





Forman Christian College in Pakistan

## GET TO KNOW US

# Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad

## MISSION

Established in 1957, the Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) strengthens schools, libraries, and hospitals through public-private partnerships. Its mission is to share the best in health and education ideas, practices, and values worldwide while building mutual understanding and friendship with people around the world. ASHA's investments build resilient civil society institutions and provide hope, while training the next generation of world leaders.

USAID/ASHA funds the construction of academic buildings and medical facilities and the procurement of medical and educational equipment. USAID/ASHA has built a dynamic legacy of top quality civil society institutions and overseas partnerships around the world. These partnerships leverage existing knowledge and resources, and ensure greater program scale, financial sustainability, and local ownership.

## USAID/ASHA 2014-2018 STRATEGY

USAID/ASHA's five-year strategy (2014 – 2018) recognizes the importance of lasting partnerships with overseas organizations, reinforces USAID/ASHA's legislative mandate, strengthens monitoring and evaluation, aligns investments with sustainable institutions, increases equality and women's empowerment, and promotes science, technology, and innovation.

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## Introduction: American Schools and Hospitals Abroad

The Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) administers a worldwide grant program, which reflects both the pioneering spirit and the generosity of this country's citizens.

For more than a century, Americans have been expanding educational and medical opportunities in foreign countries by supporting American civil society institutions to establish model partnerships that promote American values and ideals. The number of American volunteers who have contributed their time, energy and resources to these partnerships is astounding.

ASHA schools and hospitals offer opportunities where often little exists. They create a foundation for development by training future leaders in a wide variety of disciplines while providing an understanding of American cultural, economic, scientific and social practices.

The original authorization for the ASHA program is found in the Smith-Mundt Act of 1947, followed by the Mutual Security Act, and more recently Section 214 of the Foreign Assistance Act. To assist with the development of such institutions, appropriations were first made under the Mutual Security Act of 1957 for a few specified schools. A separate program came into being under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, which created the Agency for International Development (USAID). In the 1970s, USAID, with the support of Congress, created the ASHA competitive grant program that exists today. The ASHA program provides grants to schools and hospital centers in countries worldwide.

Beginning with 12 projects and a budget totaling \$4.3 million in 1959, the program gradually rose to a budget level of \$13.5 million during the 1960s and peaked at almost \$30 million in fiscal year 1970. From the inception of the program in 1959 through 2017, ASHA has assisted approximately 300 institutions in 80 countries worldwide—many with a regional impact. ASHA also funds institutions like Project ORBIS and Project HOPE that provide services to meet the needs of targeted groups in vulnerable areas worldwide.

The objective of the ASHA program is to strengthen schools and hospitals overseas that demonstrate American ideals and practices, and are likely to continue operating in the long term. ASHA assistance is provided to private non-profit American institutions that demonstrate American and are effective cultural presence centers. The assisted institutions utilize revenues from tuition fees, private contributions, endowment earnings and the sale of services to fund their operating expenses.

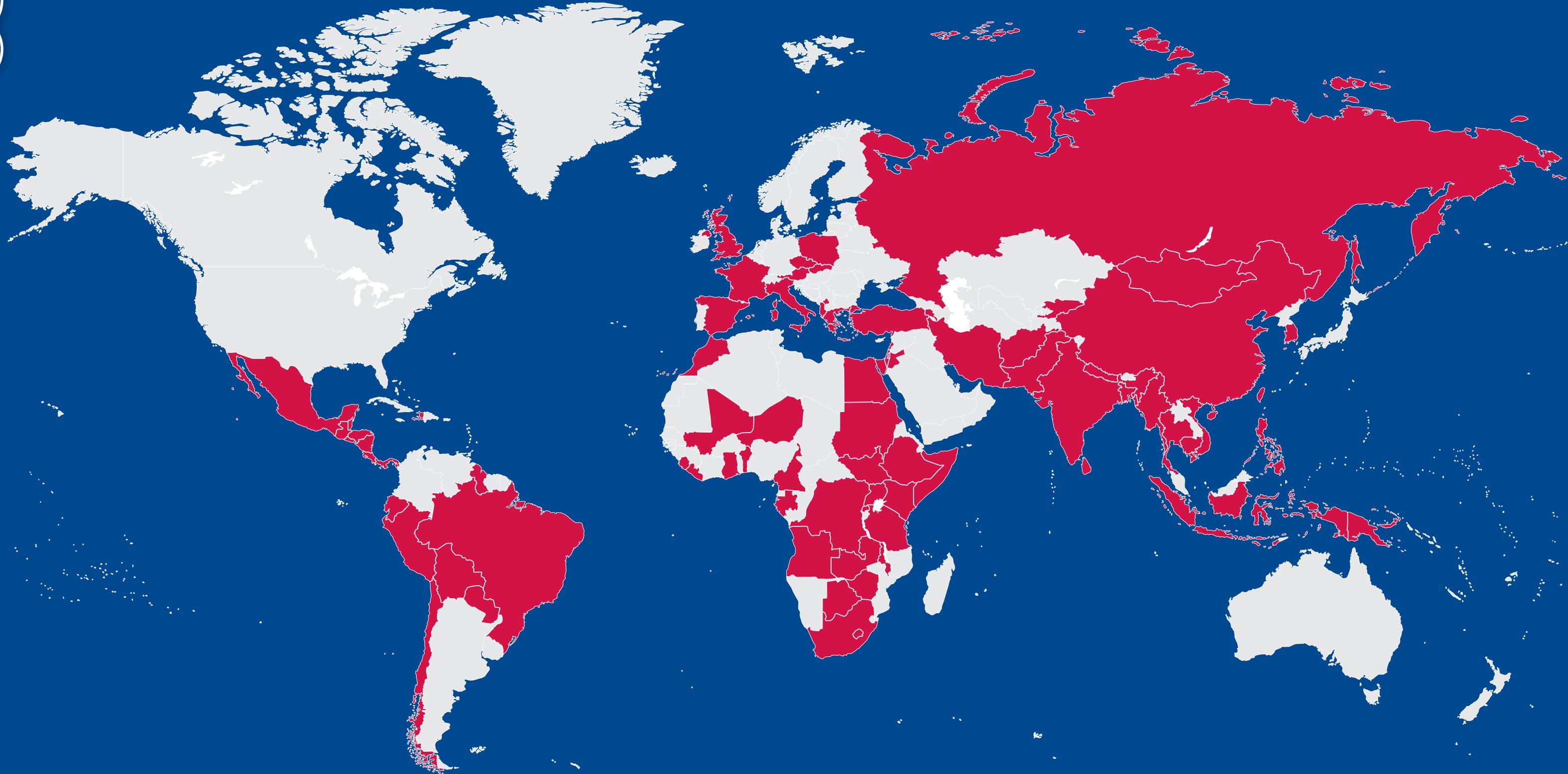
ASHA grants are awarded to fund construction or renovation of buildings, upgrading of facilities and purchasing of equipment. The ability of applicants to raise additional funds from other sources for grant-supported activities is an important consideration in ASHA's grant application review process.

To date, many ASHA assisted projects have been successfully completed as a result of this private-public partnership. A number of these projects are described in the following pages.

## Federal Assistance Act Section 214

The Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) awards grants under section 214 of the Foreign Assistance Act.

- a. The President is authorized to furnish assistance on such terms and conditions as he may specify, to schools and libraries outside the United States founded or sponsored by United States citizens and serving as study and demonstration centers for ideas and practices of the United States.
- b. The President is authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of Mutual Defense Assistance Control Act of 1951 (22 U.S.C. 1611 et seq.), to furnish assistance on such terms and conditions as he may specify, to institutions referred to in subsection (a) of this section, and to hospital centers for medical education and research outside the United States, founded or sponsored by United States citizens.





Fabretto Children's Foundation in Nicaragua



Nurturing Minds SEGA Girls School in Tanzania



Anatolia College in Greece

60 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

# Educating the Next Generation of Leaders

All universities educate students, but not all universities produce leaders. Leadership focused education involves empowering students to address the challenges that impede social and economic progress. Many ASHA-supported institutions are located in areas where poverty, lack of educational and economic opportunities, and scarcity of modern medical facilities present significant obstacles to progress. Remarkably, many ASHA institution graduates are recognized leaders in both the public and private sectors. ASHA partnerships allow exposure to American ideals, including innovation, equal opportunity, and equality of access to medical and educational resources. This exposure results in a deeper understanding of American culture and values among leaders around the world, therefore positively impacting policy decisions that affect millions of people.

ASHA provides the brick-and-mortar settings and tools to ensure that students will be fluent in English, exposed to classic American liberal arts curricula, and studying in world-class science facilities from proven pedagogies. ASHA support enables these students to sharpen their leadership skills by participating in student government, practicing critical thinking and entrepreneurship, and preparing them for admission to Western universities for continued education.

Bethlehem University, in the West Bank, has an unusually high number of graduate leaders. Bethlehem University alumni include four ministers of the Palestinian Authority, a governor of Hebron, two mayors of West Bank cities, four bank managers, four general directors, and a host of other business, government, and philanthropic leaders.

American University of Armenia (AUA) graduates are recognized as change-makers in the public and private sectors of Armenia. Alumni working in the public sector include government ministers, members of parliament, and employees at the United Nations and USAID. AUA graduates have served as foreign assistance program officers, entrepreneurs and business leaders. Alumni also include directors of private and international organizations, including the World Bank, Microsoft Armenia, Oxfam, KPMG, Grant Thornton, PicsArt, and other local NGOs and private sector firms.

For every high-level leader who graduates from an ASHA-supported institution, there are dozens who lead and influence in agriculture, education, medicine, economics, and other disciplines that support global progress and spread American ideals all over the world.

## 60 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

## Empowering Women

Investments in gender equality and women's empowerment benefit all sectors of society, including public health, education, agriculture, business, and government. Empowering women is built into each ASHA program as a key American ideal, with a particular focus on women's leadership. Many ASHA-funded institutions are located in areas that do not value, or even discourage, freedoms of expression, movement, and self-determination for women. For women in these areas, ASHA-supported institutions provide opportunity and independence.

Women account for approximately one-half of the world's human capital, yet women have been oppressed and discouraged from participating in educational and economic activity. In developing countries, one in seven girls is married before her 15th birthday. Sixty-two million girls worldwide are out of school, but countries that invest in girls' education have lower maternal and infant deaths, lower HIV/AIDS rates, and improved levels of child nutrition. Providing opportunities for women yields benefits for the whole of society.

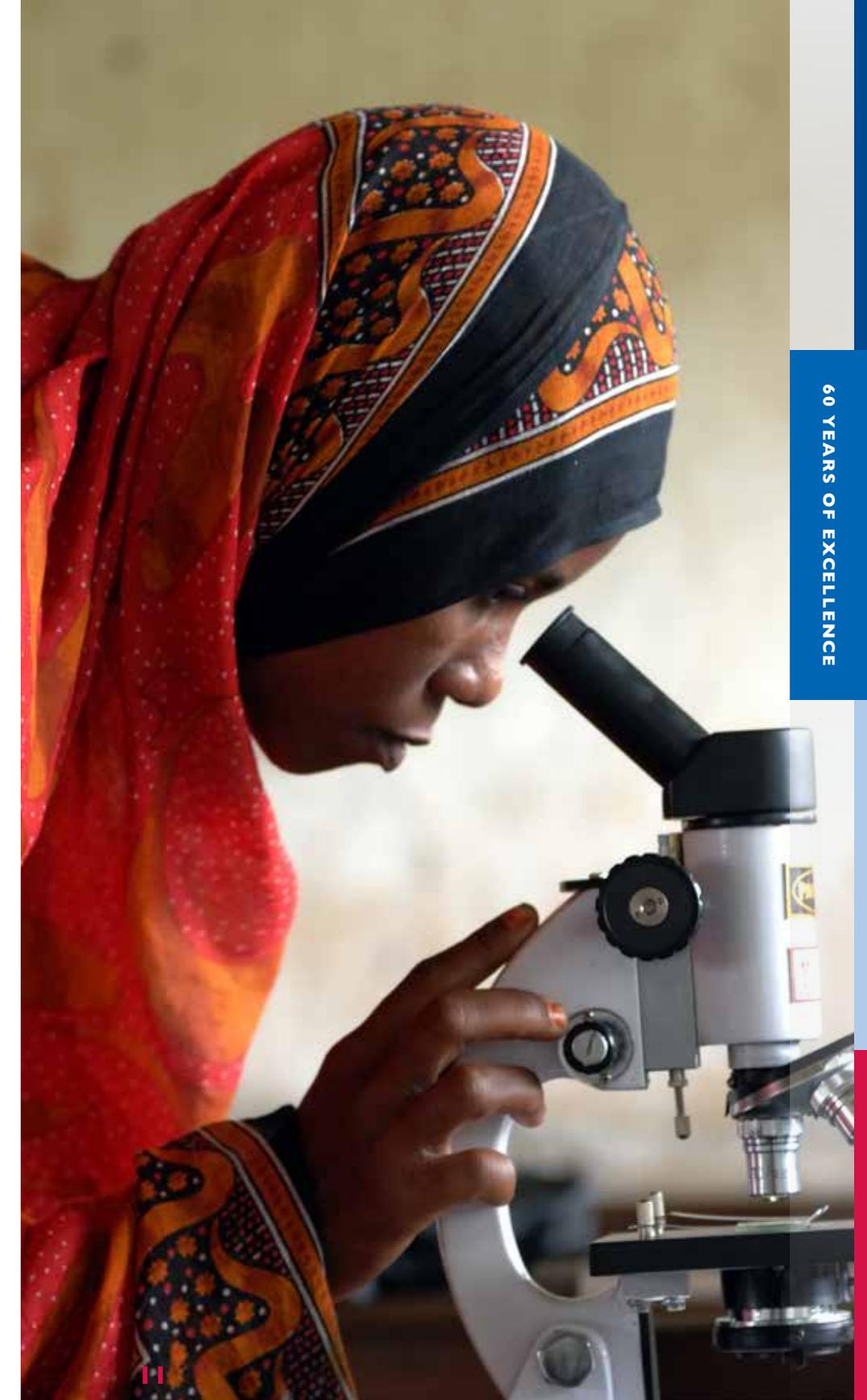
ASHA-supported construction and equipment in schools and hospitals are deliberately inclusive of women's needs. Dormitories, common areas, athletic facilities, labs, and classrooms are outfitted to accommodate and encourage use by women. Curricula, student government, exchange programs, conferences, and other opportunities are enabled through ASHA-supported facility and electronic upgrades, and provide a stable platform for extraordinary women's programs.

Zamorano University in Honduras is fully committed to gender equality, inclusion of women in its workforce and student body, and integration of women into rural development projects. Originally an all-male technical agricultural school, Zamorano has evolved into a fully diversified undergraduate university in which women have leadership roles on the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee and the faculty, and access to professional opportunities throughout the workforce on campus. Directors of three of the five academic departments are women, and women comprise one third of the student body.

Zamorano has been so successful in gender integration that staff has been invited to develop gender analysis and integration plans for Millennium Challenge Corporation projects in El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Zamorano also developed a Women's Leadership Project that hosted a Leadership of Women in Agriculture Forum in 2012 that involved all 401 female students enrolled at that time. In 2014, Zamorano held a second International Forum entitled Leadership of the Zamorano Female Graduates that celebrated the 30th anniversary of the first female graduates of the university. The keynote address was given by the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras, and the day-long event featured panel discussions involving faculty members and female graduates who are engaged in public and private sectors around the world. In 2015, Pennsylvania State University and Zamorano created a four-year Women in Agriculture project, under the USAID Horticulture Innovation Lab led by the University of California at Davis, to

analyze how the horticultural value chain can support equity and empowerment for women and other marginalized populations.

At Zamorano and other ASHA-supported universities, gender-inclusive, American-style curricula blossom into bigger university programs for women that achieve full bloom in regional and global conferences, enterprises, and networks. By empowering women in these ways and more, ASHA contributes to global prosperity by educating and training women for leadership locally, regionally, and worldwide.





60 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

## Harnessing American Technology for Global Progress

At the heart of ASHA's work is a goal of maximizing use of American technological advancements to benefit people all over the world. Modern technology is featured in all ASHA programs, whether it is through construction of energy-efficient buildings, equipping classrooms with digital whiteboards and audio-visual equipment, or new machinery in hospitals.

ASHA-funded projects' impacts expand as students, professors, librarians, and health-care practitioners harness technology to improve current practices. ASHA-supported technology links even deeply rural schools and hospitals to a broad network of information and ideas. Thousands of students and professionals use ASHA-funded technology every year, and their experiences are connected to American ingenuity and generosity. Their use of American technology follows them throughout their careers, informs the decisions they make as leaders, and gives them a common language to communicate with change-makers everywhere.

Over four decades, ASHA-supported infrastructure improvements at the University of the Valley in Guatemala (UVG) have enabled the education of award-winning scientists who have earned eight National Medals of Honor in Science and Technology for projects conducted on UVG campuses. ASHA support has also enabled UVG to become a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Demonstration Center. UVG is the leading Central American university in the use of STEM methodologies in the classroom, and conducts STEM outreach events for K-12 youth in Guatemala and recruiting STEM teachers.

ASHA has provided construction and supplies to the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, based in Kathmandu, Nepal. Tilganga began

operations in June 1994 with three major programs: Eye Health Care Services, Academic and Training Programs, and Intraocular Lens Production. It is now known for excellent and affordable eye care services, training programs for eye care personnel, a profitable intraocular lens manufacturing factory; and the region's first and only eye bank. By restoring sight to tens of thousands of people each year, Tilganga contributes enormously to the quality of individual and community life throughout the Himalayas.

ASHA also supports CURE Uganda, a specialty teaching hospital that treats the neurosurgical needs of children with hydrocephalus, neural tube defects, spina bifida, and brain tumors. Located in Mbale, Uganda, it is Africa's leading hospital for the treatment of these conditions. CURE Uganda is recognized as a global leader in a minimally-invasive, shuntless treatment for hydrocephalus. Developed by the hospital's founding medical director, the procedure combines endoscopic third ventriculostomy (ETV) with a choroid plexus cauterization (CPC) to provide a safer, more sustainable result than with the use of a shunt. The hospital's prestigious CURE Hydrocephalus Surgeon Fellowship Program attracts surgeons from all over the world, demonstrating this innovative treatment and increasing the chances of survival for children with hydrocephalus in their home countries. ASHA support to CURE Uganda enables the innovation and the networking that makes this possible.

These and other ASHA-funded projects have provided environments to explore new ideas, equipment, and relationships that benefit millions of people worldwide.

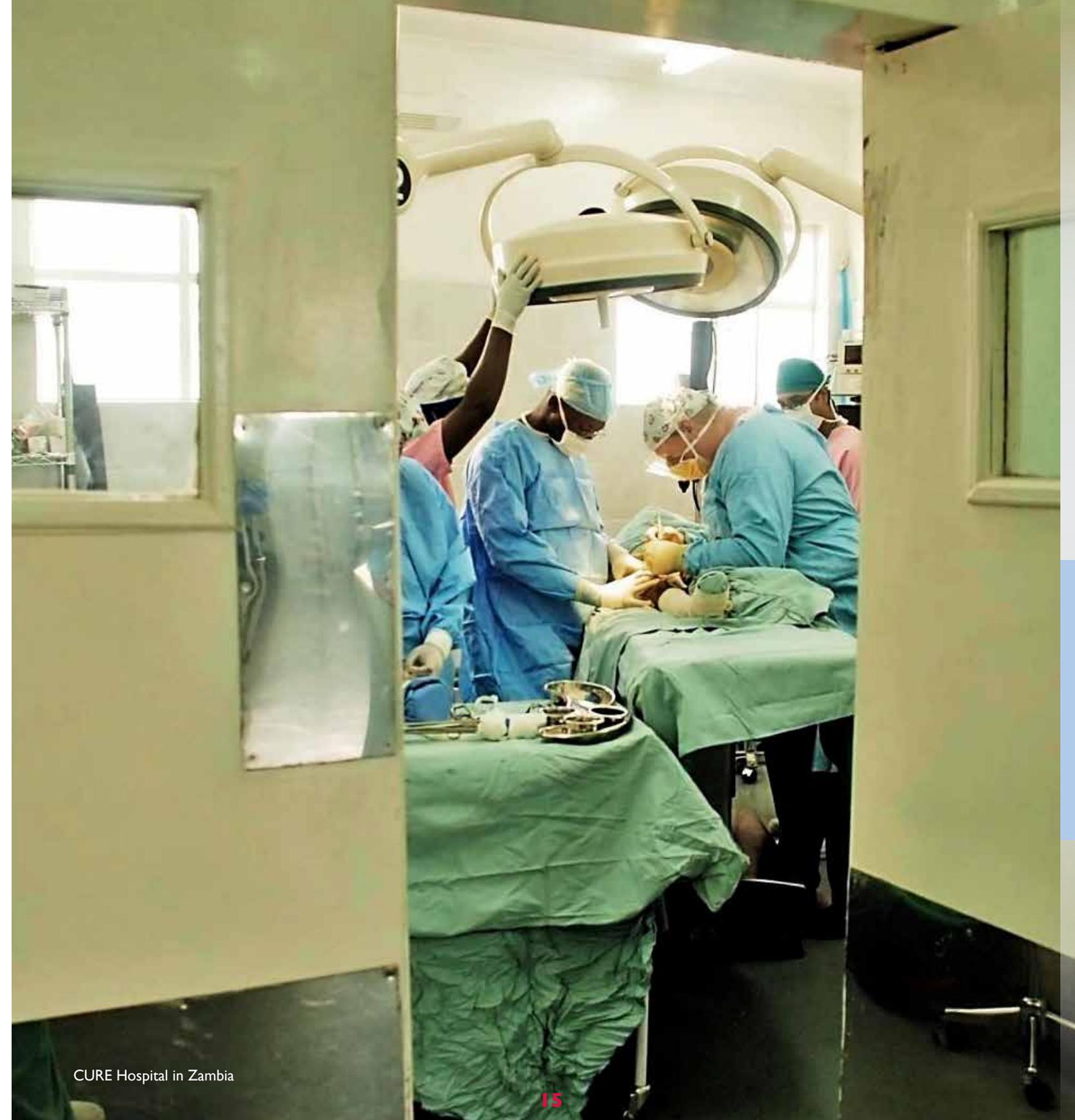


## ASHA BY REGION

# Africa, 1957-2017

Over the past 60 years, with the goal of increased mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Africa, ASHA has awarded over \$110 million in assistance to various private institutions in Africa. One of the first institutions to receive an ASHA grant in the region was Cuttington University College in Liberia. It is the oldest private, co-educational, four-year degree-granting institution in Sub-Saharan Africa. The impact of ASHA grants in Africa is immeasurable. With thousands of people needing access to quality health-care and reputable secondary education, the facilities that ASHA has helped to equip and build has served many communities across the continent. In a region where few are privileged to get a secondary education, these private educational institutions provide academic

and vocational training at high school, undergraduate, and graduate levels. The grants have also indirectly contributed to improving communities' socio-economic situations. Some of these institutions have improved and extended peace, leadership, and democratic governance training and dialog in countries that have economic and political problems—which in turn improves communities' opportunities. University graduates are staffing regional institutions and helping Africans build a better future. Recipient institutions are located in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. They represent 24 of the 158 active grants.



CURE Hospital in Zambia

## AFRICA USOs

Adventist Development and Relief Agency  
African America Institute  
African Leadership Foundation  
African Medical & Research Foundation, Inc. USA  
American Friends of Maru a Pula School, Inc.  
AMG International  
AMREF  
Ashesi University Foundation  
Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide  
Brethren in Christ World Missions

Chicago-Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus  
CURE International  
Domestic and Foreign Mission Society  
Empower African Children  
Evangelical Alliance Mission  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
Friends United Meeting  
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry  
Gonzaga University  
Grace Ministries International  
Himalayan Cataract Project  
HopeXchange, Inc

Horn of Africa Education Development Fund  
J. F. Kapnek Charitable Trust, Inc.  
James Jordan Foundation  
Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau of New York  
Lubuto Library Project, Inc.  
Macha Malaria Research Institute  
Medical Benevolence Foundation, Inc.  
Mercy Ships  
Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital - USA  
North American Baptist Conference  
Northern Great Lakes Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church

Nurturing Minds, Inc.  
Ourward Bound U.S.A.  
Palmetto Medical Initiative  
Peace House Foundation  
Project Mercy, Inc.  
Samaritan's Purse  
Service and Development Agency, Inc.  
SMDC Health System  
Tanzania Education Fund, Inc.  
The Christian and Missionary Alliance  
Touch Foundation, Inc.  
U.S. Fund for Leadership Training in Southern Africa  
Uganda Christian University Partners

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill  
Women's Division, GBGM, The United Methodist Church  
World Gospel Mission  
World Vision, Inc.

## AFRICA OSIs

Abaarso School of Science And Technology  
Africa Mercy Hospital Ship  
Africa University  
African Leadership Academy  
African Medical & Research School - Kenya  
African Medical & Research School - Sudan  
African Medical & Research School - Tanzania  
Amref International Training Center  
Ashesi University College  
Beit Trust Cure International Hospital - Malawi  
Bongolo Hospital  
Brethren In Christ Church Choma Children Development Project (Bicc-Ccdp)  
Bugando Medical Center

Catholic University Of Sudan  
Center For Infectious Disease Research In Zambia  
Central Hospital D'enongal  
Chemke Mercy Hospital  
Christian Life Community Kenya (St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School)  
Cure Children's Hospital of Niger  
Cure Children's Hospital of Uganda  
Cure Children's Hospital of Ethiopia  
Cure International Hospital of Zambia  
Cure's Childrens Hospital of Kenya  
Cuttington University  
Ekwendeni Hospital  
Empower African Children (Uganda)  
Empower Academy  
Evangelical Medical Center Of Lubango  
Friends Lugulu Hospital  
Good Shepherd Hospital

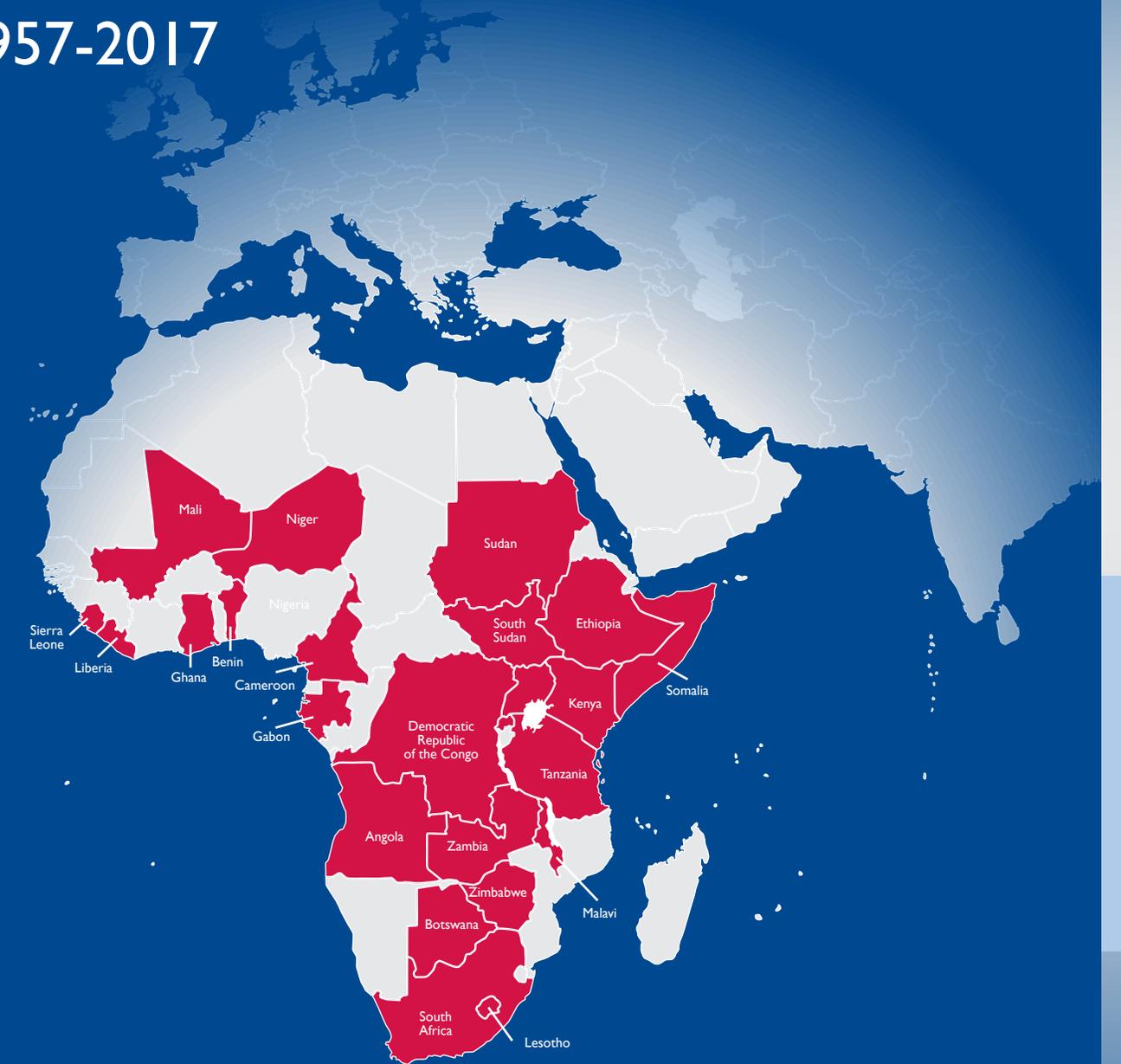
Heri Mission Hospital  
Hope Medical Center  
Hopexchange Medical Center  
Hutchinson Center Reasearch Institute Of Uganda Limited (Hcri-Uganda)  
Institute De Kama  
Kanye Medical Center  
Karanda Mission Hospital  
Kenya Women And Children's Wellness Center  
Kikuyu Christian Hospital  
Kisarawe Lutheran Jr. Seminary  
Kissy United Methodist Hospital  
Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (Kath)  
Koutiala Women's & Children Hospital  
Loyola High School  
Macha Hospital  
Malamulo Adventist Hospital

Maluti Adventist Hospital  
Maru A Pula School  
Masanga Hospital  
Mbingo Baprisit Hospital  
Metet Hospital  
Mthunzi Centre  
Mugonero Hospital  
Mulanje Mission Hospital  
Mwami Adventist Hospital  
Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital  
Nianjema Secondary School  
Nkhoma Mission Hospital  
Ocer Campion Jesuit College  
Outward Bound School - Kenya  
Outward Bound School - Lesotho  
Palmetto Medical Initiative - Uganda  
Peace House Secondary School

Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) Tumutumu Hospital  
Project Mercy Ethiopia  
Protestant Hospital Of Ngaoundere  
Secondary Education For Girls' Advancement (SEGA)

## ASHA BY REGION

## Africa, 1957-2017





## ASHA BY REGION

# Asia, 1957-2017

Since the inception of the program in 1957, ASHA has awarded grants to assist seventy-two private institutions in Asia, amounting to approximately \$153 million. One of the first institutions to receive an ASHA grant was the The Nancy Fulwood Hospital in Pakistan - a medical institution that began as a clinic and developed into a full general hospital. ASHA-assisted institutions have contributed to improving the academic and medical infrastructure of various countries throughout Asia. As of fiscal year 2017, of the 158 active grants worldwide, 19 are in Asia and are in the following countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, China, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.



Himalayan Cataract Project in Nepal

**ASIA USOs**

Adventist Development and Relief Agency  
 American Board of Sogang University  
 American Friends of Chung-Ang University, Inc.  
 American Hospital in Shanghai Foundation  
 American Leprosy Missions  
 American Medical Overseas Relief (AMOR)  
 American-Thai Foundation for Education  
 Angeles University Development Foundation

Bard College  
 Baylor University (BU)  
 Chiang Mai Mission Board  
 Christian Brothers Conference, Inc.  
 Church World Service, Inc.  
 CURE International  
 Esopus Brothers of the Marist Brothers  
 Foundation for P.E.A.C.E.  
 Foundation for Understanding & Enhancement (FUNEN)  
 Friends of Forman Christian College, Inc.

Friends of the American University of Afghanistan  
 Fudan Foundation  
 Global Health Ministries  
 Himalayan Cataract Project  
 HOPE Worldwide, Ltd.  
 Indiana University  
 Jesuit Jamshedpur Mission Society, Inc.  
 Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau of New Orleans  
 Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau of New York  
 Johns Hopkins University

Kodaikanal Woodstock Foundation  
 Loma Linda University  
 Ludhiana Christian Medical Board (USA), Inc.  
 Medical Benevolence Foundation, Inc.  
 Mennonite Board Missions  
 Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc.  
 Oblate Missions  
 People-to-People Health Foundation, Inc.  
 Project Hope  
 Rambo Committee, Inc.

Salesian Missions, Inc.  
 The Vellore Christian Medical College Foundation, Inc.  
 United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia  
 University of Alaska Fairbanks  
 Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped (VNAH)  
 Wesleyan World Missions Board  
 Women's Division, GBGM, The United Methodist Church  
 World Witness Board of Foreign Missions

**ASIA OSIs**

Afghanistan Health Organization  
 American University of Afghanistan  
 American University of Central Asia (Auca)  
 American University of Mongolia (Aum)  
 Anandaban Hospital  
 Angeles University  
 Ateneo De Davao University  
 Ateneo De Zamboanga University  
 Ateneo De Manila University  
 Ateneo De Naga  
 Bandung Adventist Hospital  
 Bangalore Baptist Hospital (Bbh)  
 Bangkok Adventist Hospital  
 Center For American Studies-Fudan  
 Cheng Hsin Rehabilitation Center

Christian Hospital Mungeli  
 Chung Ang University  
 Cure International Hospital & Family Center  
 Danang Binh Dan Hospital  
 De La Salle University  
 Dhamtari Hospital  
 Don Bosco Technical School Kep  
 Eastern Technical College  
 Forman Christian College  
 Fujian Hwa Nan Women's College  
 Hopkins-Nanjing Center For Chinese American Studies (Hnc)  
 Induk Vocational School  
 Isabella Thoburn College  
 King Edward Memorial Hospital  
 King's College of Isulan

Kodaikanal International School  
 Kudjip Nazarene Hospital  
 Kwangju Christian Hospital  
 Lalitpur Nursing Campus  
 Lingnan College  
 Loyola College Of Education  
 Ludhiana Medical Center  
 Madras Christian College (Mcc)  
 Memorial Christian Hospital  
 Nancy Fulwood Hospital  
 Nepal Leprosy Trust  
 Notre Dame De Marbel College  
 Notre Dame University  
 Payap University  
 Pediatric Hospital  
 Ponape Agricultural/Trade School

Presbyterian Medical Center  
 Project Hope/Shanghai  
 Project Hope/Wuhan Nursing School  
 Satya Wacana Christian University  
 Schieffelin Leprosy R&T Center  
 Sihanouk Hospital Center Of Hope  
 Silliman University  
 Sino-American Medical Center  
 Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital  
 Sogang University  
 Soong Jun University  
 St. Joseph Girls' High School  
 Tebow Cure Hospital  
 The Church of Christ In Thailand (Cct)  
 The Livingstone Evergreen Advancement Foundation

Tilganga Eye Centre  
 Trinity College  
 University of Dong A  
 University Of St. La Salle  
 Vellore Christian Medical College  
 Wanless Hospital  
 Wesleyan English Secondary School  
 Woodstock School  
 Xavier High School  
 Xavier University  
 Yonok College  
 Yonsei University

**ASHA BY REGION****Asia, 1957-2017**



## ASHA BY REGION

# Europe and Eurasia (E&E), 1957-2017

ASHA began assisting private institutions in Europe in 1957. ASHA proudly counted Eurasia among its recipient countries after the break-up of the Soviet Union in the early 1990's, opening the region Europe and Eurasia (E&E). To date, ASHA has awarded over \$215 million in assistance to various institutions in E&E. One of the first institutions to receive an ASHA grant was the American College of Greece (ACG) - an institution of higher education founded by U.S. missionaries who, for over 140 years, have been promoting cooperation and collaboration between Greece and the United States. Since its inception ACG has produced over 52,000 alumni from 67 countries, including refugees from around the world. ASHA's primary objective in funding grants in this region has been to strengthen the capacity of these institutions to demonstrate American advances in educational and medical technology; and practices in the area of research, training, and patient care.

To date, ASHA's cumulative number of grants in E&E is 13 of the 158, and includes one hospital, universities, and high schools. The recipient institutions were private institutions in Armenia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Greece, Slovakia, and Turkey. Many of the graduates and recipients of services from these ASHA assisted institutions are now key members of the executive and legislative branches of their respective governments, as well as leaders in the fields of education, law, medicine, and business. In this region, ASHA institutions are often the only ones offering advanced medical care or providing a liberal arts curriculum that encourages the development of business skills to trade with the western world.



American Farm School in Greece

**EUROPE AND EURASIA USOs**

American College of Greece, Inc.  
 American Council of Teachers of Russian  
 American Hospital of Istanbul, Inc.  
 American School of Classical Studies at Athens  
 American University in Bulgaria, Inc.

American University in Kosovo Foundation  
 American University of Armenia Corporation  
 Armenian American Cultural Association, Inc.  
 Athens College in Greece

CERGE-EI Foundation  
 City University of Seattle  
 Friends of the American Board Schools in Turkey, Inc.  
 Harry T. Fultz Albanian-American Educational Foundation  
 Johns Hopkins University

National Board, YWCA of the U.S.A.  
 Office of the Trustees - American Farm School  
 People-to-People Health Foundation, Inc.  
 Salzburg Seminar in American Studies, Inc.  
 Sofia American Schools, Inc.

Trustees of Anatolia College  
 Trustees of Robert College of Istanbul

**EUROPE AND EURASIA OSIs**

American Center for Children  
 American College of Greece  
 American College of Sofia  
 American Collegiate Institute  
 American Farm School  
 American Girls Education Center  
 American Hospital Estepona

American Hospital in Rome  
 American Hospital of Paris  
 American Library in Paris  
 American University in Bulgaria  
 American University in Kosovo  
 American University of Armenia  
 Anatolia College

Armenian American Wellness Center (AAWC)  
 Athens College In Greece  
 Blegen And Gennadius Libraries  
 Bologna Center  
 Cerge-Ei  
 Clifford Strauss School  
 Gaziantep American Hospital

Harry T. Fultz Technical High School  
 Marios School  
 New England College  
 Polish-American Children Hospital  
 Robert College of Istanbul  
 Salzburg Seminar-American Studies  
 Sev American Hospital

Tarsus American School  
 Uskudar American Academy  
 Vebbi Koc Foundation American Hospital of Istanbul  
 Vysoka Skola Manazmentu (VSM)  
 Zablocki Ambulatory Center

**ASHA BY REGION**

**Europe and Eurasia (E&E), 1957-2017**





## ASHA BY REGION

# Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA), 1957-2017

ASHA has awarded grants to assist private schools, hospitals, and centers of excellence in the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) since 1957, and continues to support many institutions in the region. To date, ASHA has awarded \$635 million in assistance to this region. Two of the first institutions to receive an ASHA grant were the American University of Beirut and the American University in Cairo. Since their inception, both institutions have produced over 100,000 alumni from 120 countries. ASHA assisted institutions in this region have advanced our understanding of science and the natural world, produced Nobel laureates, championed for open and free societies, challenged assumptions of the nature of the universe, tackled agriculture and water challenges that will benefit the world, and created infrastructure and systems that improve the lives of people living in their countries.

As of fiscal year 2017, 21 of the 158 private institutions with active grants administered worldwide by ASHA were located in the Middle East and Northern Africa—more specifically in Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, and West Bank / Gaza. The projects funded by ASHA's grants have also contributed to promoting mutual understanding among conflicting neighbors, improvements to the socio-economic livelihood of served communities, and increased mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Middle East and Northern Africa.



**MENA USOs**

American Center of Oriental Research  
 American Committee for Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, Inc.  
 American Friends of Children's Town, Inc.  
 American Friends of Kiryat Sanz Laniado Hospital  
 American Friends of The Hebrew University  
 American Friends of the Jerusalem College of Technology  
 American Friends of Yeshivat Achuzat Yaacov

American Friends Tel Aviv University  
 American School of Tangier  
 American Society of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital St. John of Jerusalem  
 Boys Town Jerusalem Foundation of America  
 Bright Stars of Bethlehem (BSB)  
 Children International  
 Christian Brothers Conference, Inc.  
 Elwyn, Inc.  
 Emunah Women of America

Friends United Meeting  
 Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of American, Inc.  
 Hands Along the Nile Development Services, Inc.  
 International College of Beirut Board of Trustees  
 Karoll Education Foundation  
 Kiryat Belz Jerusalem  
 Lebanese American Health Foundation, Inc.  
 Machanaim

Machon Alte, Inc.  
 Medical Development for Israel, Inc.  
 Mother and Baby Hospital, Inc.  
 Nazareth Academic Institute, Inc.  
 Nazareth Project, Inc.  
 Or Hachaim, Inc.  
 Priority in the USA  
 Society for Advancement of Gifted Education/Music Foundation  
 Society of Jesus of New England  
 The Nazareth Project, Inc.

Touro College  
 Trustees of the American Community School at Beirut  
 Trustees of the American University in Cairo  
 Trustees of the Feinberg Graduate School of the Weizmann Institute  
 Trustees of the Lebanese American University  
 U.S. Ohr Somayach Trust  
 Zionist Organization of America

**MENA OSIs**

Amana Ulpanat School  
 American College of Belz  
 American Community School  
 American Ctr./Oriental Research  
 American International College  
 American School of Tangier  
 American University in Cairo  
 American University of Beirut  
 Bayit Lepletot Vocational School  
 Beth Bluma Vocational School  
 Beth Oloth Vocational School  
 Beth Rivka Comprehensive School  
 Beth Yaacov Avat School  
 Beth Zeiroth Vocational School

Bethlehem University  
 Betsefer Tichon School  
 Boys Town  
 Cairo American College  
 Children's Medical Center-Israel  
 Children's Town  
 Ch'san Sofer Institute  
 College Of The Holy Family  
 Coptic Evangelical Organization For Social Services  
 Damavand College  
 Dar Al-Kalima University College Of Arts & Culture (Dak)  
 Education Center Of Galilee  
 Emunah Women College

Feinberg Graduate School of the Weizmann Institute of Science  
 Gan Yavneh Youth Village  
 Hadassah Medical Center  
 Hadera Institute  
 Haifa University  
 Harpur Memorial Hospital  
 Harry Truman Institute  
 Igud Leiluf Hanoar School  
 International College Of Beirut  
 Israel Arts and Science Academy  
 Jerusalem College for Women  
 Jerusalem College of Technology  
 Jerusalem Elwyn  
 Kfar Eliyau Teacher Training

Kfar Eliyau Youth Village  
 Kfar Silver School  
 Kyriat Chinuch School  
 Lebanese American University  
 Lebanese American University Medical Center - Rizk Hospital  
 Machanaim High School  
 Machon Alte Institute  
 Mother and Baby Hospital  
 Mount of David Hospital  
 Musa Alami Foundation  
 Nazareth Academic Institute  
 Nazareth Hospital  
 Ohr Somayach Women's School  
 Or Hachayim Girls College

Ramallah Friends School  
 Ramat Havraath Hospital  
 Sanz Laniado Medical Center  
 Sede Chemed Vocational School  
 Sephardic Vocational School  
 Sha'alvim Teachers College  
 Shaare Zedek Medical Center  
 Spafford House  
 St. John Eye Hospital Group  
 Tel Aviv University  
 Tel Aviv Vocational School  
 The Hebrew University Of Jerusalem  
 Tom Vocational School  
 Yad Benjamin Educ'l Center

**ASHA BY REGION****Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA), 1957-2017**

Morocco

Iran





## ASHA BY REGION

# Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), 1957-2017

Historically the citizens of the United States and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) have been closely linked, both economically and socially. As such, over the past 60 years, ASHA has supported institutions in the LAC region to the tune of nearly \$160 million. Given its close geographic proximity, and the many facets to the relationship between LAC countries and the U.S., ASHA's public diplomacy objectives in the region were also multifaceted. ASHA has continued to support partnerships between American and local institutions that showcase American values. Through those adopted practices, technology, and access to improved facilities, people in serviced communities are becoming more educated, healthier, and are able to contribute to the betterment of their broader society.

ASHA's active portfolio of 158 grants includes 24 in LAC in the following countries: Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Haiti, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Peru. Many of the ASHA grant recipients specifically target traditionally marginalized groups, such as indigenous or poor people, and women. In areas prone to natural disasters, these institutions have historically been the only ones able to provide critical services. Many graduates and recipients of services provided by ASHA assisted institutions are now key decision makers, and include leaders within the IDB, the IMF, Government, as well as the leading professionals in education, law, medicine, and business.



**LAC USOs**

Adventist Development and Relief Agency	Catholic Relief Services	Frances and Henry Riecken Foundation	Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS)	U.S. Foundation for the University of the Valley of Guatemala
Amazon-Africa Aid Organization	Chicago-Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus	Haitian American Friendship Foundation, Inc.	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	World Gospel Mission
American British Cowdray Hospital Foundation	CURE International	Hospital de la Familia Foundation	Pueblo a Pueblo, Inc.	Zamorano - Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Inc.
American International School Support Foundation	Domino's Foundation	Hughes Schools	Salesian Missions, Inc.	
American University of the Caribbean	Earth University Foundation	International Child Care USA, Inc.	Sisters of Mercy - Dallas Regional Community	
AMMA Foundation	Esperanca	Jesuit Mission Bureau	Society of Jesus of New England	
Ave Maria University	Fabretto Children's Foundation	Lumiere Medical Ministries, Inc.	St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, Inc.	
Board of Trustees Santiago College	Food for the Poor, Inc.	Medical Benevolence Foundation, Inc.	St. Luke Foundation for Haiti	
	Foundation Francisco Marroquin	Operation Smile, Inc.	The Grant Foundation	

**LAC OSIs**

American University of the Caribbean	Don Bosco University	Haitian Nursing School	Organizacion Para Estudios Tropicales (OET)	University Evangelica Boliviana
American/British Cowdray Hospital	Earth University	Hospital Albert Schweitzer Haiti	Sampedrana International School	University Francisco Marroquin
Asociacion K'aslimaal	Escuela Agricola Panamericana/ Zamorano	Hospital De La Familia	Santiago College	University of the Americas
Asociacion Familia Padre Fabretto	Escuela Salesiana Muyurina	Hospital of Light	St. Boniface Hospital	University of the Valley
Ave Maria University Latin America Campus (Amlac)	Esperanca Medical Center	Hospital Sainte Croix	St. George's College	Working Boys Center
Bohoc Technical Institute	Fondation St. Luc	Hospital St. Francois De Sales	St. John's College	
Caritas Archdiocese of Guatemala	Frances and Henry Riecken Foundation	Hughes Schools	St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital	
Cotopaxi Academy	Gorgas Memorial Institute	International Child Care Haiti	The Children's Hospital Juan Pablo	
Cure Orthopedic Clinic and Hospital	Haiti Adventist Hospital	Operacion Sonrisa Paraguay	Universidad Antonio Ruiz De Montoya	

**ASHA BY REGION****Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), 1957-2017**



**ASHA BY REGION**

**Worldwide Focus / Global Impact, 1957-2017**

In addition to funding constructions and the purchase of commodities for projects regionally, ASHA provides assistance to private and non-government organizations that administer programs worldwide. This type of support has typically gone to organizations that transport their services to remote areas of the world where such services are either unavailable or in very limited supply. These programs include providing services research, and training in health education and medicine to indigenous populations of remote areas of the world. Project HOPE and Project ORBIS are two organizations that have successfully utilized ASHA funds to meet the growing healthcare needs of the developing world.

Based in the United States, Project HOPE, whose mission is “Health Opportunities for People Everywhere” alleviates suffering, saves lives, and helps communities attain a lasting improvement in healthcare. The program provides training in medical education and policy research globally. It helps people around the world to live longer and healthier lives. With assistance from ASHA, Project Hope provides training in health and medical services to over 30 countries annually. It reaches more than one million people worldwide and operates education and research programs in over 70 countries within five continents, including North America.

ORBIS is a worldwide, non-profit humanitarian organization dedicated to eradicating avoidable blindness through training, public education, and improved access to high quality and advance ophthalmic services. It provides continuing medical education for local medical professional through its MD-10 flying hospital facility programs, local hospital-based programs in ophthalmic specialties, and fellowship training opportunities at American universities and medical centers. Since 1982, some 400 ORBIS training programs in over 80 countries have enhanced the skills of more of than 70,000 health professionals and directly restored sight to over 50,000 patients during training demonstrations. An estimated 10 million people can see better today as a result of the ORBIS program.

The successes of organizations like Project HOPE and ORBIS demonstrate advances of American Education and medical technology worldwide. The works of these organizations and others like them have raised the quality of life for millions of people and promoted democracy, peace, and prosperity around the world.



**USAID ADMINISTRATOR MARK GREEN, 2017**

International development needs have always outstripped resources. Yet, the needs facing us today are nearly unprecedented. International development is one of those quiet places where Republicans and Democrats have long come together on a bipartisan basis.

**WW USOs**

- ORBIS International, Inc.
- People-to-People Health Foundation, Inc.

**WW OSIs**

- International Eye Foundation
- Project Hope
- Project Orbis



## FY15 &amp; FY16 AWARDS

## USAID/ASHA

Each year, USAID/ASHA receives hundreds of applications that are reviewed for completeness, eligibility, and consistency with USAID/ASHA's mission and strategy. Through this competitive review process, ASHA awards organizations small grants (two million dollars or less) to fund construction projects or purchase durable commodities at hospitals, schools, or libraries. Direct awards are made to U.S. organizations who have partnered with overseas institutions that are impacting local, regional, or global health and education systems. The criteria for U.S. Organizations (USOs) include: the USO must be a tax-exempt non-profit organization, headquartered in the United States, and partnered with an overseas institution for which assistance is sought. The Overseas Institutions (OSIs) must be universities, secondary schools, libraries, or medical centers that conduct education research outside of the United States. The OSIs must also provide the benefits of American ideas and practices, foster favorable relations with the United States, and free from government control. To find more information about applying for an ASHA grant, please visit our website,

<https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/business-funding/grant-programs/american-schools-and-hospitals-abroad>.

## ASHA AWARDS IN FY 15

### AFGHANISTAN

**USO:** American Medical Overseas Relief

**OSI:** Afghanistan Health Organization

**Project Description:** Regardless of their ability to afford care, the American Medical Overseas Relief (AMOR) works to support underprivileged communities in order to improve the area's quality of life. ASHA awarded AMOR a grant of \$400,000 to obtain medical and technological equipment, increasing the capacity of physicians and staff to deliver a higher level of care and medical education. This funding will support the maternal, neonatal, and pediatric programs, and will also create a new chronic disease program for diabetes.

**USO:** Friends of the American University of Afghanistan

**OSI:** American University of Afghanistan

**Project Description:** Opened in 2006, the American University of Afghanistan has flourished, growing from 50 students to the enrollment of over 1,700 students. To address the needs of their increasing student body, the Friends of the American University of Afghanistan received \$550,000 from ASHA to construct a 600-square meter single-story cafeteria. This facility will allow students, staff, and visitors access to a safe dining environment, nourishing meals, and catering services for campus activities. In addition, this new space will act as a recreation area, fostering open exchange between males and females, as well as staff and students.

### ARMENIA

**USO:** Armenian American Cultural Association, Inc.

**OSI:** Armenian American Wellness Center

**Project Description:** The Armenian American Wellness Center started out working to provide women top-level health care. In 2011, the Center's services expanded to include men in order to focus on the entire family. The Center expects 100-125 patients a day for medical services, including cancer screenings, gynecology, and family medicine. The ASHA \$400,000 award will be used to procure commodities to enable the expansion of diagnostic and surgical services to meet the ever-increasing demand from returning and new patients seeking reliable healthcare services.

**USO:** American University of Armenia Corporation

**OSI:** American University of Armenia

**Project Description:** Acting as a positive model in Armenia, the American University of Armenia (AUAC) supports the region by offering academic and research opportunities. ASHA awarded \$650,000 to the AUAC in FY 2015 for the construction of a student union, a faculty center, and an open amphitheater at the University. These facilities will provide a platform to improve organizational and leadership skills, increase unity with extracurricular activities, and improve interaction between the students and faculty.

### BOLIVIA

**USO:** Hughes Schools

**OSI:** Hughes Schools

**Project Description:** The Hughes Schools is a bilingual institution that educates their students, ranging from preschool to secondary, through important academic and performing arts courses. In FY 2015, the group was awarded \$600,000 from ASHA to support a two-part construction project, which includes the extension of a roof over a multipurpose recreational area to provide covered space for outdoor academic, artistic, and sports activities; and a two-story building with performing arts classrooms for dance and music; and to purchase accompanying equipment and supplies.

### BULGARIA

**USO:** Sofia American Schools, Inc.

**OSI:** American College of Sofia

**Project Description:** The American College of Sofia, one of the oldest American educational institutions outside the United States, celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2010. It combines both the practices of American education with the traditions of a Bulgarian education to facilitate a well-rounded and challenging space for the students. ASHA's award of \$490,000 will be used to procure furnishings for a new cafeteria, library, study and lounge area; as well as new seats for the auditorium to provide a healthy, safe, and vibrant learning environment for the students.

### CHINA

**USO:** Johns Hopkins University

**OSI:** Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese American Studies

**Project Description:** Opened in 1986, Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese American Studies (HNC) gives both Chinese and international graduate students an opportunity to live and learn international relations in a space dedicated to academic excellence. In FY 2015, a \$300,000 ASHA grant supported the acquisition of 3,000 new volumes, 400 journals, and periodical subscriptions for the HNC library. The library will promote more research on contemporary issues and endow more future leaders with the skills necessary to open new markets for trade, generate inclusive development, and create better mutual understanding among citizens of the U.S., China, and other stakeholders in Sino-global relations.

### EGYPT

**USO:** Trustees of the American University in Cairo

**OSI:** American University in Cairo

**Project Description:** The American University in Cairo (AUC) provides a superior liberal arts education, offering 36 undergraduate degrees, 44 masters degrees, and two PhD programs. AUC also conducts research through its centers, giving students and faculty firsthand experience. ASHA's award for \$841,000 in FY 2015 will help procure a sound system, lighting, video, and presentation abilities, equipment for simultaneous translation and assisted listening, and master control equipment for AUC's Ewart Memorial Hall. This will enable the iconic Hall to continue to be a "go-to" destination in the heart of Cairo.

### ETHIOPIA

**USO:** CURE International

**OSI:** Cure Ethiopia Children's Hospital

**Project Description:** Located in Addis Ababa, this pediatric orthopedic teaching hospital delivers medical services for physically disabled children. Filling the gap in service, Cure Ethiopia Children's Hospital offers training and high-level techniques to help the

population. ASHA's \$570,000 award will be used to purchase operating room equipment (powered and non-powered surgical equipment) and IT equipment. The commodities procured under this grant will provide equipment necessary to maximize and sustain training and delivery of medical care.

### GHANA

**USO:** Himalayan Cataract Project

**OSI:** Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital

**Project Description:** Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH), located in Kumasi, works to help the local community while also being accessible to people living in bordering areas. To help KATH continue to offer quality medical services, the Himalayan Cataract Project received an ASHA award for \$350,000 to purchase specialized ophthalmology equipment for the KATH Eye Center, a surgical training facility in West Africa. Eventually, this will result in a surgical training center of excellence that will serve all of West Africa with quality eye care.

**USO:** Ashesi University Foundation

**OSI:** Ashesi University College

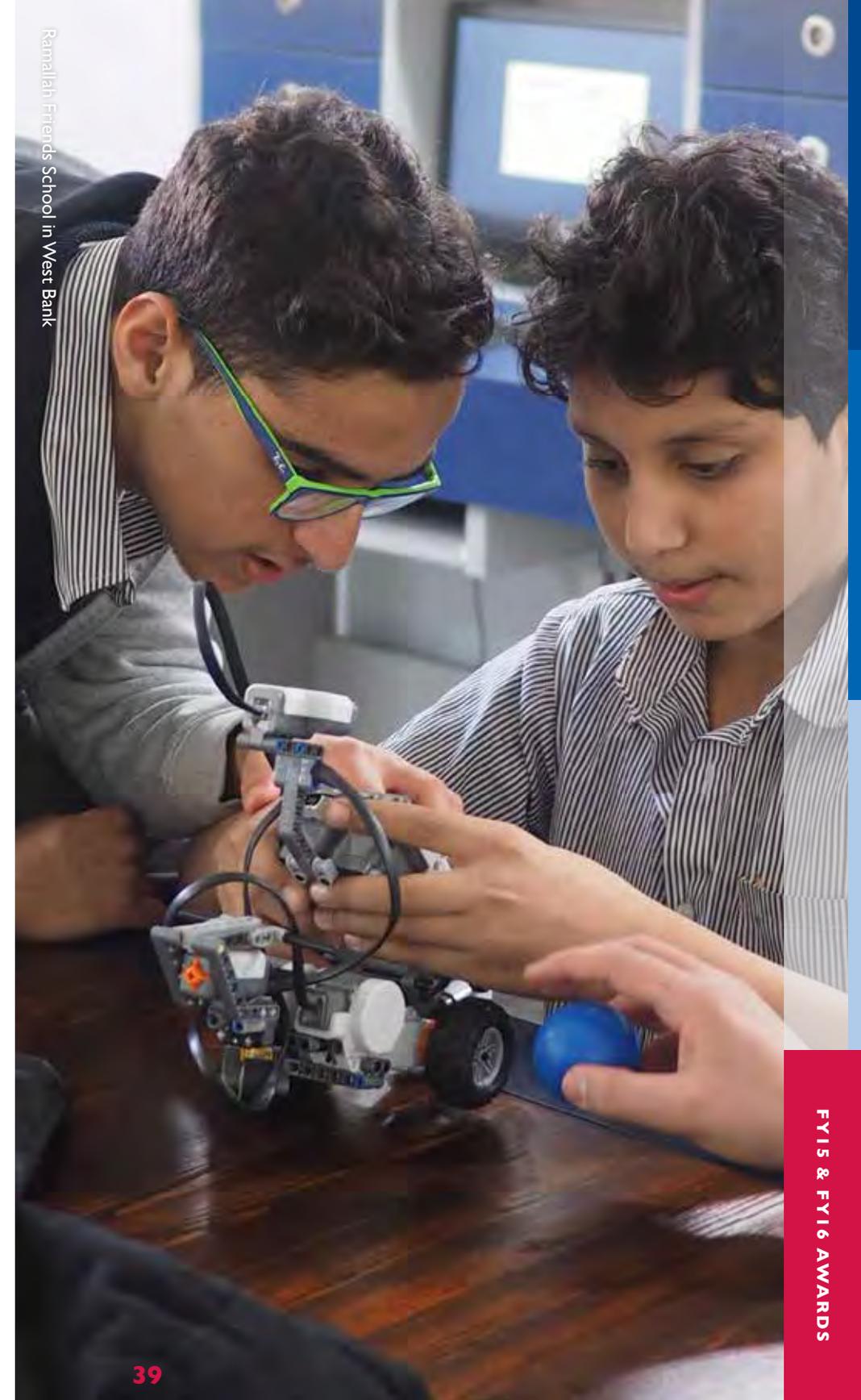
**Project Description:** Ashesi University College is a leader in undergraduate education in Africa, empowering its students through the improvement of critical thinking and entrepreneurial skills. In addition, the Ashesi student body is 48% female and its students come from 18 African countries. In FY 2015, ASHA awarded the Ashesi University Foundation \$700,000 to improve and support the Ashesi University science and engineering laboratories, classrooms, and workshop. By providing state-of-the-art equipment and technology, Ashesi students will be exposed to a rich engineering education on par with the top universities in the U.S., empowering them to compete at a world level.

### GREECE

**USO:** Trustees of Anatolia College

**OSI:** Anatolia College

**Project Description:** Founded in 1896, Anatolia College has over 2,000 students from elementary to college level programs. The College is both U.S.-accredited and EU-validated, and provides degrees ranging from business to international relations.





St. Aloysius Gonzaga School in Kenya

This ASHA award for \$242,000 will help procure commodities to establish modular learning spaces, and STEM-related and cloud-computing infrastructure. It will also fund the conversion of the existing chemistry lab into an updated green chemistry lab. This project will support the College's efforts to shift from traditional learning to experimental and challenge driven projects.

**USO:** Office of the Trustees - American Farm School

**OSI:** American Farm School

**Project Description:** The American Farm School's mission is to provide its students with up-to-date practices in agriculture, environment studies, and other life sciences. The School's campus farm also supports the students and enables learning through experience. The ASHA \$200,000 award will be used to purchase and install specialized scientific equipment to upgrade the Life Sciences Laboratory within the post-secondary institution, Perrotis College. This equipment will expand students' academic and research opportunities, as well as provide the hands-on scientific training needed to develop an adaptable, innovation-ready workforce to sustain a vibrant economy.

## GUATEMALA

**USO:** Food for the Poor, Inc.

**OSI:** The Children's Hospital Juan Pablo

**Project Description:** The Children's Hospital Juan Pablo opened in 1985, after the visit of Pope John Paul II. This hospital has helped provide the community with quality reproductive and pediatric health care. In FY 2015, ASHA awarded \$397,600 to Food for the Poor, Inc. to construct a wastewater treatment plant, install an Aluzine roof and a new a drop ceiling, and improve the electrical system. This project will empower the served Guatemalan community while advancing best practices in health care and medical education.

## HAITI

**USO:** Catholic Relief Services

**OSI:** Hospital St. Francois De Sales

**Project Description:** After the 2010 devastating earthquake near the Haitian capital, Hospital St. Francois De Sales was built to give the population quality health care. Because this was one of the first

public buildings rebuilt after the earthquake, with the help of the Catholic Relief Services and the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, this hospital has remained a key service provider in the area. ASHA's award of \$470,000 will help procure, install, and operationalize an oxygen concentrator, an elevator, and telemedicine equipment to improve medical care in Haiti.

**USO:** St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, Inc.

**OSI:** St. Boniface Hospital

**Project Description:** Located in Fond-des-Blancs, Haiti, St. Boniface Hospital has expanded from a small clinic to a hospital with over 120 beds for its patients. This hospital acts as the main hospital for the Southern Peninsula. In 2016, it served approximately 100,000 patients and assisted in delivering 2,000 babies. The ASHA award of \$650,000 will help fund the construction of a residence facility, with a training room and medical library, to house health professionals and medical students.

## HONDURAS

**USO:** Zamorano - Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Inc.

**OSI:** Escuela Agricola Panamericana/Zamorano

**Project Description:** Escuela Agricola Panamericana/Zamorano is a leading organization in education and instills in their students, who come from all over Latin America and the Caribbean, the vital academic skills and values necessary for success. Zamorano intends to convert and remodel its former "Maya" student residence complex with the \$600,000 award received from ASHA. The twelve, two-bedroom energy efficient apartments will serve as space for the faculty, administrative staff, outreach project specialists, and their families that join Zanoramo from over 20 countries.

## INDIA

**USO:** United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia

**OSI:** Madras Christian College

**Project Description:** Madras Christian College (MCC), with origins going back the General Assembly School founded in 1837 by Scottish missionaries, is an autonomous institution in India that has been

granted an 'A' rating by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council. In FY 2015, the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia was awarded \$524,000 by ASHA to construct a solar power facility at MCC to provide sustainable, clean energy using photovoltaic panels that will support 39 percent of the existing energy needs.

**USO:** Rambo Committee, Inc.

**OSI:** Christian Hospital Mungeli

**Project Description:** Founded in 1897, the Christian Hospital Mungeli provides holistic health care for all patients. The hospital has grown to house 120 beds and deliver necessary medical services to more than 25,000 outpatients. ASHA awarded \$720,000 in FY 2015 to Rambo Committee, Inc. to fund the construction of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for 25 infants, a maternal ward for 45 mothers, and two labor/delivery rooms for six women. This award will also be used to build one health education room, six operating rooms, and three intensive care units. This project will improve access to care for women and children in the area.

**USO:** Baylor University

**OSI:** Bangalore Baptist Hospital

**Project Description:** In FY 2015, ASHA awarded Baylor University a sum of \$652,800 for the construction of a new four-story building to house their Simulation Training and Education Center for Nursing Excellence. In keeping with their focus on education and training, Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH) will increase the nursing capacity with sustained retention rates. Furthermore, the new construction will allow BBH to continue striving for quality courses that improve its staff's knowledge of the evolving medical field and the care it offers the community.

## ISRAEL

**USO:** Priory in the USA

**OSI:** St. John Eye Hospital Group

**Project Description:** The St. John Eye Hospital Group offers high-quality eye care to all patients regardless of their background or ability to pay. The Group also reaches isolated communities through its "Mobile Outreach Programs," helping them treat over 100,000 patients in total. The Priory in the USA received \$600,000 from ASHA to help St. John Eye

Hospital Group procure quality diagnostic and surgical equipment, and medical and surgical consumables and instruments so that it may strengthen the medical and surgical capacity of its various facilities across the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza strip.

**USO:** Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.

**OSI:** Hadassah Medical Center

**Project Description:** Situated in Jerusalem, Hadassah Medical Center supports the local population, seeing almost one million patients per year. This center works to stay at the forefront of innovation by implementing advanced medical care, a concept the group calls, "The Medicine of Tomorrow." In FY 2015, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. received a grant of \$1,000,000 from ASHA to purchase an Artis Q Interventional Angiography Machine to better serve poor communities, including Palestinian and ultra-Orthodox Jewish women in the Scopus area.

**USO:** American Committee for Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, Inc.

**OSI:** Shaare Zedek Medical Center

**Project Description:** Located in Jerusalem, Shaare Zedek Medical Center is the largest multi-disciplinary medical center. Its staff of over 4,000 workers and about 700 volunteers supports the community with high-level medical care. This ASHA grant for \$975,000 will allow the Center to purchase and install a new surgical system called the Da Vinci System. This system uses 3D images and robotic technology that will result in safer and more efficient medical procedures.

**USO:** Nazareth Project, Inc.

**OSI:** Nazareth Hospital

**Project Description:** The Nazareth Hospital was founded in 1861 and has grown to serve as the area's general hospital with over 50,000 emergency room visits per year operated by over 500 local staff and a small group of foreign staff. ASHA's award of \$500,000 will be used to procure equipment for the Nazareth Hospital EMMS, which provides pediatric surgery services and training to doctors from Israel and from the West Bank.

## KYRGYZSTAN

**USO:** Bard College

**OSI:** American University of Central Asia

**Project Description:** Established in 1993, the American University of Central Asia (AUCA) is a crucial educational resource because it offers a variety of liberal arts programs, including 14 undergraduate majors and four graduate programs. In FY 2015, ASHA awarded \$850,000 to Bard College to build residential facilities at the new AUCA campus in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. This new space will help the university accommodate regional and international students and faculty. It will also advance the spirit of community living and learning within the region's only English-speaking American university offering American accredited degrees.

## LEBANON

**USO:** Trustees of the American Community School at Beirut

**OSI:** American Community School

**Project Description:** Established in 1905 as the Faculty School, the American Community School (ACS) has grown to serve the community as a not-for-profit, secular, independent American college preparatory school. In FY 2015, ASHA awarded the Trustees of the American Community School at Beirut \$855,000 to procure photovoltaic systems, solar water heating systems, and replace a significant portion of ACS's electrical use in a green and sustainable way.

**USO:** Trustees of the Lebanese American University

**OSI:** Lebanese American University

**Project Description:** The Lebanese American University (LAU) is a leader in private higher education in Lebanon, providing an instruction to over 8,000 students. LAU focuses on both academic excellence as well as civic engagement, notably democracy and social justice. The Trustees of the Lebanese American University received an ASHA award for \$1,200,000 to purchase laboratory and simulation equipment to strengthen LAU's capacity in serving a more diverse student body. It will provide instructors with education tools that incorporate the latest technological advances, which they will apply in a progressive curriculum.



**USO:** Trustees of the American University of Beirut

**OSI:** American University of Beirut

**Project Description:** American University of Beirut, a teaching-centered research university, offers over 100 programs ranging from a bachelor's to a PhD degree for a student body of around 8,000. ASHA awarded \$1,200,000 to the Trustees of the American University of Beirut to equip and upgrade the facilities and labs for its new and advanced programs in Audio and Radiology; and renovate part of the Pathology and Medical Laboratories so it may continue to deliver high standards of education, research, and health services.

#### MONGOLIA

**USO:** University of Alaska Fairbanks

**OSI:** American University of Mongolia

**Project Description:** The American University of Mongolia (AUM) was founded after many Mongolian and U.S. leaders saw a gap between Mongolian college graduates and what the country's economy desired. The University's liberal arts curriculum helps to fill that gap and better equip the future work force. ASHA awarded \$223,700 to the University of Alaska Fairbanks to supply classroom and office furnishings, and instructional equipment for the Ulaanbaatar campus of AUM.

#### NEPAL

**USO:** Himalayan Cataract Project

**OSI:** Tilganga Eye Centre

**Project Description:** The Tilganga Eye Centre not only implements top-level eye care to prevent blindness, but also works to provide training and perform research to better advance its medical services. With ASHA's award for \$685,000, the Centre can procure commodities to support the purchase of intraocular lens, manufacturing equipment, as well as support renovations at the Yangon Eye Hospital.

#### NICARAGUA

**USO:** Fabretto Children's Foundation

**OSI:** Asociación Familia Padre Fabretto

**Project Description:** The Asociación Familia Padre Fabretto works to foster growth in Nicaragua by providing a source of education. Fabretto emphasizes

the power of investing in the youth. To that end, ASHA's \$173,900 grant will help purchase computers, solar energy systems, tablets, textbooks; as well as training, learning, and office materials for Rural Secondary Education (SAT) and Computer Skills Programs.

#### SLOVAKIA

**USO:** City University of Seattle

**OSI:** Vysoka Skola Manazmentu

**Project Description:** Established in 1999, Vysoka Skola Manazmentu (VSM) provides many business administration and management programs ranging from undergraduate to PhD level. The City University of Seattle received an ASHA award for \$500,000 to support the renovation of the VSM campus facility. With this renovation, VSM is creating a quality space for education and working to go green to guarantee sustainability.

#### SOMALIA

**USO:** Horn of Africa Education Development Fund

**OSI:** Abaarso School of Science and Technology

**Project Description:** The Abaarso School of Science and Technology is a resource for the local population to foster new educated leaders. In FY 2015, ASHA awarded \$879,225 to the Horn of Africa Education Development Fund to construct a science building and to expand the auditorium. In addition, Abaarso plans to improve key water and waste systems, create housing for local staff, and build public bathrooms, student dining areas, and storage. This project will allow Abaarso to improve its country-leading education program, further develop its efficiency of operations, and attract and retain high quality American teachers. It should also allow Abaarso to gain New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation in order to become the first American accredited school in the country.

#### THAILAND

**USO:** Church World Service, Inc.

**OSI:** The Church of Christ In Thailand

**Project Description:** In FY 2015, ASHA provided The Church World Service, Inc. with \$500,000 to construct a new 59-bed hospital for the relocation of the Kwai

River Christian Hospital. As the owner of Kwai, a non-profit hospital, The Church of Christ In Thailand wants to expand its reach and support the local population by offering quality medical care.

#### TURKEY

**USO:** Friends of the American Board Schools in Turkey, Inc.

**OSI:** American Collegiate Institute

**Project Description:** In FY 2015, ASHA awarded \$995,000 to renovate the historic Bristol Hall Art and Music Building at the American Collegiate Institute. The Institute hopes to continue a long-standing commitment to art, music instruction, and extracurricular clubs through this renovation. Along with its commitment to the arts, The American Collegiate Institute is the first and only school in the region to be accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO).

#### WEST BANK

**USO:** Bright Stars of Bethlehem

**OSI:** Dar Al-Kalima University College of Arts & Culture

**Project Description:** Dar Al-Kalima University College of Arts & Culture (DAK) was created to provide more high-quality education for students in the region, including undergraduate and diploma programs. To expand their resources, ASHA awarded \$600,000 to Bright Stars of Bethlehem to support the construction of a library and multimedia resource center at DAK. The library will not only create free access to information, but also promote gender equality by granting equal access to men and women. The library will also improve access to knowledge for the region, encouraging the building of a strong, civil, and inclusive society.

**USO:** Friends United Meeting

**OSI:** Ramallah Friends School

**Project Description:** The Ramallah Friends School gives students, pre-kindergarten to 12th grade, rigorous and challenging academic courses through its International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) accreditation--the only school in the West Bank with this title. ASHA awarded \$700,000 to Friends United

Meeting to install at the Ramallah Friends School photovoltaic cells over the Middle School building, improve the heating system for administration and science buildings, improve the soccer field, repair a leaking water cistern, rehabilitate the historic Plaza, create an environmental research and experimentation outdoor learning center (OLC) on campus, and purchase multi-media lab furniture and equipment.

#### ZAMBIA

**USO:** Lubuto Library Project, Inc.

**OSI:** Brethren in Christ Church Choma Children Development Project

**Project Description:** The Brethren in Christ Church Choma Children Development Project (BICC-CCDP) supports the community by offering the local population with educational, psychosocial, and health services. ASHA awarded the Lubuto Library Project, Inc. \$250,000 to construct the Mumuni Chroma American Youth Library and to equip it with a 4,000-volume curated book collection, 11 new computers, and a projector. The library will provide innovative programs that support creative expression, foster children's rights, enable literacy-building, promote gender-sensitive outreach to the more than 35,000 children in the community, and train the staff to deliver accessible, inclusive, high-quality library services.

### ASHA AWARDS IN FY 16

#### ARMENIA

**USO:** American University of Armenia Corporation

**OSI:** American University of Armenia

**Project Description:** Founded in 1991, American University of Armenia (AUA) was created in response to the Sitak earthquake in 1988, which caused significant damage. AUA is a private institution that provides a high-quality education program, in which its students are committed to civic engagement, scholarship, and academic excellence. ASHA's award for \$999,000 will help AUA expand by adding a fourth floor and renovating the student residence facility. This expansion will address the needs of AUA's growing international student body by providing residential facilities with living-learning programming that typically exists in U.S. higher education institutions.

**BULGARIA**

**USO:** American University in Bulgaria, Inc.

**OSI:** American University in Bulgaria

**Project Description:** American University in Bulgaria (AUBG) is unique because it is the first American-style, English language institution in Eastern Europe. Established in 1991, this liberal arts university houses over 1,000 students who receive internationally accredited B.A. degrees. With the assistance of ASHA's \$300,000 award, the University will be able to purchase and install durable commodities for AUBG. The project aims to strengthen the technological capabilities of the University, creating a platform for advancing learning and collaboration while developing a culture of innovation.

**USO:** Sofia American Schools, Inc.

**OSI:** American College of Sofia

**Project Description:** The American College of Sofia (ACS) started as a school for boys, and was established by American missionaries in 1860. ACS, an independent, co-educational secondary school, has since strived to teach its students critical thinking skills through the college's rigorous curriculum. The \$250,000 ASHA grant will be used to purchase 792 laptops, 36 carts, and the equipment necessary to install the second phase of the Cisco/Meraki Cloud managed WiFi system. This project will allow the American College of Sofia to provide classroom-based instructional technology for its 800 students.

**CAMEROON**

**USO:** North American Baptist Conference

**OSI:** Mbingo Baptist Hospital

**Project Description:** Mbingo Baptist Hospital, a referral hospital in Cameroon, opened in 1952. This hospital offers 24-hour service. Mbingo is also an approved HIV/AIDS treatment center, but also provides other services like general nursing and surgery. ASHA's \$267,272 award will be used to purchase and install an oxygen generation and distribution system, a wall vacuum system, and a medical air system throughout the hospital. This will allow the hospital to provide bottled oxygen to outlying health centers, and improve the overall infrastructure of Mbingo.

**CHINA**

**USO:** Johns Hopkins University

**OSI:** Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese American Studies

**Project Description:** Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese American Studies (HNC), an impactful institution on U.S.-China relations, was established in 1986. HNC is an exceptional opportunity for international students to be taught by Chinese faculty in Chinese and for Chinese students to be taught by international faculty in English. In FY 2016, John Hopkins University was awarded \$500,000 by ASHA to purchase library books and high-capacity air purifiers. The project will help to mitigate the health risks of exposure to worsening air pollution in Nanjing. The award will also support the expansion of HNC's uncensored, open-stacks library.

**COSTA RICA**

**USO:** EARTH University Foundation

**OSI:** EARTH University

**Project Description:** EARTH University combines the research and education of sustainable development to support the exploration of cutting-edge solutions. EARTH provides a top-quality four-year undergraduate program in agriculture sciences and natural resources management that educates a new class of innovators. EARTH was awarded \$700,000 by ASHA to construct dormitories for EARTH's Guacimo and La Flor campuses, as well as commodities to equip and furnish the new buildings. The additional space will enable students from the U.S. and other countries to more easily access EARTH's international and multicultural community through short-term residency programs. This will give them the opportunity to learn about the diverse ideas, cultures and practices of EARTH's student body, represented by more than 40 nations.

**USO:** Organization for Tropical Studies

**OSI:** Organización para Estudios Tropicales

**Project Description:** The Organización para Estudios Tropicales (OET) is a nonprofit consortium including almost 60 colleges, universities, and research institutions for around the globe. OET was founded in 1963 after strong interest from both U.S. and Costa Rican scientists in the tropical biology field. ASHA's award

of \$621,832 will help to renovate and upgrade several buildings on the campus of La Selva Research Station. This will not only modernize the facilities, but also create more work and residential space.

**CZECH REPUBLIC**

**USO:** Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute Foundation

**OSI:** Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute

**Project Description:** The Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute (CERGE-EI) provides a unique opportunity for students to learn and conduct leading-edge economic research. Located in Prague, CERGE-EI is in the top five percent of economics institutions around the globe by Social Science Research Network and Research Paper in Economics, respectively. ASHA's award for \$450,000 will help purchase durable commodities to create a Virtual Learning Environment by developing a digital media center, enhancing CERGE-EI's digital learning resources, and capitalizing on its successful teaching fellows network. This integrated learning platform will significantly improve the economic literacy of thousands of people and be a potent developer of local human capital infrastructure in former communist countries.

**EGYPT**

**USO:** Trustees of the American University in Cairo

**OSI:** American University in Cairo

**Project Description:** Founded in 1919 by a group of Americans, the American University in Cairo (AUC) weaves both parts of American and Egyptian culture into their curricula. This liberal arts school offers a variety of degrees, with six AUC masters programs currently holding the #1 ranking in Africa by Eduniversal. The purchase of commodities to equip five interactive classrooms, one biology lab, and the expansion of two classrooms with physics lab equipment will be possible with the assistance of the ASHA's \$700,000 award.

**EL SALVADOR**

**USO:** Salesian Missions, Inc.

**OSI:** Don Bosco University

**Project Description:** Located on two campuses in El Salvador, Don Bosco University is dedicated to offering high-quality academic programs, while instilling a sense of social responsibility into its students. The University also prioritizes community outreach and research on its main agenda. ASHA awarded \$778,168 to the Salesian Missions, Inc. to construct a new laboratory and research annex. This award will also help purchase upgraded technological commodities in order to raise standards of treatment and care for persons with mobile disabilities.

**GHANA**

**USO:** Ashesi University Foundation

**OSI:** Ashesi University College

**Project Description:** Founded in 2002, Ashesi University College is a private, non-profit institution that has grown from 30 students to now include a student body of almost 800 students. Its mission is to not only provide an academic education, but also to communicate strong values like leadership and entrepreneurship. Ashesi University Foundation received an award for \$700,000 from ASHA to build an Innovation Center on the campus, which will serve as a hub for innovation and entrepreneurship across Ashesi. It will provide a space for residents of the Ashesi Community to connect with one another, as well as with entrepreneurs and venture funding, and to prototype and launch new ventures. One key feature of the Center will be the Climate Innovation Center (GCIC), a green project incubation hub designed to provide a country-driven approach to environmental issues and allow Ghana to achieve its green objectives.

**USO:** HopeXchange, Inc.

**OSI:** HopeXchange Medical Center

**Project Description:** HopeXchange Medical Center, serves as a primary clinical and a research site for The HopeXchange Health Project, and is one of the region's leaders in excellent patient care and specialized medical training. This center was created to bring more health care services to the Sub-Saharan Africa for women and children. HopeXchange, Inc. was awarded \$800,000



Bangalore Baptist Hospital in India

by ASHA to purchase commodities to establish the Women's Cancer Center, which will provide specialized education to physicians and nurses, and training to researchers. The program will bring community outreach and early detection of breast and cervical cancers to women throughout Ghana.

#### GREECE

**USO:** American College of Greece, Inc.

**OSI:** American College of Greece

**Project Description:** Located in Athens, the American College of Greece (ACG) is an independent, non-profit, nonsectarian, co-educational institution. As the oldest American-accredited college in Europe, ACG is committed to acting as an educational link between the U.S. and Greece by instilling students with values like academic excellence and sustainability. ASHA's award for \$300,000 will support the construction and purchase of commodities for a Simulated Trading Room, which replicates real-world trading experiences and functions in a classroom setting.

#### GUATEMALA

**USO:** Food for the Poor, Inc.

**OSI:** Caritas Archdiocese of Guatemala

**Project Description:** Caritas Archdiocese of Guatemala consists of 14 dioceses, all working to support the poor and vulnerable population. This nonprofit works hard to serve underprivileged groups by providing emergency response, addressing peace building, and analyzing sustainable development matters. Caritas looks at issues of conflict, health, and food to better operate and implement its services. ASHA awarded Food for the Poor \$500,000 to install a hospital-wide solar power generating system and replace equipment with new energy efficient models. This project provides an integrated system for saving and reducing energy.

**USO:** Frances and Henry Riecken Foundation

**OSI:** Frances and Henry Riecken Foundation

**Project Description:** Frances and Henry Riecken Foundation helps build up the local population by opening libraries that hope to spark ideas and solutions that help the community. These libraries also support the local schools and programs by offering literacy

programs and tools for teaching. The Foundation received an award for \$232,982 from ASHA in FY 2016 to purchase books, technology, and furniture for the Riecken Community Library.

**USO:** U.S. Foundation for the University of the Valley of Guatemala

**OSI:** Universidad del Valle de Guatemala

**Project Description:** Since its founding in 1966, The University of The Valley is a resource for quality and accessible education in Guatemala. This University started with only six students and has grown to 4,000 students across its three campuses. In FY 2016, the U.S. Foundation for the University of the Valley of Guatemala received \$1,500,000 from ASHA to purchase commodities to strengthen and expand basic science laboratories and STEM outreach activities. It will also be used to promote design thinking and technological innovation throughout a network of Makerspaces and technology enabled active-learning classrooms.

#### HONDURAS

**USO:** Zamorano - Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Inc.

**OSI:** Escuela Agricola Panamericana/Zamorano

**Project Description:** The Escuela Agricola Panamericana/Zamorano is proud to celebrate its 75th anniversary this year, committed to developing the agricultural field in the Americas through education. Zamorano students are able to learn by doing through outreach and research programs, contributing to the agriculture field before they even graduate. Zamorano was awarded \$800,000 in FY 2016 to construct the "Arboreto" student residence complex, and campus living accommodations for female Student Residence Supervisors and Student Life Guides.

#### INDIA

**USO:** Rambo Committee, Inc.

**OSI:** Christian Hospital Mungeli

**Project Description:** Located in Mungeli within the state of Chhattisgarh, Christian Hospital Mungeli provides innovative and modern care and training to the underdeveloped state. The hospital is dedicated to treating the population, and even created a Mobile Clinic through an ASHA award received in 2014. This

fully-equipped bus is able to see around 50 patients per day. ASHA's \$600,000 award will be used to construct and purchase commodities for a dormitory accommodating 217 nursing students, graduates, and staff to support a nationally-accredited nursing school. The project will improve rural women's access to higher education, resulting in sustained employment in the health workforces, an increase in the number of young women trained in nursing, and improvement in people's quality of life and students' academic performance.

#### ISRAEL

**USO:** American Committee for Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, Inc.

**OSI:** Shaare Zedek Medical Center

**Project Description:** Established in 1902, Shaare Zedek Medical Center has proven an essential resource in the region, providing excellent care while maintaining high levels of patient care. The Center also holds the largest emergency room in the area, treating almost 150,000 patients a year. Shaare Zedek received \$700,000 from ASHA to acquire a new Dual Source Computed Tomography (CT) scanner to be used in emergency, in-patient, and ambulatory care. Featuring high speed testing that can image the heart in one heartbeat, the CT scanner will help physicians save lives and diagnose patients in faster, safer, and more cost-effective ways.

**USO:** Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of American, Inc.

**OSI:** Hadassah Medical Center

**Project Description:** The Hadassah Medical Center (HMO) offers an abundance of medical services, with over 70 departments and specialized units, and also conducts research projects to find new courses of treatment. In FY 2016, ASHA gave \$1,100,000 to assist with the purchase of an MRI machine for a new Radiology Center at HMO's Mt. Scopus campus to better serve the surrounding diverse community. Also, this award will help purchase equipment for the new Mother and Child Center at Mt. Scopus.

**USO:** Trustees of the Feinberg Graduate School of the Weizmann Institute of Science

**OSI:** Feinberg Graduate School of The Weizmann Institute of Science



Earth University in Costa Rica



**Project Description:** The Feinberg Graduate School (FGS) of The Weizmann Institute of Science is a space where students not only receive a great education, but also have access to research opportunities in mathematics and the natural sciences. Because FGS does not require tuition fees, it makes the graduate programs available to a wide-array of eager and driven students. In FY 2016, ASHA's \$900,000 award was for the purchase of commodities for an innovative new teaching lab to monitor the network of metabolites in organisms, including plants essential to human survival. The lab will support students' research on enhanced food security.

#### LEBANON

**USO:** International College of Beirut Board of Trustees

**OSI:** International College of Beirut

**Project Description:** The International College of Beirut is a non-profit and independent international school with over 3,500 students and over 380 faculty members. The College contains schools at all levels, and also offers language tracks of Lebanese, French, and English. In FY 2016, the ASHA grant for \$476,611 will be to purchase durable commodities to upgrade three STEM focused curriculum science labs with furnishings and safety features in support of its highly oriented physics and biology focused curriculum. These upgrades will help students meet the needs of the International College's pre-engineering and science oriented college programs.

**USO:** Lebanese American University

**OSI:** Lebanese American University

**Project Description:** Starting as a school for girls in 1825, the Lebanese American University has transformed into a private, higher education institution offering a variety of undergraduate and graduate degrees. The Lebanese American University was awarded \$1,750,000 to purchase durable commodities for the Institute of Higher Education. The new commodities will improve LAU's capacity to serve students by providing them with current and suitable education; and the skills and knowledge to sustainably address the perilous impact of human activities on the environment.

**USO:** Lebanese American University Health Foundation

**OSI:** Lebanese American University Medical Center - Rizk Hospital

**Project Description:** Established in 1925, the Lebanese American University Medical Center - Rizk Hospital uses the most cutting-edge radiology equipment in the region to diagnose and treat diseases. The hospital values its ability to give quality health care, which is aided by its ongoing research and academics. ASHA's award of \$1,000,000 will purchase life-saving medical equipment to be used in the newly renovated facilities at LAU Medical Center - Rizk Hospital.

**USO:** Trustees of the American University of Beirut

**OSI:** American University of Beirut

**Project Description:** After celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2016, American University of Beirut (AUB) continues to be a leading liberal arts institution in the region. AUB offers a multitude of programs within its faculties, which range from agriculture to nursing to architecture. ASHA's award for \$1,900,000 will assist with the renovation of part of the core facility, as well as the acquisition of commodities to upgrade a facility at AUB's Medical Center. This facility will contribute to the university's goal of investing in the health of the community and the Arab world.

#### MOROCCO

**USO:** American School of Tangier

**OSI:** American School of Tangier

**Project Description:** The American School of Tangier (AST), established in 1950, uses an American-style curriculum to ready its students for university. AST also emphasizes service, requiring its students to demonstrate their commitment to both the AST and surrounding local community. ASHA awarded \$500,000 for the construction of a 12-classroom wing onto an existing building, and a study garden. The wing will house a middle school and enable 21st century curriculum for K-12 level instruction. The ground floor of the wing will house the 'Teacher Learning Center' for American and Moroccan teachers, allowing them to form bonds and foster mutual understanding.

#### NEPAL

**USO:** American Leprosy Missions

**OSI:** Nepal Leprosy Trust

**Project Description:** The Nepal Leprosy Trust (NLT), a UK-based Christian agency, is dedicated to helping those affected by leprosy. NLT is the only major center combating this disease in Nepal and conducts community development programs to involve those affected in solutions that improve their lives. ASHA awarded the American Leprosy Missions \$500,000 to construct a modern trauma center at Anandaban Hospital. This would replace the 50-year-old building that was damaged in the 2015 earthquake that no longer meets current country codes and standards. The new building will consist of two major operation theaters, surgical wards, physiotherapy and occupational therapy rooms; maternity and patient wards; and a medical training room.

#### NIGER

**USO:** CURE International

**OSI:** CURE Children's Hospital of Niger

**Project Description:** Established in 2010, CURE Children's Hospital of Niger has helped treat many disabled children with their specialized surgical care. Given its dedication to treating disabled people in the region, CURE was able to perform over 800 surgeries in 2016. ASHA awarded CURE International \$421,000 to purchase and install a solar energy system to meet electrical energy demands at CURE Children's Hospital Niger. The system will improve the facility's operational and environmental sustainability, and allow more disabled children to be treated by lowering the overall energy cost of the facility.

#### SOMALIA

**USO:** Horn of Africa Education Development Fund

**OSI:** Abaarso School of Science and Technology

**Project Description:** Starting its journey in 2009, the Abaarso School of Science and Technology began in hopes of bringing success to the youth in the region. Abaarso is a leader in high-quality secondary education, with some of its students accepted into top-rated U.S. universities, such as Yale, Columbia, MIT, and Harvard. ASHA awarded \$999,000 to expand Abaarso to include the Barwaaqo University for Women, a teachers'

college. This will empower Somali women through quality American higher education. This new campus will match Abaarso's main school's design, and the construction will be undertaken to increase efficiency of materials, lower construction costs, and boost security. The center of each plot will consist of two football fields, two basketball courts, and three all-purpose courts. This design will facilitate a communal environment, capturing the spirit of an American university campus.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

**USO:** African Leadership Foundation

**OSI:** African Leadership Academy

**Project Description:** The African Leadership Academy (ALA) is dedicated to teaching the future leaders of Africa through high-quality education and hands-on development. Founded in 2004, ALA's network helps provide its students and graduates with the tools they will need as they transition to their next phase of life. The African Leadership Foundation received \$800,000 from ASHA to fund the construction of the Pardee Learning Commons, a multipurpose learning commons at ALA, a Johannesburg-based pan-African pre-university school. The building will house ALA's redesigned humanities classrooms, the library, a large multipurpose space to support ALA's entrepreneurial curriculum (the "BUILD lab") and multiple small group meeting rooms. It will be a hub for both student and academic life, advancing the spirit of community, creativity, and curiosity on campus, and will support ALA's innovative curriculum and programming to develop ethical leadership and social entrepreneurship among youth from all over the African continent.

#### TURKEY

**USO:** Friends of the American Board Schools in Turkey, Inc.

**OSI:** Uskudar American Academy

**Project Description:** Founded in 1876, the Uskudar American Academy is an environment that both challenges and nurtures the minds of its students. With its top-quality educational programs, many of the Academy's graduates have studied and received scholarships at universities abroad such as Oxford, Princeton, and Harvard. ASHA awarded the Friends of the American Board Schools in Turkey, Inc. \$350,000 to install an academic information management

program to track and report all appropriate education, co-curricular, and medical information held within the Academy's system.

#### WEST BANK

**USO:** Christian Brothers Conference, Inc.

**OSI:** Bethlehem University

**Project Description:** Bethlehem University, a co-educational and Catholic university, was established in 1973 with 112 students. With a focus on academic excellence and student development, the University has been able to award over 16,000 academic degrees. In FY 2016, ASHA's awarded \$999,000 to Christian Brothers Conference, Inc. to construct a fitness center for its 3,200 students and 400 faculty and staff, a 150-seat lecture theater, a visitor's reception center, and some rooftop terraces that will flow into the existing cafeteria and education buildings.

**USO:** Friends United Meeting

**OSI:** Ramallah Friends School

**Project Description:** Established in 1869, Ramallah Friends School started as small girls' schools around the Ramallah area. Since its first class of 15 students, Ramallah has expanded to almost 1500 students in 2016. In addition, 95 percent of its annual graduating class is accepted into top-rated colleges and universities. In FY 2016, Friends United Meeting was awarded \$800,000 from ASHA to upgrade Ramallah's environmental stewardship provisions (photovoltaic cells and upgrading electricity grid), finish construction on a large fitness center, renovate a historic building to establish a guest house, resurface outdoor and indoor sports fields' flooring, and finish renovating the newly constructed Middle School building.

**USO:** Priory in the USA

**OSI:** St. John Eye Hospital Group

**Project Description:** Operating for more than 130 years, St. John Eye Hospital Group has been providing excellent eye care to the region's population, and also offers specialized nursing training- the only institution implementing such programs. ASHA's award for \$900,000 will strengthen the surgical capacity through the procurement of new surgical solutions. This increase in capacity will improve access to ophthalmic tertiary services in the region's most vulnerable groups, as well as other marginalized areas.



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