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MAP's Powerful Partnership with the AALL Foundation

Earthquakes, volcano eruptions, hurricanes, a global pandemic...there's no ignoring the heartbreak and suffering that people are experiencing all around the world.

"There seems to be no shortage of crisis and suffering," says Sophia Harris, Director of the AALL Foundation. The AALL Foundation, a charitable organization based in the Cayman Islands, has a mission to alleviate human suffering and crisis and to improve quality of life wherever possible.

"We are pleased to have partnered with MAP International to be as effective as possible," Harris says. Since 2017, the AALL Foundation has partnered with MAP International to help bring medicines and health supplies to those in need all over the world so they might experience life to the fullest.

Since the beginning of their partnership with MAP, AALL Foundation funding has had a profound impact on those who have little to no access to healthcare. In 2017, their contribution was used to ship \$10 million worth of medicines and health supplies to a MAP partner serving the poor in El Salvador. A medical team used the supplies to specifically treat elderly people and their families living in extremely poor, rural areas of the country.



In 2018, MAP used AALL Foundation funding to support medical mission teams who performed heart and eye surgeries for a combined 124 children in Ecuador, provided eyeglasses for 64 children, and performed orthopedic surgeries for 16 people in Haiti.

MAP's Bringing Children Health (BCH) program, which provides free antibiotics to children who would not otherwise have access to this medicine, is perhaps the program that has seen the most significant growth thanks to AALL Foundation funding.

In 2019, the BCH program was expanded to include Guatemala and El Salvador. Doctors in these countries have shared personally with MAP staff the heartache they experience each time they have diagnosed a child's condition but do not have access to the medicine that could treat them. Through the BCH program, these physicians were able to reach 1,459 children with antibiotics in 2019. Each of these children represents a life changed – or even saved – by access to these essential medicines.

The following year, AALL Foundation funding helped MAP expand the BCH program into Africa, reaching over 13,000 children in 18 countries with pediatric antibiotics in 2020 – children who, [according to the](#)

[WHO](#), would have a 1 in 13 chance of dying from a preventable infectious disease before their fifth birthday, if it weren't for access to these basic medicines.

This year, MAP has responded to multiple disasters with the help of the AALL Foundation. In response to the 7.2 magnitude earthquake in August followed by Tropical Storm Grace, AALL Foundation funding supported a rapid relief shipment of medicines, health supplies and water filters to Haiti.

The remaining relief funds from the AALL Foundation are scheduled to support an upcoming COVID-19 relief shipment to the Dominican Republic and includes nearly 1 million N95 masks. AALL Funding also enabled MAP to respond to the COVID-19 crisis in India during the delta variant surge this year.

While we can quantify the number of surgeries completed, health kits distributed to disaster victims, or prenatal vitamins provided to expectant mothers, it is impossible to properly convey the depth of MAP's gratitude for the AALL Foundation's partnership.

For MAP's President and CEO, Steve Stirling, each partnership that furthers MAP's mission is personal. As a young child living in post-war Korea in the 1960s, Steve suffered a life-altering bout with polio – a disease that could have been prevented with a vaccine that costs merely a few cents.



"I cannot adequately express my appreciation for the AALL Foundation's support of MAP's work. No child should have to suffer the devastating effects of disease simply because of a lack of access to medicine," Stirling says. "Thank you for helping us make a difference in so many lives. MAP is a beacon of hope to so many in the world because of dedicated partners like you."

Each life impacted by MAP medicines and health supplies around the world is a life changed for good. It is hard to quantify, but along with health and healing, the AALL Foundation is helping MAP spread much *HOPE*.