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While Australians who are born with or develop disfiguring deformities, or those who suffer burns injuries can access treatment almost immediately, in Tanzania many sufferers can be forced to endure a lifetime of pain and alienation.

Working alongside our Tanzanian colleagues, our volunteer surgical teams are giving people the chance to access the treatment they need to live their best life possible. Since 2004, Rafiki's teams of volunteer surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals have been travelling to Tanzania to perform more than 3,000 operations.

Training is a major focus for Rafiki and, in addition to transferring skills through hands-on participation in surgeries, we have worked with Tanzania's National Hospital and Medical University to deliver a Master's Degree in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery; the first of its kind in the country.

In 2022, our first students, the first fully qualified Tanzanian plastic and reconstructive surgeons to complete their study in-country, graduated with flying colours. With an intake of new students each year, Rafiki is playing a major role in supporting Tanzania's capacity building in this specialist area which is critical for the health of many people in Tanzania.

Supporting Tanzania's health needs through capacity building in reconstructive surgery, surgical training, camps and equipment donation.

Rafiki operated on **Jumane's** cleft lip when he was just 18 months old. He's grown up to be a confident and caring young man, who will never have to endure the alienation he would have faced without help.

Angelina is 12 years old and suffered burns to 70% of her body in a house fire two years ago. The Rafiki team has improved her function with a series of release operations, but she has a long road ahead of her, requiring a surgery every year as her body grows. You can donate to Angelina's care.

Working together towards world class care.

RAFIKI SURGICAL TRAINING

Rafiki has made a huge contribution to the establishment of the Plastic and Reconstructive unit at the Muhimbili National Hospital and linked with Muhimbili National Hospital and Muhimbili National University of Health and Allied Services to provide a pathway for Tanzanian Surgeons to obtain their Master's and become fully-trained in plastic and reconstructive surgery.

EQUIPMENT DONATION

In addition to the surgeries and training, Rafiki also sends medical equipment to Tanzania that would otherwise go to waste in Australia. Since 2010, we have packed and shipped 56 containers for distribution to hospitals and medical centers. Rafiki has also donated 14 ambulances to hospitals throughout Tanzania. The replacement cost of this equipment exceeds $10,000,000.

RAFIKI SURGICAL CAMPS

Since 2004, volunteer surgical teams from Australia have been travelling to Tanzania to work collaboratively with Tanzanian medical staff across the country at CCBRT, Bugando, Mission Mikocheni, Muhimbili National Hospital, and our long-term base Sekou Toure. Rafiki has provided thousands of operations, such as cleft lip and palate and burns releases, while sharing valuable knowledge and skills transfer.

How you can help...

Sponsor a Surgeon with Essential Equipment

$3,200

A set of illuminating, magnification loupes is a vital piece of personal equipment for Reconstructive Surgeons; however, the cost makes them out of reach in Tanzania.

By sponsoring a Surgeon, you can provide a pair of VorOtek surgical loupes and spare batteries, which will allow them to learn and continue to perform intricate, life changing surgeries.

Help Fund a Life Changing Surgery

You can donate to our Rafiki Life Changing Surgery Fund, where 100% of your donation will help pay medical costs of someone in need, and at the same time help build capacity.

Make a General Donation

With no adminsitrative costs every dollar goes towards our work in Tanzania.

To donate visit www.rafiki.org.au or scan the QR code

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