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*"We Cannot despair of humanity, since we ourselves are human beings " –Albert Einstein*

**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, India, UK, & South Africa. It has presence in 15 other nations.

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## EUROPE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

**PROFOH** has a reasonable membership in Europe and its growing as we are incorporated in three European countries - Germany, Ireland and the United Kingdom and with presences in several other countries in continental Europe. In June 2024, EU citizens will not only elect the new European Parliament to chart the way for the formation of the next European Commission, but also lay the foundations for the future of the EU and its global role into the next decade. Decisive actions must be taken in the EU and globally before 2030 to avoid irreversible environmental tipping points and to keep a chance of achieving global goals, including the 2030 Agenda with its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement. Launching January 25th, SDSN will launch the 5th edition of the Europe Sustainable Development Report (ESDR) which tracks annually since 2019 the performance of all EU member states and partner countries on the SDGs and is co-designed with civil society. Learn more: <https://sdgtransformationcenter.org/> The UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) was set up in 2012 under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General. SDSN mobilizes global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical solutions for sustainable development, including the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement. SDSN works closely with United Nations agencies, multilateral financing institutions, the private sector, and civil society.



**Photo:** President of the European Union Commission Ursula von der Leyen

## PROFOH JOINT GLOBAL BOARDS MEETINGS:

Few weeks ago, the global Board of PROFOH had their Joint Boards meeting, it was chaired by Reem N Bsaiso, it was very impressive as more than 80% some high level decisions were reached:



**Photo:** PROFOH Global Board Members



They include funding strategy, restructuring of the boards by appointment of new members and also allow those who have served their full term to retire from the Board and serve in different capacities, time and renewed commitment of Board members is urgently needed.

Importantly, expansion and incorporating PROFOH to other countries was emphasised, as we have commenced discussions with our members in France, Uganda, Switzerland and Kosovo. The promotion of organization activities and fast track our progress within the key mandate sectors Health, Education, Safe Water, Climate Action (Environment) and Poverty Reduction. Certain programmes will require closer attention in the specific countries targeted so a project team will need strategy to address such projects or programs. Great points were raised regarding the restructuring of PROFOH and working within the communities.

An ongoing focus on international, humanitarian and public relations is required. Following this, the identification of key areas that all Board Members can tap into is to be outlined and shared with the team, donations from Board members or their contacts are not only welcome but seriously encouraged. As a follow-up the Nigeria Board also held its first meeting this year, it was chaired by Dr. Safiya Umar, the implementation of the global Board policies and direction were agreed upon. But it will be based on country specific.

#### **A NIGERIAN UNIVERSITY REQUESTED PROFOH PARTNERSHIP IN RESEARCH:**

Edo State University Uzairue and Edo State University Teaching Hospital Auchi, Edo State Nigeria have jointly requested **PROFOH's** partnership in the area of Research. As an organization, we have had some unofficial partnerships and collaboration with some universities in the past. This is the first time PROFOH is having an official document to that effect. The first on the research table is a comparative study on knowledge, attitude and socio-economic implications among parent healthcare workers in public and private healthcare facilities in Africa. The purpose of this study is to provide the evidential –basis for the development, implementation and sustenance of interventions aimed at alleviating, preventing and evaluating the spread of SAR-COV-2. Dr. Florence Amewalan and Dr. Kelly will be representing PROFOH in that assignment.



**Photo: Sanate Building of the Edo State University, South Nigeria**



This collaboration should open up access to grants for this project implementation, rigorous data analysis by statisticians, setting up of affiliated Scopus and Clarivate indexed journals, publication of research outcomes/findings in high impact journals (including but not limited to Scopus and Clarivate indexed journals) and advocacy of outcomes to policy makers in public and private Ministries, Departments and Agencies in line with all the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

**Photo: Graduates of the Edo State University, South Nigeria**



## PROFOH CONGRATULATES UKIHMA ON CONSISTENT PARTICIPATION AT ARAB HEALTH FAIR:



**Photo:** Andy Ward Co-Chair of UKIHMA at Arab Health Fair at the UAE .

PROFOH was at the Arab Health Fair electronically courtesy our partner-United Kingdom International Health Care Management Association (UKIHMA) and the British Integrated Solutions Export Network (BISEN), two leading UK organizations. PROFOH, BISEN and other partners logos were proudly displayed Andy Ward Co-Chair of UKIHMA led his team to the event, he is also known as a man with exceptional commitment to Global Health Care. The Arab Health Exhibition Congress is the World Largest Medical and Technology Event, a 49 years Annual Event. This year, 2024, it hosted thousands of Exhibitors, with participants from more than 60 countries signed up 40,000 physical persons participants while some 3 million online participated. UKIHMA was established by Healthcare UK, the British government department promoting international trade and business delivery. They work closely with their partners in the UK Department of International Trade, Healthcare UK and UK Export Finance in offering a comprehensive portfolio of support from trusted specialists. The Organization offers a single point of contact to a unique combination of skills and expertise spanning the world renowned NHS, prestigious academic institutions and a diverse range of commercial sector experts. They fully recognize the fundamental importance of specialist clinical advice, education training and digital solutions in supporting our clients achieve their ambition for world class clinical care and patient experience. We offer specialist advice in the implementation of clinical delivery models from an integrated patient pathway through to strategic planning. UKIHMA offers a unique blend of expertise in healthcare education, specialist training and continuous professional development (CPD) for the multi professional team.



## PROFOH WELCOMES PROPOSED SUPPORT TO NIGERIA BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF NORWAY AND GERMANY:

A high-level mission in Nigeria took place in February, 2024, by Education Cannot Wait (**ECW**) Executive Director Yasmine Sherif, accompanied by high-level representatives from the Governments of Germany and Norway, announced a planned US\$15 million allocation to renew the ECW Multi-Year Resilience Programme in the North-East of the Nigeria, in coordination with the Borno State Government, in the North-East of Nigeria to ensure the right to education for girls and boys.

The delegation travelled to the North-East Nigeria, where the violence of the Boko Haram insurgency and other armed groups have disrupted the education of nearly 2 million children who are of school-age. Attacks against schools and other grave violations of children's rights are regularly registered in the region. Thousands of children and youth – in particular girls and young women – have been abducted. Many girls have been enslaved and sexually exploited and boys have been forced to become child soldiers – especially girls pay the heaviest price of the horrific violence that has plagued in this North-East region of Nigeria for more than a decade,



**Photo:** *Officials of ECW, German and Norway Governments visited a school in Borno State Nigeria*

due to which their learning capabilities are lost and overall development delayed, they have been suffering from the trauma of abductions and sexual violence for a very long time.

To counter all these atrocities, a safe, quality, holistic education and learning opportunities, including mental health and psychosocial services, are crucial to rehabilitate and protect children and youth from more exploitation and empower them to become positive change makers. Working with the Government of Nigeria and our implementing partners, the ECW's expanded its funding for this North-East region of Nigeria, which is an investment for the young lives for a more stable, prosperous and peaceful future for the region and beyond.

According to United Nations Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF ) estimated the total number of out-of-school children in Nigeria is estimated to be 20.2 million in 2023.



## PROFOH IS WORRIED ABOUT GLOBAL CANCER BURDEN RISE:

Last year, PROFOH participated at the Universal Health Coverage at the United Nations in New York, May and September respectively. Ahead of World Cancer Day, the World Health Organization (WHO)'s cancer agency, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), released the [latest estimates](#) of the global burden of cancer. WHO also published survey results from 115 countries, showing a majority of countries do not adequately finance priority cancer and palliative care services, as part of universal health coverage (UHC). The IARC estimates, based on the best sources of data available in countries in 2022, highlight the growing burden of cancer, the disproportionate impact on underserved populations, and the urgent need to address cancer inequities worldwide.

In 2022, there were an estimated 20 million new cancer cases and 9.7 million deaths. The estimated number of people who were alive within 5 years following a cancer diagnosis was 53.5 million. About 1 in 5 people develop cancer in their lifetime, approximately 1 in 9 men and 1 in 12 women die from the disease. The global WHO survey on UHC and cancer shows that only 39% of participating countries covered the basics of cancer management as part of their financed core health services for all citizens, 'health benefit packages' (HBP). Only 28% of participating countries additionally covered care for people who require palliative care, including pain relief in general, and not just linked to cancer.



**Photo:** *Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus Director –General of World Health Organization*

## PROFOH WELCOMES US GOVT. COMMITMENT TO REACH UNVACCINATED CHILDREN IN NIGERIA:



In a significant development aimed at improving healthcare access for children in Nigeria, PROFOH welcome the U.S. government announcement of its unwavering commitment to reaching zero-dose children across the country. Dr. Patricia Tanifum, Global Immunization Division Program Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), gave the assurance during a roundtable in (Feb)Abuja-Nigeria. Zero-dose children are children who have yet to receive any vaccines on the routine schedule. They are measured by the number of children who have not received the first dose of Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis vaccine. Ms.Tanifum also said that the commitment comes as part of ongoing efforts to reduce child mortality rates and ensure a healthier future for Nigerian children. Immunization is a fundamental right of every child, and we are fully committed to ensuring that no child in Nigeria is left behind when it comes to life-saving vaccines."

**Photo:** *Mandy Krauthamer Cohen Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

According to recent estimates, Nigeria has a significant number of children who have not received any vaccination, commonly referred to as "Zero-dose children. This vulnerable group is at a higher risk of contracting preventable diseases, which can have severe consequences for their health and overall development," she said. To address this issue, she said that the U.S. government pledged to provide substantial technical support to Nigeria's immunization program. The assistance will continue to focus on strengthening the country's healthcare infrastructure, training healthcare workers, and improving vaccine distribution systems to ensure that vaccines reach even the most remote areas," she said. The top CDC official also disclosed that there were no fewer than 19 million zero-dose children worldwide, 58 per cent of which live in just 10 countries. Four African countries make up 4.4 million zero children. The COVID-19 pandemic led to large global increases in Zero-dose children. With 2.3 million Zero-dose children, Nigeria accounts for the highest burden globally. Only about 57 per cent of eligible children in Nigeria were fully vaccinated as of 2021. Our partnership with the Nigerian government and other stakeholders will be critical in achieving this goal. Since 1998, PROFOH has immunized more than 50,000 children against polio.



## PROFOH – WE CAN END TB:

PROFOH is a member of **Stop TB Partnership** based in Geneva Switzerland. At the invitation of the Government of Brazil, the 37th Stop TB Partnership Board held its meeting in Brasilia, Brazil. The strategic forum, co-hosted locally by the Ministry of Health of Brazil and G20 Health Working Group (HWG).

An inspirational keynote from World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus set the tone for the three-day event. As the meeting drew to a close, PROFOH Board Vice Chair Austin Obiefuna welcomed the invitation from Minister Ali Pate to host the Board's 38th meeting in Obiefuna's home country of Nigeria in December 2024. Adjourning the meeting, Obiefuna thanked the Government of Brazil for their hospitality and reminded the participants of their vital roles, to celebrate how far they had come, and to not give up, "We are living in a time of unprecedented access to TB diagnosis and treatment, resulting in the highest ever numbers of people put on TB treatment and the lowest numbers of people missing from TB care. This will have a substantial impact on reducing transmission of TB and help high-burden countries to end TB within the next few years.



**Photo:** Board Vice Chair and members of WHO Stop TB partnership



## PROFOH/PRO-HEALTH INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL MISSION:

Our organization first Medical Mission took place in Abuja Nigeria at two locations in - Kubwa and Life Camp, the mission was in collaboration with PRO – Health Group, and seven other partners. We had relationship with PRO-Health International since 2009 and had exchanged medical personnel since 2010. This year, we had to formalize the relationship by signing a Memorandum of Understanding MOU, with every sense of modesty, both organizations are considered by many as leaders in the public health space in Nigeria Pro-Health and PROFOH Nigeria. The mission lasted one week. In a similar development we also conducted the Delta Medical Mission in Ughelli, Delta Central, in all more than 2000 patients were seen (Consultations and Treatments) In PROFOH’s classification of medical missions, the Abuja outreach is considered to a local intervention. These interventions are conducted for the most part to boost capacity of local medical personnel, we will like to use this medium to commend the PROFOH team for their superb delivery, The team was led by Dr. Russell, Dr. Ogbesor and Laboratory Scientist Ms. Monica., In the spirit of our MOU Pro-Health and PROFOH have rolled their medical mission calendar and call on Nigerians to volunteer their skills and services for the local medical missions..



**Photo:** PROFOH Nigeria Chief Laboratory Scientist Monica Ugumah at the mission

## GLOBAL BOARD COMMEND PROFOH NEPAL INTERVENTIONS:

PROFOH Nepal had conducted a 7- Day Poverty Reduction Mission – under the PROFOH’s Social Upliftment Project. Many items were distributed like Relief materials, Blankets, Clothing, Groceries and Cheques to families at Sarlahi District, Madhesh Province, which is 250 km from Kathmandu. As always, for almost two decades, Anita Singh, Country Director for Nepal, has provided effective leadership to the operations of the organization in Nepal. The remote Villages of Bara Udhoran in the Sarlahi District of Janakpur Zone of South Eastern NEPAL close the India borders has become an adopted PROFOH community, The reason is obvious, the entire area is very weak Medically, Educationally, Economically and Socially, there is no single Health Care facility in the area. Surprisingly, our team had a shock we had interventions in 2020, for the first, people saw Face Masks in their lives In order to change the entrenched Status Quo, PROFOH is conducting Emergency Education for the children because every child is Out of School.



**Photo:** A board member of PROFOH Nepal distributing relief materials including groceries to rural families



## PROFOH INDIA MISSION TO ETHIOPIA AND ZAMBIA:

In 2022 PROFOH flew its flag in the great country of India with its head office in Karnataka State. India incorporation is special in many ways including focusing on implementing the core values of PROFOH and most importantly our great partners on the ground in India, BRNCOS Healthcare India is one of such partners.

We have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with two other leading charity in India, Also we have received an invitation for medical mission to be conducted in the Andhra Pradesh state by a private faith base organization. PROFOH partner, Broncos Group is a global leader in medical consultation and has established strong bond with best hospitals in India to deliver benchmark Medical Care and Services for Global Citizens seeking their treatment.

The team consists of some India leading GP and surgeons who are internationally trained, well - experienced and have knowledge about the cutting edge technology and modern practices of medicine and surgery they also have extended support for patients. They are currently providing services to more than ten countries The purpose of the PROFOH /BRNCOS is to jointly foster quality health care delivery especially in social medicine, medical interventions. Few days ago, our very own Board member Narender Kumar and his team at Broncos were in Ethiopia and Zambia for training and conducted Health awareness activities in these two countries.



**Photo:** Kumar and his team in Zambia and Ethiopia

## PROFOH JOIN LEADING GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS TO DEMAND REFORMS AT THE IMF:

PROFOH join some selected few organizations and institutions global leaders to demand reforms at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in April 2024, both organizations, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, two of the most powerful organizations in global economic governance, will hold their annual Spring Meetings in Washington, DC—

the last such meeting before Kristalina Georgieva's term as IMF Managing Director tenure ends in September. To decide on who will lead the respective organizations, the IMF and the World Bank have long used the so-called 'Gentleman's Agreement' The [Bretton Woods Project](#), a leading charity working with London Economic School, have launched an open letter to demand an open, transparent, and meritocratic process to select the next IMF Managing Director—and invites you (PROFOH) to participate in this campaign. PROFOH as an organization have participated at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, their annual Spring Meetings in Washington, DC few years ago.



**Photo:** Ms. Kristalina Georgieva IMF Managing Director tenure ends in September 2024





## ANTI- CORRUPTION-PROFOH SIGN UP TO THE ATLANTA CIVIL SOCIETY DECLARATION:

At the 10th Session of the Conference of the States Parties (CoSP10) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) in Atlanta, United States, PROFOH was among the 130 civil society organizations that signed on to the Atlanta Civil Society Declaration, calling on UNCAC States Parties at CoSP10 and beyond to improve legal frameworks and practice in several areas, including but not limited to the protection and promotion of civic space, defending those who report on and uncover corruption, advancing public access to information and facilitating the meaningful participation of non-governmental stakeholders in national UNCAC reviews and follow-up actions.

For PROFOH, our organization, we recognize the detrimental impact corruption has on the health care and education sectors, in particular those of individual and collective victims, corruption makes our humanitarian interventions very difficult, it also fuels and exacerbates wars and conflicts, that it undermines society as a whole especially in some of the communities where we operates. We also join our colleagues to welcome States Parties, through a historic, first-ever vote, lifted objections against the participation of leading non-governmental organizations and allowed all registered observer organizations to fully participate in the Conference; Appreciate efforts by the United States as the host facilitated an inclusive Conference by involving non-governmental stakeholders from all sectors, we would like to thank our official delegation the conference Ms. Camille Bradshaw and Donmale Gbanaador for their wonderful representation, the next conference will be in 2025,Doha Qatar.



**Photo:** Group of CSOs at COSP/10 PROFOH team led Camille Bradshaw Advisory Board Member



## PROFOH OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO MARKED WORLD WATER DAY:

PROFOH and partners are marked World Water Day with a focus on the challenges facing rural communities in Africa as they are enduring one of the harshest conditions in this century - lack of safe drinking water. PROFOH is a ranking member of Water Action Hub, developed by the United Nations [CEO Water Mandate](#). The Hub helps companies and organizations address water risk, advance sustainable water management, and build resilience by and also raise awareness of sustainability projects around the world and the organizations administering them, allowing organizations to propose new projects and garner interest among potential partners.



We welcome the gathering UN-Water Members and Partners at the biannual meeting to discuss how the UN family can “deliver as one” in Rome as a response to water- and sanitation-related challenges. A particular focus on the 39th UN-Water Meeting was preparations for conferences on water for sustainable development to be convened in 2026 and 2028, as called for by a resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2023. This same resolution called for the Secretary-General to present the first-ever UN system-wide water and sanitation strategy. Water Agenda include the following: (a) 10th World Water Forum, scheduled for Bali, Indonesia, in May 2024. (b) 3rd High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development” 2018-2028, scheduled for June in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.(c) Stockholm World Water Week, scheduled for August in Sweden.(d) Summit of the Future, scheduled for September in New York, US; and One Water Summit, scheduled for September in New York, US. We urge members to make efforts to attend some of these high profile water events.

## NEWS IN BRIEF:

### Dr. Brian Camazine Ongoing Medical Mission:

Prof. Brian Camazine, President of Earthwide Surgical Foundation based in Texas and a Board Member of PROFOH. He scheduled to commence surgery in Okparavero Hospital from April till May 2024. He will be performing hundreds of life-saving surgeries; Dr Camazine performs approximately 400 surgeries yearly in Nigeria. The Okparavero hospital is located in Sapele one of the Local Government Area in Delta State, Nigeria. During the mission, you can be sure that bold and complicated surgeries will be performed. Details will be available in our subsequent Newsletter.



### Mr. Azem is warming up for the incorporation of PROFOH in Switzerland and Uganda:

High level consultations is on-going in these countries with stakeholders and some foundations, to further demonstrate his commitment to impacting humanity , Mr. Azem will be making a trip to Uganda before the end of next quarter.



## UPCOMING EVENTS –Q2-2024:

We are excited to share a number of opportunities with you below. This includes exclusive offerings available some are available through our external partnerships as well as opportunities within the organization. We hope you take advantage of them and look forward to your engagement!

**SDG Investment Fair**, hosted by the **UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs**, is set to return from **April 23rd to 25th, 2024** since 2018, 23 countries have participated and over 130 projects have been presented, amounting to over \$50 billion in SDG aligned investment opportunities. Please express your interest in attending and secure your spot, as spaces are limited in the below mentioned events:

1	9 April	<b>PRME Chapter Poland: World Tour Research Paper Development Workshop - Online</b>
2	13 April	<b>PRME Chapter Eurasia: Annual General Meeting - Brazil</b>
3	18 April	6th OECD Roundtable on the Circular Economy in Cities and Regions Cities and regions getting ahead with the circular transition World Circular Economy Forum   Accelerator Session - <b>Brussels (Belgium)</b>
4	19 April	Introducing <b>Sulitest's TASK™</b> : Measuring and Monitoring Sustainability Knowledge - <b>Online</b>
5	25 April	<b>i5 Engagement Session: Building a Community of Practice with Giving Voice to Values - Online</b>
6	20-22 May	Training Workshop on <b>Disaster Risk Reduction</b> and Urban Resilience for Bontang Municipality Organizers: UNDRR GETI, UNDRR ROAP, UCLG ASPAC, Bontang City Location: Bontang, <b>Indonesia</b>
7	23 May	<b>PRME Chapter Africa: PRME World Tour Research Paper Development Workshop - Online</b>
8	04-06 June	Training Workshop on <b>Disaster Risk Reduction</b> and Urban Resilience for Nepalese cities Organizers: UNDRR GETI, UNDRR ROAP, CITYNET, Makati City Location: Lalitpur City, <b>Nepal</b>

## INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL MISSIONS 2024:

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>PARTNERS</b>
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>Yaoundé</b>	<b>May/June</b>	<b>ECLEE, France</b>
<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>Kwara State</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>CONNAK Foundation, Nigeria</b>
<b>Ghana</b>	<b>Poukasse</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>St Moses Hospital, Ghana</b>
<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	<b>Malabo</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Space Reform, EG</b>



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH PROFOH:**

**IF ARE YOU INTERESTED-PLEASE SEND RESUME AND ATTACHED YOUR LICENSE:**

### **Medical and Non-Medical**

Anesthesiologists / Nurse Anesthetists  
Laboratory Scientists/Technicians  
Nurse-Midwives/ Registered Nurses  
Obstetricians / Gynecologists  
Pharmacists/Dispensers  
Physicians/ Surgeons/ Physician Assistants  
Logisticians  
Water & Sanitation Logisticians  
Educationists  
Poverty Reduction Educators  
Counselors  
Experienced Field Coordinators  
Translators/Interpreters  
Community leaders

### **BECOME A PROFOH MEMBER:**

A global group of citizens committed to providing quality health care, education climate action and water and take action to reduce poverty. Our membership is over 10,000 and still counting, from over 25 countries.

**Please join us today!!!!**

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