



PROFESSIONALS FOR HUMANITY

PRESS STATEMENT

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Professionals For Humanity (PROFOH) is pleased to announce the collaboration between our organization and Government of Jamaica (through the Ministry of Health & Wellness) for a new project called **CODE CARE**, the purpose of this synergy is to serve the people of Jamaica. The **CODE CARE** project aims to address a backlog of over 5000 elective surgeries. These surgeries will include: Hernia Repair, Cataract, ENT Procedures, Plastic surgery, Hysterotomies, Myomectomies, Lipomas, Trans ureteral Resection of Prostate, Pterygium, etc.

These 5000 plus surgical backlogs were primarily due to shortages of and perennial loss (the brain drain) of some of Jamaica's most skilled medical personnel especially essential medical personnel including nurses, anesthesiologists, surgeons, particularly in the operating theatres. These gaps and backlogs are exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic and consequences thereof, such as the shutdown of medical facilities over two years period.

Accordingly, **PROFOH** calls on all its strategic and technical partners across the globe irrespective of the jurisdictions (especially those from United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Israel and Canada) to join hands as a team effectively to execute these essential interventions in Kingston, Jamaica before the end of 2023. With the assistance of all our partners and personnel, we expect to get the backlog of all the 5000 surgical cases cleared at the soonest, as we have done in several countries with a track record in the past 24 years of our existence, since inception and establishment.

Finally, we would like to thank all our global and national Board members, members, volunteers and strategic and technical partners for their dedication and commitment to humanity. Also, most importantly, we extend our heartfelt and warm thanks to all of our patients and beneficiaries of these interventions.

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