



## **Executive Summary**

### **Goal**

Improve global healthcare through education one book at a time.

### **Mission**

Global Medical Libraries (GML) is a California based initiative focused on improving the standard of healthcare in developing countries by providing donated medical educational resources, which contribute to advancing the quality of pre-service education.

### **Objective**

Global Medical Libraries will significantly enhance the initial and continuing medical education of healthcare professionals in communities crippled by the lack of materials, with which to teach, learn and provide healthcare of all kind, through donated medical education resources.

### **History**

Global Medical Libraries, originally known as Books without Borders, sent its first shipment to Iraq in 2007. In spring 2008, the name was changed to Operation Medical Libraries due to a name conflict with an unrelated organization. In March 2017, the project was re-branded to Global Medical Libraries, a name which better reflects the scope of the project and its continuing mission to improve global healthcare one book at a time.

Global Medical Libraries exists to shrink the educational gap in all areas of the health sciences in developing countries, which globally face the same problem: doctors and nurses go without the latest professional information they need to provide proper health care to their patients.

In response to this urgent demand for life saving knowledge, GML has built a powerful collaboration between publishers, authors, universities, and hospitals to provide formal medical references and continuing education materials for health sciences students and professionals living in the developing world.

### **Impact**

Since the program's inception in April 2007, over \$2.5 MM of health sciences (dentistry, nursing, medical and public health) textbooks have been donated to 32 countries spread over 5 continents, at no expense to the recipients or their governments: Afghanistan, Angola, Antigua, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Germany, Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco-Western Sahara region, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Republic of Fiji, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey (Turkish Syrian Border), Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

### **Award**

Honored with the Daily Points of Light award on February 27, 2009 for creating a meaningful change in communities across America.

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