

Organisations working on donations of medical equipment

1. THET and Partnerships for Global Health

“The Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET) is a specialist global health organisation that educates, trains and supports health workers through partnerships; enabling people in low- and middle-income countries to access essential healthcare.”

Guidelines for Donations: THET Making it work, A toolkit for medical equipment donations to low resource settings.

<http://www.thet.org/health-partnership-scheme/resources/publications/making-it-work-a-toolkit-for-medical-equipment-donations-to-low-resource-settings> (Accessed May 2014)

Contact: info@thet.org

2. PQMD Guidelines

“The Partnership for Quality Medical Donations is a unique alliance of non-profit and corporate organizations committed to bringing measurable health impact to under-served and vulnerable people through active engagement with global partners and local communities.”

Guidelines for Donations:

<http://www.pqmd.org/assets/pqmd%20standard%20jan%202014.pdf> (Accessed May 2014)

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3. HUMATEM

<http://www.humatem.org/>

“This service, unique in France, coordinates donations of medical devices between health stakeholders and international aid organisations supporting medical equipment for healthcare facilities in developing countries.

The Bank of Medical Devices enables health stakeholders (donors) to offer medical devices and for the international aid organisations (running the projects), to obtain those that are appropriate for the needs of the healthcare facilities they support. The international aid organisations are selected by written application and receive advice on the conduct of their projects.”

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4. ProC.U.R.E.

<http://projectcure.org/>

“Project C.U.R.E. is the largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment to developing countries around the world.”

ProCURE maintains a database of equipment manuals for recipients to refer to.

Contact: <http://projectcure.org/contact>

5. REMEDY/ Recover Medical Equipment for the Developing World

<http://www.remedyinc.org/default.asp>

“REMEDY, Recovered Medical Equipment for the Developing World, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to actively promoting the recovery of unused medical supplies for the purpose of global aid, waste reduction, and cost-effectiveness. We seek to inspire and serve as a catalyst through education, practice and example.”

“As you have learned from these about pages, the REMEDY mission is changing. We are focusing our efforts on helping families that find themselves with excess medical supplies.”

Donation ethos: MacRae, JW. The REMEDY utilization study: a model for donations evaluations, a thesis submitted to the Yale University School of Medicine in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Medicine. 1997.

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6. Advocates for World Health

<https://awhealth.org/>

“AWH invites hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, manufacturers, individuals, and other health care organizations to donate medical equipment on a one-time or recurring basis. Advocates for World Health strives to reuse as many donations as possible. We accept functioning medical equipment, as well as semi-functional and inoperable machinery. As long as the condition of the equipment is fair, we have trained technicians to repair minor damage and ensure the product’s functionality.

Our humanitarian aid shipments are designed to turn an empty room into a fully functional department of a working hospital. For example, an exam room should contain an exam table, light, diagnostic equipment, medical supplies, patient scale, patient chair, linens, medication cart, desk, chairs, and a waste container. Thanks to our sponsors and donors, we’re able to not only acquire all of these medical supplies and equipment, but also deliver these critical supplies directly to the hospital.

In order to make a shipment, AWH requires the sponsor or recipient to perform a needs assessment either through AWH or a neutral third party to ensure that the donations we send can be properly used and maintained at the donation location.”

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7. Esperanca

<http://www.esperanca.org/>

“Each year Esperança sends one sea shipment container full of donated medical goods to our trusted partners in Central and South America for use in our clinics and hospitals. These

supplies are used by our surgical volunteer teams and distributed to hospitals in need in the region.”

Contact: info@esperanca.org

8. Medshare

<http://www.medshare.org/>

“The advantage for your organization is that your designated beneficiary facility selects the exact medical supplies they need from our extensive inventory.”

Contact: info@medshare.org

9. International Aid

<http://www.internationalaid.org/>

*“Our Medical Equipment Services is one of the largest **re-conditioners** of medical equipment in the non-profit world. Our on-staff bio medical technicians ensure that every piece of equipment sent to our partners in the field is in working condition, is covered by a warranty and has been adapted to fit the region’s power source. International Aid is committed to being good stewards of the equipment entrusted to us by sending only appropriate, sustainable shipments to partners serving in areas of greatest need.”*

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10. IMEC

<http://www.imecamerica.org/contact>

“IMEC provides equipment solutions for health care, agriculture, and education projects in developing countries.

IMEC, a Massachusetts-based not-for-profit founded in 1995 by hospital administrator Tom Keefe, has a process that sets up equipment donations for long-term use. It ensures the equipment can be used by the recipient, makes a long-term commitment of spare parts and consumables, and builds regional capacity for upkeep, maintenance, and repair.

Before any equipment is shipped, IMEC conducts a thorough needs assessment, usually onsite, to ensure that the equipment will be able to be used and serviced.

IMEC recognizes that donations are, counter-intuitively, expensive for hospitals to receive; the initial purchase price is often only 20 percent of the total lifetime cost of a piece of equipment. It commits to supplying spare parts and consumables for three to five years after the donation is shipped.

In contrast to the other organizations, IMEC invests in building capacity locally, by holding regional training sessions and funding country-wide programs together with large bilateral aid agencies or ministries of health. It spends money on in-country training rather than international flights.

Mark Heydenburg, IMEC’s director of medical technology, said “this is the only way to ensure the next generation of repair technicians and engineers regionally.”

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11. MED-EQ – Part of REMEDY

<http://www.med-eq.org/>

“Med-Eq is a free service that specializes in pairing donors with vetted charities, most of which will use these supplies overseas. Items may range from bandages and catheter supplies, to hospital beds or surplus inventory and might be small enough to donate by mail, or require a container truck pick-up.

Families and individuals: *When home care ends, families often find themselves in possession of medical supplies, devices and equipment that has been lightly or never used.*

Vendors and facilities: *Manufacturers, healthcare facilities and others often have excess inventory or lightly used equipment that they wish to donate.*

Charities and non-profit organizations: *Organizations which have 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status may join Med-Eq to become eligible to receive donations.”*

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Contact: <http://www.med-eq.org/ContactForm/>

12. American Medical Resource Foundation

<http://www.amrf.com/>

*“The American Medical Resources Foundation (AMRF) donates **refurbished, but functional medical equipment** to hospitals serving the poor worldwide. AMRF also develops and provides training programs for medical equipment repair technicians and hospital managers responsible for maintenance, repair and calibration of medical equipment.”*

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13. AFYA

<http://www.afyafoundation.org/>

“The Afya Foundation collects no longer needed and still usable medical supplies, hospital equipment and humanitarian provisions and ships them abroad to support ongoing health initiatives in Africa and the Caribbean. They also provide supplies to medical professionals who are going on medical missions.”

“When a well-established on-the-ground organization determines that they are interested in receiving a shipment of supplies, they are given access to our current inventory database, and submit a comprehensive wish list. As Afya is strongly committed to a holistic approach to health care, discussions ensue between the recipient organization and an Afya staff member to determine goals and capability. Often, this leads to identification of other items that, if not in our current inventory, we can attempt to source from specific suppliers.”

Contact: info@afyafoundation.org

14. InterVol

<http://www.intervol.org/>

“InterVol’s RUMS program saves medical supplies and equipment that otherwise would be destroyed or placed in area landfills and are made available to overseas hospitals and medical clinics that lack access to these badly needed resources.”

Contact: rums@intervol.org

15. HERO Healthcare Equipment Recycling Organization

<http://herofargo.org/>

“Collect: HERO collects donations of healthcare supplies and medical equipment from local hospitals, agencies, and individuals.

Sort: Warehouse staff and volunteers sort, clean, and inspect incoming donations ensuring all supplies are usable and safe for redistribution. After this process, each item is entered into an inventory database. We keep track of all pounds collected, redistributed, and people served.

Redistribute: HERO has a retail store where anyone can receive supplies for low to no cost. There are handling fees, however they may be waived if there is a financial and medical need. At this time, HERO does not have a pick up or delivery service. At times, we are able to send supplies through the mail, but are unable to cover the cost of shipping.

We also partner with organizations and medical mission teams that travel all over the world. Mission handling fees are \$3 per pound. These may be waived as well. HERO cannot cover the cost of shipping and handling.”

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16. MEDWISH

<http://www.medwish.org/>

“MedWish recovers medical supplies and equipment from various health systems that would otherwise be discarded. Using the surplus we recover, we match our inventory to the needs in the world by partnering closely with both domestic and international partners to ensure people get what they need.”

Contact: info@medwish.org

17. Brother’s Brother Foundation

BBF's Medical Program distributes medicines, supplies, and equipment world-wide to health ministries, hospitals, and mission physicians.

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18. Global links

<http://www.globallinks.org/>

“Global Links is a medical relief and development organization dedicated to promoting environmental stewardship and improving health in resource-poor communities, primarily in Latin America and the Caribbean. Our two-fold mission provides hospitals with a socially and environmentally beneficial alternative to sending hundreds of tons of still-useful surplus materials to landfills.

Hospitals and clinics in under-served communities often lack the supplies and equipment necessary to provide even basic care to their patients, resulting in needless suffering and deaths. At the same time, the US healthcare industry generates a staggering amount of medical surplus which, without intervention, is destined to pile up in our landfills.

Global Links' innovative model of recovery and reuse connects these two social problems in a way that helps to solve both, creating a "virtuous circle" that converts an environmental burden to a life-saving purpose.”

Contact: info@globallinks.org

19. Healing Hands International

<http://www.hhi.org/our-work>

“Through programs in medical aid and relief, Healing Hands International has been able to provide the supplies and equipment needed to save and improve the quality of life for thousands of individuals. We have provided doctors, clinics and hospitals with the medications, medical equipment and supplies they need to help their patients living in underdeveloped regions of the world heal. Working through the relationships we have built over the years, we are able to purchase many items at a reduced price and we also receive many supplies and equipment through donations.”

Contact: contact@hhi.org

20. Medical Bridges

<http://www.medicalbridges.org/?q=aboutus/ourmission>

“Medical Bridges[®] recovers medical surplus that would otherwise be discarded and redistributes it to hospitals, clinics and healthcare providers in less fortunate countries. Our goal is to continue bridging the healthcare gap, connecting those who have with those who hope.

Supplies and equipment collected through the Medical Bridges[®] Donation Program help combat the spread of diseases in developing nations throughout the world. Each person who receives medical care because of a Medical Bridges[®] donation is a testament to the power of giving – of giving health and giving hope.”

Contact: Phone: 713-748-8131

21. MediSend International

<http://www.medisend.org/donate-supplies.html>

“With the help of strategic partners such as manufacturers, distributors and hospital systems that donate medical supplies and equipment, MediSend International provides shipments of medical aid to qualified hospitals in developing countries.

The Donor Asset Management Systems is a secure, web based application that allows organizations to quickly and conveniently donate medical supplies and equipment to MediSend. The Donor Asset Management System is tied directly into MediWerks (MediSend's decision support system) and Warehouse SCM (MediSend's inventory supply chain management system) providing vertical integration of the entire supply chain.”

Contact: info@medisend.org

22. Globus Relief

<http://www.globusrelief.org/index.html>

Unclear from webpage to what extent they engage in donations of medical equipment.

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23. Pan American development Foundation

<http://www.padf.org/>

Unclear from webpage to what extent they engage in donations of medical equipment.

Contact: <http://www.padf.org/page/s/contact-us>

24. Healthcare 4 Africa

<http://www.healthcare4africa.com/>

“Healthcare4Africa is a UK-based charity set up by passionate professionals who have in-depth knowledge about the development needs on the African continent, particularly in the healthcare sector. The organisations primary focus is to encourage, enable and empower disaffected individuals and communities, to influence the direction of health and poverty alleviation programmes within respective localities.”

“We know that all donations come from caring people who want to help but sometimes we cannot accept a donation for one of many possible reasons. If this is the case in regard to your donations, we would still like you to know how much we appreciate your generosity and effort and hope that suitable donations will become available in the future.

A couple of crucial rules we have to follow when accepting donated medications and supplies are:

- 1. Medications and supplies must have at least an 18 month expiration date when they arrive in any one of the African countries. This is a government regulation that Healthcare4Africa must adhere to without exception.*
- 2. In the case of paediatric hospital donations, supplies should be suitable for a paediatric hospital and all equipment MUST be in good working order. Healthcare4Africa cannot accept equipment that is old, obsolete or has out lived its expected life span. Generally, if it is not something usable in your situation, it won't be usable for the healthcare system in Africa.*

Healthcare4Africa ability to maintain and repair old equipment before they are used is limited.”

Contact: info@healthcare4africa.com

25. Global hand

<http://www.globalhand.org/en>

*“Global Hand is a **matching service**: a non-profit brokerage facilitating public/ private partnership. Although today’s world sees many parties wishing to respond to global issues, the problem they often face is connectivity. Who should they partner with and how? Global Hand is designed to bring together people from all parts of the spectrum. You can use this site to find partners wherever you fit.”*

Maintains a database of offers across many sectors, including healthcare.

Contact: enquiries@globalhand.org.uk

26. IOMP

<http://www.iomp.org/?q=node/46>

“The developing countries are served on first come first served basis in general and due care is given on emergency or special needs. We make sure that the used equipment being donated to IOMP is in good condition and we make sure that it meets the need of that country. We also provide guidance on its installation and use. If the developing country needs help in installation or training of their personnel – it can also be arranged. The shipping expenses are required to be paid in advance or arranged by the developing country. Financial help is available in some cases.

We follow the instructions lead down in the WHO Guidelines for used equipment”

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