleagues abroad to participate in professional development opportunities
HVO – A Snapshot

More than 95 HVO projects are hosted on 4 continents

- St. Lucia
- Guyana
- Peru
- Costa Rica
- Honduras
- Guatemala
- Ghana
- Malawi
- Rwanda
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Mauritania
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- India
- Laos
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Vietnam
HVO Programs

➢ Administration Training
➢ Anesthesia
➢ Dermatology
➢ Emergency Medicine
➢ Hematology
➢ Internal Medicine
➢ Nursing Education
➢ Obstetrics and Gynecology
➢ Oncology

➢ Oral Health
  ➢ Dentistry
  ➢ Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
➢ Orthopaedics
➢ Mental Health
➢ Nutrition
➢ Pharmacy
➢ Residency Training
➢ Pediatrics
➢ Rehabilitation (PT, OT, SLP)
Virtual Learning

➢ In 2020, HVO added online educational opportunities including lectures, case consultations, and mentorship.

➢ The Remote Educational Interface (REI) was developed as an online platform to facilitate virtual learning where volunteers and partners can schedule, meet, provide comments, and share resources.

➢ HVO has:
  ➢ 35 e-learning projects
  ➢ 32 active REIs
Scholarships

➢ The Wyss Scholarship for Future Leaders in Global Health
  ➢ Allows HVO to support the professional development of local health care providers at HVO project sites.

➢ Feinberg Fellowship for Long-Term Volunteers
  ➢ Enables HVO to meet requests from our partner institutions that require volunteers for focused, long-term assignments at specific project sites.

➢ Specialty specific scholarships:
  ➢ Warfield Scholarship for Anesthesia Professionals
  ➢ Orthopaedics Traveling Fellowship
  ➢ SEA-HVO Traveling Fellowship
  ➢ HVO-ADA Foundation Volunteer Fellowship
HVO Impact

➢ Expanding access to health care
➢ Developing national leaders in health care
➢ Building educational infrastructure
➢ Forging global partnerships
➢ Improving global health through education
HVO Sponsors

➢ American Academy of Dermatology
➢ American Association of Colleges of Nursing
➢ American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
➢ American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
➢ American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists
➢ American College of Physicians

➢ American Dental Association
➢ American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand
➢ American Physical Therapy Association
➢ American Society of Clinical Oncology
➢ American Society of Hematology
➢ British Society for Haematology
HVO Volunteers

➢ Complete short-term, long-term, and virtual assignments

➢ Come from diverse backgrounds

➢ Serve in person and online

➢ Often form long term relationships with international colleagues

➢ Choose to return year after year
Providing education, training & opportunity for thousands of health workers...
... who will provide care now & for years to come.
Ways to Support HVO

➢ Become a member
➢ Give a cash or stock donation
➢ Include HVO in your estate plans
➢ Workplace Giving (United Way/CFC)

82.2% of all HVO spending goes directly to HVO’s teaching & training programs.
*This data is from the HVO 2018 IRS 990 Form.
Get started!

➢ Visit www.hvousa.org/volunteer
➢ Call us @ (202) 296-0928

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