



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



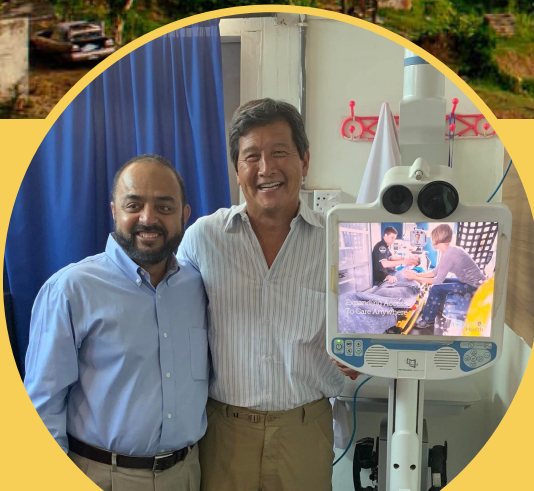
WORLD TELEHEALTH  
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"As we were developing this technology, we quickly realized that telemedicine gives us a rare opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of others...

World Telehealth Initiative can continue creating a cost-effective, scalable future for healthcare that ensures access does not have to be determined by where you were born."



**Yulun Wang**  
Co-Founder & Chairman  
World Telehealth Initiative  
(pictured on the right)

## *Dear Friends,*

2021 was a milestone year for World Telehealth Initiative. We officially embarked on five years of dreaming big—of pursuing a world where everyone has access to quality healthcare, regardless of where they were born or where they live and work.

50% of the world today lacks access to essential health services and 8.6 million people die every year from treatable conditions.

While there is significant work to be done, we have never been more inspired by the passion and dedication of others. Hospitals are overcrowded, and medical workers are experiencing burnout, yet more and more physicians are expressing a desire to volunteer their time and expertise. Technology has enabled under-resourced clinics and hospitals to obtain more support for virtual clinical mentoring and patient consultations. We have more partner corporations and organizations wanting to join forces to maximize our collective impact. In a history-making moment in time, we see so much resolve toward the greater good.

Our vision of transforming global healthcare is audacious, and it requires the support of many. Together, we are building the capacity of healthcare professionals in some of the most remote parts of the world using technology. We are embedding access to quality healthcare into the fabric of these communities for years to come. This offers a life-changing impact for 50% of the world. Every program launched, in-country physician trained, and life impacted is thanks to your support, dedication, and endless pursuit of something bigger than ourselves.

Imagine the impact we can make with another five, 50, or 100 years of partnership. Thank you for dreaming big with us.

Warmly,

*Sharon Allen*

Co-Founder and Executive Director





## A YEAR OF IMPACT

With health at the epicenter of our daily interactions, our mission of enabling healthcare access worldwide has never been more critical. For people in low-resource areas, access to quality healthcare is life-changing and gives them more opportunities to thrive.

Thanks to our supporters, volunteers, and partners, we are making significant strides toward addressing long-standing issues such as brain drain and inequities in healthcare access.



*In 2021, we accomplished:*

| **925**

Philanthropic  
telehealth visits

| **160**

Healthcare  
professionals added  
to our global  
network of  
volunteer physicians

| **7**

New programs  
launched



"With World Telehealth Initiative, I am not physically anywhere where I can change something, but remotely, I can do something, I can give something, and help people who need some of my knowledge or support."

– Dr. Dorota Mikołajczyk, volunteer physician



## AFTER FIVE YEARS, WE NOW HAVE...

# 24

Active programs worldwide

# 13

Countries with WTI programs

# 50+

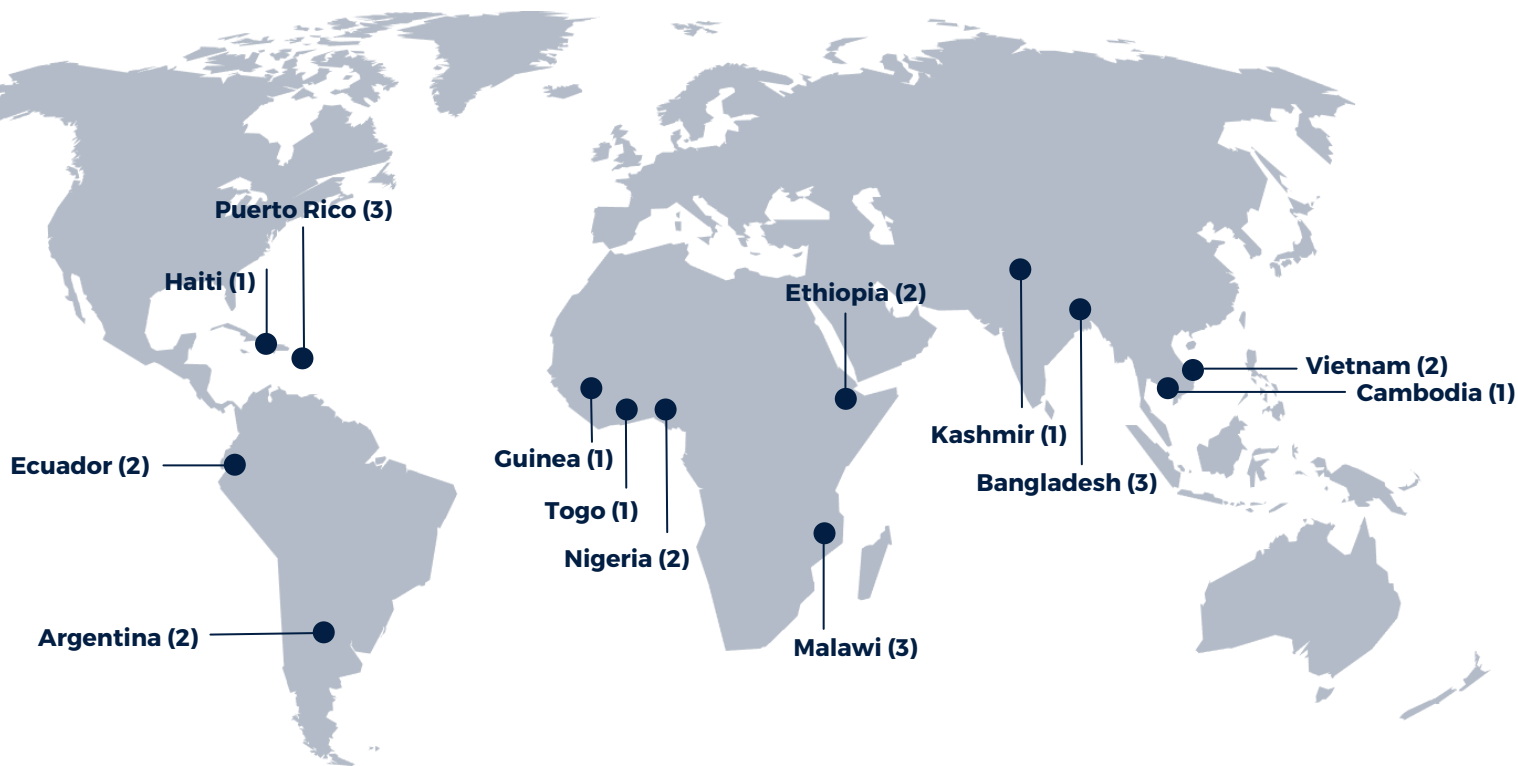
Medical specialities offered to  
patients in need

# 350+

Volunteer medical professionals



## A GLOBAL MISSION



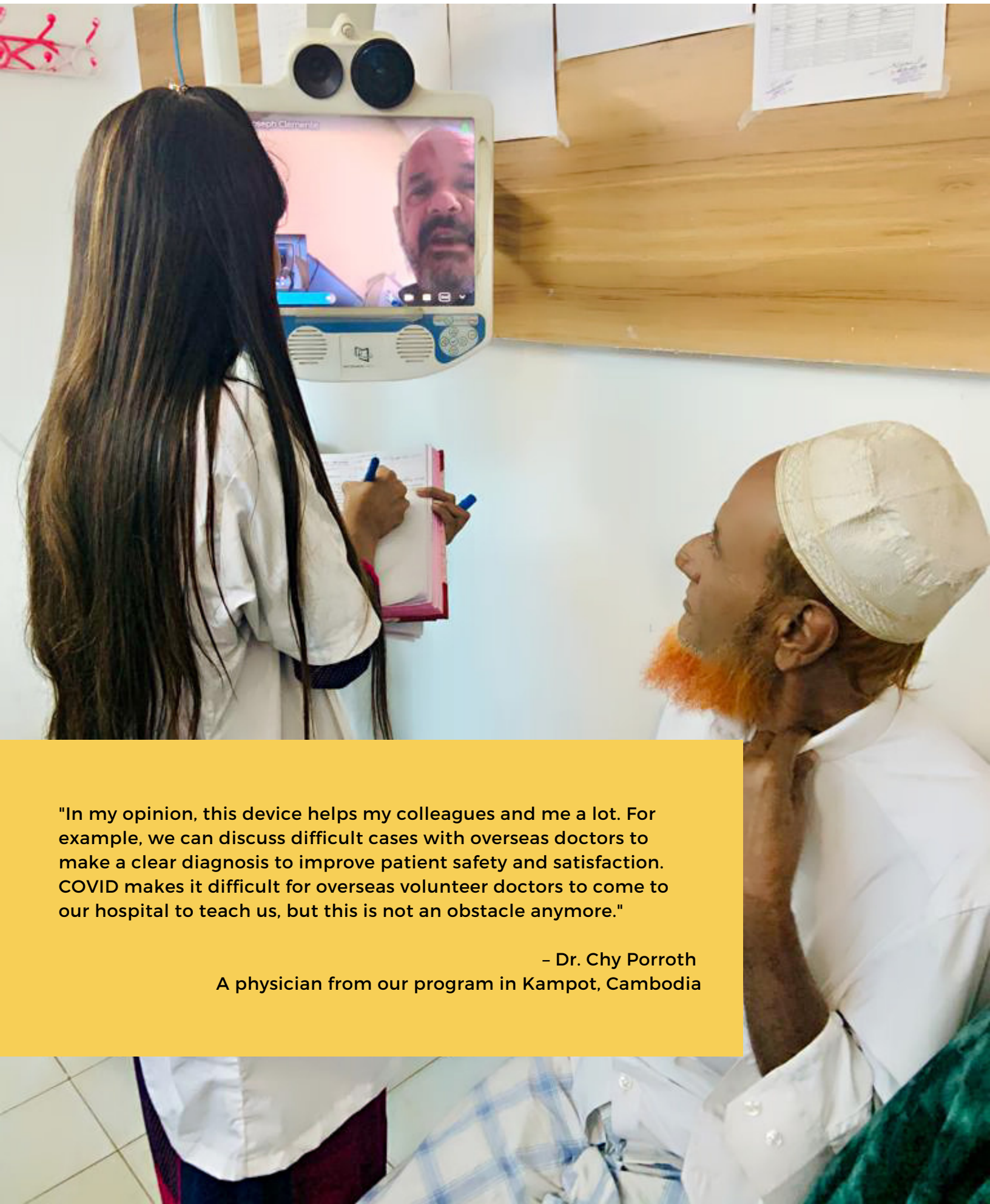
(#) Number of active programs at location

## MEDICAL SPECIALTIES PROVIDED

*Thanks to our humanitarian physicians who volunteer their personal time and medical expertise*

- Allergy & Immunology
  - Cardiology
  - Cataract Surgery
  - Craniofacial Surgery
  - Critical Care
  - Dentistry
  - Dermatology
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Endocrinology
  - Family Medicine
  - Fistula Repair
  - Gastroenterology
  - General Surgery
  - Geriatric Medicine
  - Infectious Disease
  - Intensive Care Unit
  - Internal Medicine
  - Labor & Delivery
  - Neonatology
  - Nephrology
  - Neurology
  - Obstetrics/Gynecology
  - Oncology
  - Ophthalmology
  - Otolaryngology
  - Pediatric Cardiology
  - Pediatric Critical Care
  - Pediatrics
  - Pediatric Surgery
  - Primary Care
  - Psychiatry
  - Pulmonology
  - Respiratory Therapy
  - Rheumatology
  - Trauma Surgery
  - Wound Care
- ... and many more





"In my opinion, this device helps my colleagues and me a lot. For example, we can discuss difficult cases with overseas doctors to make a clear diagnosis to improve patient safety and satisfaction. COVID makes it difficult for overseas volunteer doctors to come to our hospital to teach us, but this is not an obstacle anymore."

- Dr. Chy Porroth  
A physician from our program in Kampot, Cambodia

# CAPACITY BUILDING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

At the core of every program is a dedicated team of in-country physicians and administrators ensuring its success and longevity. While so many of our program flourished over the past year, these are some of last year's most notable programs.



## Kampot, Cambodia

*Physician to population ratio: 1.93 to 10,000*

*Program focus: Medical Training, Clinical Consults, Emergent Care*

The program focuses on building the skills of local healthcare providers through virtual training, lectures, mentorship, and bedside consultations. The providers that benefit from training and consultations are now equipped to train others, ensuring the skills and knowledge create lasting change in the community.



## Rohingya Refugee Camp, Bangladesh

*Physician to population ratio: 6.37 to 10,000*

*Program focus: Peer-to-peer Didactics, Clinical Consults, Emergent Care*

The Rohingya refugees are an extremely vulnerable population living in unsafe conditions. The mass migration of nearly 890,000 refugees into Cox's Bazar has stressed local health systems. We support HOPE Field Hospital to address the Rohingya people's health needs and support local healthcare professionals.



## Conakry, Guinea

*Physician to population ratio: 0.83 to 10,000*

*Program focus: Medical Training, Clinical Consults*

Most of West Africa lacks access to dental care. Through our program, dental students in Guinea are mentored while working in a training center at the dental school, transferring their book knowledge into quality patient care. After hands-on training, the dentists are ready to teach other dental students and care for communities around Western Africa.



# YOUR GENEROSITY CHANGES LIVES



## *Why I give...*

"I am so fortunate to live in a country where I have access to medical care whenever I need it. It is a privilege that not everyone has. This is a small way to give back. I feel good knowing my donation is making a difference for people around the world."

- Sharon Davie, donor

"It struck me how efficient and effective World Telehealth Initiative's programs are to deliver any expertise or training needed to some of the most remote locations in the world... their impact will bring transformation for generations to come... I can't think of a more deserving cause that is impacting the world to support."

- Russ Holmes, donor

## *Why I volunteer...*

"As a physician, I have duties for my community, my country and underprivileged people all over the world... I feel compelled to serve my birth country. The poor people that I left behind. WTI gave me the platform that I was looking for..."

- Dr. Halima Karim, volunteer

"My time volunteering with World Telehealth Initiative is well invested if it makes a difference in someone's life... I could not think of a better way to put my experience and knowledge to good use."

- Daniel Soria, volunteer



## MAXIMIZING IMPACT TOGETHER

We collaborate with other notable organizations to increase our collective impact and support the scale and expertise needed to transform global healthcare.

### *Supporting partnerships:*



Teladoc Health technology supports more than two dozen WTI programs, enabling volunteer healthcare professionals to deliver care anywhere in the world with an internet connection. As a primary corporate sponsor, Teladoc Health contributed \$375,000 of support in 2021, including in-kind technology and professional time.



Intel's financial support of \$100,000 in 2021 was dedicated to supporting the operational scale required in response to COVID. Their partnership and support are vital to achieving our long-term vision of expanding access to healthcare globally.

### *Collaborating partnerships:*



We are grateful to Providence for supporting a clinical mentorship program in Opoji, Nigeria. Our goal is to build the medical skills and expertise of the local healthcare professionals in Opoji, ensuring people have access to the care they need locally for years to come.



Eko donated 16 smart stethoscopes to our program. When paired with a telehealth device, these stethoscopes can live stream heart and lung sounds from the patient to a specialist. This technology plays a significant role in our ability to diagnose and treat patients from anywhere.

"WTI provides an opportunity to connect with people thousands of miles away from a different culture, facing challenges every day that are beyond anything I've experienced. It's wonderful that we can use technology to make the world a little smaller, share resources and learn from each other."

– Dr. Susannah Daniel, volunteer physician





## THE GIFT OF CHILDHOOD

A two-month-old baby boy was born with congenital heart disease in a rural village. While a common birth defect, congenital heart disease can range from mild to severe and life-threatening. Tragically, this baby had an extreme case and urgently needed surgery to save his life.

His mother brought him to a community hospital, desperately hoping they could help him. Due to the complex nature of his case, the local surgeons required support from multiple specialists to perform the complicated procedure on such a small body. The specialists needed were 925 miles away—a distance too far to travel for such an urgent need.

Through World Telehealth Initiative's program, the local surgeons could consult with three specialists without needing to transport the baby a single mile for the care he needed.

*Thanks to your support,  
he is now a happy, healthy little boy.*





## **We could not do it without you.**

Transforming global healthcare requires persistence, thinking big, and ongoing partnership.

We are inspired by your dedication, encouragement, and belief that, collectively, we can make an enormous impact on the lives of many.

Thank you for your partnership!

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