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"A generous heart, kind speech and life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity" Buddha

About us Professionals for Humanity (PROFOH), is a global non-profit, medical and social humanitarian organization with its headquarters in Washington, DC United States. The organization is also incorporated in Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Jamaica, Nepal, Nigeria and South Africa. It has presence in 15 other nations.

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Jan: PROFOH PARTICIPATED AT DAVOS AGENDA 2022



Photo: Davos Agenda 2022 flyer

From January 17 to 21, the World Economic Forum hosted the Davos Agenda 2022 virtual event bringing together heads of state and government, CEOs and other leaders to propose solutions to global challenges. Among the topics that were discussed at this year's online sessions were the COVID-19 pandemic response, the global economic recovery, climate action, technological innovation and global collaboration. In his address, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, speaking from New York, stated global solidarity is missing in action" as the recovery from the paralyzing economic crises due to the pandemic has slowed down drastically.

He said, "The last two years have demonstrated a simple but brutal truth – if we leave anyone at the back, we leave everyone behind." The UN chief urged all the participants to confront the pandemic with equity and fairness; reform the global financial system, so it works for all countries; and to take climate action that in developing countries.

Feb: PROFOH WELCOME PROGRESS MADE ON THE TREATMENT OF HIV

Phase 1 clinical trial conducted by University of Minnesota researchers has demonstrated the safety and efficacy of a novel immunotherapy drug in the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Results of the trial were published today in *Nature Medicine*. "We are excited by the promise shown in this initial trial," said Tim Schacker, MD, the study principal investigator and vice dean for research at the Medical School.

"We hope to move this work into Phase II trials so that we can ultimately add a hopeful treatment for those living with HIV. "The trial involves a novel investigative drug -- N-803 -- that has been studied in blood cancers and with other tumors. This is the first time the drug has been tested with HIV patients, moving beyond the preclinical phase of study.



Photo: *Drug for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)*

This Phase 1 trial at the University enrolled 16 participants who were required to be on antiretroviral therapy (ART) for at least one year. Of enrollees, 11 completed the trial with minimal adverse effects, suggesting N-803 administration for HIV patients who are ART-suppressed is safe. Although not a primary goal of the trial, participants using N-803 showed a significant decrease in HIV infected cells in the blood for a period of up to six months following treatment. "What was exciting in this Phase 1 trial was that it actually showed a decrease in the number of HIV infected cells, suggesting this might eventually be part of a long-awaited HIV cure strategy" said Schacker. The research team hopes the drug will go to Phase 2 trials in the near future.

Feb: PROFOH CONDUCT SURGICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT AT AMINU KANO TEACHING HOSPITAL



Photo: *PROFOH team led by Cliff Jarrell being brief by Prof. A. Sheshe CMD of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital*

Last year, PROFOH signed Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of jointly fostering quality health care delivery and to increase life expectancy of the people of Kano State-Nigeria. In keeping with the spirit of Memorandum of Understanding, the leadership of PROFOH went to Kano for Familiarization and Needs Assessment of Aminu Kano

Teaching hospital. The team was led by Mr. Cliff Henry Jarrell, founding member of PROFOH 24 years ago, during the Jesse Fire disasters in Delta, State Nigeria.

Mr. Jarrell is also a renowned Hospital Administrator, on his team were other ranking member of the organization including Dr. Safiya Umar, Chair, PROFOH Nigeria, and other Board members including Mr. Lawal Shuib, Dr. Isa Abubakar and Mr. Allan Martin, COO of SAO Group, an organization that has been rendering unbelievable services to the health care sector in Nigeria by providing more than 400 primary health care centers with constant solar power electricity. They are very prominent in Ondo and Kwara states. PROFOH and SAO are still working on fine –turning our partnership MOU.

The team was received by the great leadership PROFOH Kano, led by Mr. Ado Soron Dinki ,Dr. Wale Bayode, Aisha Baffa, , Kabiru Bichi, etc. The Chief Medical Director of the Hospital Prof. Abdulrahman Sheshe and top management of the hospital were very warm and thankful, he conducted the team around the facility and a technical committee was set up to coordinate the proposed mission activity with PROFOH. As tradition demands, we also paid a courtesy visit to the Emir (King) of Kano, HRH Alhaji Ado Bayero. The surgical mission for the hospital is now likely to hold Q2 2022.

PROFOH SIGNED STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH BRIDGES TO AMERICA



Photo: Flags of both nations that symbolizes special friendship in accordance with the spirit of the MOU

As part of our organization reforms, we are expanding our social engagements and poverty reduction activities underserved communities globally, using Sports as the vehicle to reach that goal. To that end, **PROFOH** and **Bridges to America, Inc.**, an IRS-approved 501c3 entity incorporated and is headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, signed a strategic partnership agreement. Both organizations shall enjoy Special Status in each other activities, while Bridges to America will deploy their members to participate as our volunteers during medical and social mission. PROFOH members or patients shall also volunteer in their Soccer Sports Tournament.

BRIDGES operates Refugee Soccer as its flagship program and has established a reputation as one of the leading organizations using Soccer to create and support solutions that combat the tremendous losses of productivity, hope, and the resulting adverse impact of these losses to the emotional, mental, and physical health of young people placed in IDP and Refugee Camps in Africa and around the world. The Founder of BRIDGES, Adam Miles, a great American to represent the very best of that country values, he has supported and served humanity with his heart of GOLD in several countries including Nigeria, Afghanistan and Ghana. Mr. Miles will soon embark on West Africa tour that will take him to Nigeria and other countries. The unique aspect of this MOU is that it strengthens the special friendship that has existed between Nigeria and United States for more than six decades.

March: PROFOH MEDICAL MISSION TO JAMAICA



Photo: PROFOH team and patients during the mission in Kingston-Jamaica.

PROFOH first medical mission took place in Kingston, by members of PROFOH Jamaica led by Dr. Marcia Russell, director of public health. The reception has been excellent and the hospitality of the people has been remarkable. The team were in their homes as only members of PROFOH JAMAICA. Besides screening for hypertension and diabetes, hundreds of patients were seen, screening and tests were carried out including liver function test, Hepatitis B & C, TB, BMI, etc. Due to popular request/demand Dr. Marcia Russell and several doctors in Kingston have embarked on the second medical mission. Details will be published in our subsequent Newsletter.

March: PROFOH is the official Consultant for Commonwealth University London:



Photo: The official logo of the Commonwealth University London, United Kingdom.

As an organization, our core mandate to humanity is Health, Education, Safe Water and Poverty Reduction Activities. We have conducted several Education missions in Nigeria and Ghana over the years. Since last year, PROFOH has scaled up our interventions from Basic and High Schools to University level. It is with a sense of excitement and that we have an Agreement with this great university. The mutual understanding reached is to co-operate for the purpose of delivering quality open and flexible continuing education programmes to adult learners through non-traditional methods. The terms of the co-operation accepted PROFOH as a consultant and shall accordingly recruit students/delegates for Certificates, Diplomas and Degree programmes of the following institutions respectively:

- a. Commonwealth University of Business Arts & Technology: Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees.
 - b. London Graduate School: Master-Class Certificates and Diplomas and may include UNESCO listed partner universities
- In a related development, PROFOH has already have high level discussions with two leading universities in the United States and three in Europe. PROFOH Executive Director is a Goodwill Ambassador to the Federal University of Petroleum Resources (FUPRE) Delta State Nigeria, the only specialized University on Petroleum and Environment in Africa. PROFOH co-sponsored the first ever Education Roundtable for FUPRE in July 2021. A Similar plan is on the table for our partner universities.

March: WORLD KIDNEY DAY:

As part of organization efforts to celebrate this year World Kidney Day-Theme” **Kidney Health For All**” we issued a Press Statement urging our members to reach out to their immediate family, friends and community to educate them about some of the risk factors which include; Smoking, Healthy weight/Obesity, HPB, ED, Diabetes, Family history, Frequent use of medication that can damage kidney, etc. Same day, PROFOH was honored to address the 97 Regular Meeting of Committee of Teaching Hospital CMDs and Federal Medical Center MDs (The largest body of public health care provider in Nigeria) on our proposed offer to their parent ministry –Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) in June 2021. PROFOH and its partner New Life Foundation, headquartered in New York, United States have approached FMOH to provide a space in these Teachings Hospitals and Federal Medical Centers to enable us set up world class **Dialysis Center** inside these institutions free of charge, this process started over one year ago. Our prayers are to get a written approval soon.



Photo: PROFOH Executive Director addressing the 97 Regular Meeting of Committee of CMDs and MDs of Public Health institutions in Nigeria.

March: WORLD TB DAY:

PROFOH is a leading member of the World Health Organization - **WHO STOP TB-Partnership**. TB is a disease of poverty, it spreads like wildfire through places where nutrition is poor, living conditions are overcrowded, and treatment doesn't exist—infesting and killing millions of people in the poor nations where we work. Last year we promised to do better, with all sense of modesty, we did much better in terms of participants. PROFOH also issued a press statement to mark the day. This year celebration was unique, as we joined our long standing partner Dawn of Life Foundation (DOLF) for the first time, TB patients were celebrated for recovery and were able to defeat of the disease. It was very impressive event as officials WHO, Ministry of health and other stakeholders were present at the event in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.



PROFOH 25 YEARS ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

As our 25 YEARS ANNIVERSARY draws near,, the preparation is picking up slowly from UAE, Nigeria, Ghana, Ireland, India, South Africa, Jamaica, Germany, Nepal and the United States and off course, Host country UAE. As part of the process Cliff Jarrell, Co-founder of PROFOH and Board Member PROFOH United States is back home to regularized some paper work of the organization, We glad to have to have the three Board members at home Dr. G. B. Ms. Angela Chester Johnson and Mr. Cliff Jarrell. Please Don't miss the Preparatory Inputs Meeting for PROFOH schedule to hold taking this year, Dubai, UAE.



Photo: *Two of America finest Missionary Cliff Jarrell & Stuart Quartemont and their wives, both men are founding fathers of the organization and were former Board Chairmen of PROFOH- March 2022, Texas , United State*

NEWS IN BRIEF:

Adamawa North Medical Mission Approved:

We are pleased to confirm that Adamawa North medical mission has been approved by Distinguished Senator Ishaku Abbo for April 2022, simply put, the good people of Adamawa state in general and Northern district in particular will soon receive quality health care from PROFOH. We are committed to a long relationship with the people of Adamawa North, part of the senator letter read as follows; We wish to affirm our commitment of working closely with PROFOH on other interventions on Health, Education, Environment and other areas that will have positive impact on the health, wellbeing development and prosperity of the good people of Adamawa North Senatorial District and beyond.

Camazine On -going Medical Mission:

Prof. Brian Camazine, President of Earthwide Surgical Foundation based in Texas and a Board Member of PROFOH. He is currently at the St. Mary Catholic Hospital in Akwa Ibom, South-South of Nigeria performing hundreds of life-saving surgeries; Dr Camazine performs approximately 400 surgeries in Nigeria yearly. Details will be available in our subsequent Newsletter.

PROFOH Medical Bank, Hospital & Diagnostic, School of Nursing Projects:

PROFOH is currently having high level discussions with a state government in Nigeria to kick start the process of having the four projects to take off, a team from Ireland and Italy will be in Nigeria very soon for the possibility of an MOU. The Micro Finance Medical Bank (will provide medical insurance coverage to vulnerable population and the underserved) is 60% concluded and the location will be in Abuja. We hope to replicate the project in other African Countries in the future. Professionals for Humanity and Habitat for Humanity will open discussions soon.

APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE- HELP SURVIVORS OF SOUTH SUDAN FLOODS TO GET LIFESAVING CARE

As an organization, our heart is sickened by the long suffering caused by the floods that have led to massive damage in South Sudan since May 2021. This is one of the worst acute humanitarian disasters the country has ever seen.

Nearly a million people have been affected by the floods. Some eleven months on, people are still stranded. Thousands of acres of crops destroyed and damaged toilets—raising urgent concerns of water-borne diseases, including typhoid and cholera. Hundreds of thousands of people need urgent medical care. In disasters like this, your support can literally mean the difference between life and death. Your support will;

Help prevent and treat disease Mental health and psychosocial support activities and households received mosquito nets. Treatment for Children Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and adult anaemia. We would like to sincerely thank our Chief Response Coordinator, Mr. Nicolaas Herholdt of PROFOH South Africa for his heart of gold and the excellent work he is doing. Please share this appeal with your networks and contacts.

INVITATION:

PROFOH-CORDIALLY INVITED- Our organization is an international player. Accordingly, we have received several invitations for 2022. These are some of them within the year. Members are encouraged to attend/participate in some of these high profile meetings and gatherings.

12 April: 4th OECD Roundtable on the Circular Economy in Cities and Regions. Amsterdam, Berlin, Rome, Stockholm and Vienna.

21-22 April: The SDG 16 Conference 2022 by United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Rome –Italy.

5: -6 May: Special G-STIC Event New York. United States.

17-18 May: G-STIC Climate Action programme will launch the second project call, Belgium.

9– 10- June: 3rd International Disaster Management Congress, Ankara –Turkey.

9– 19- June: Freeborn Ukpede RN. Medical Mission at Okparavero Memorial Hospital, Sapele,
Delta State, Nigeria.

14– 15- June: Global Energy Transition *2022 Reuters Events:* Unites CEOs and change makers.

25 June-1 July: The second United Nations Ocean Conference, in Lisbon, Portugal

9-12 November: SYNERGY *2022* in Washington D.C United States, *Reuters Events:* In-person: Virtual:

7-18 November: The UNFCCC Climate Change Conference, Sham El –Sheikh, Egypt.

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