



Partnering in Holistic Healthcare

The Congo Clinic Initiative

Developing Clinics
Empowering Change
Saving Lives

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Paul Carlson's death, in 2014 PCP launched a new initiative to **raise the standard of healthcare** in northwest DR Congo—The Congo Clinic Initiative.

Partnering with the Covenant Church of Congo (CEUM) and faithful donors, together we increased access to medical care for hundreds of thousands of people in northwest DR Congo.

The numbers tell only part of this hope filled story. We rejoice knowing that clinics can keep a blood bank for emergency transfusions, babies are being born by solar light, women are receiving life-saving treatment after giving birth, basic medicines are stocked regularly to treat common diseases, and clean water is saving children from preventable illness and death. The excitement to continue the progress in the region is palpable. We invite you to discover how God is leading us together as a **partnership in motion**.

From the President

"Of first importance, our thanks to God, and to the PCP staff and donors for the success of CCI. We are witnessing its very positive impact. This project saved lives. Women used to give birth using flashlights. This project has reduced the mortality rate especially in children under five, thanks to good vaccine storage. Also of great impact is the construction of facilities and the consistent restocking of medicines. We pray that the vision of continuity with the new project will also be a great success."



Rev. Jules Mboka Ngate
President of the CEUM

100%



Medicines & Supplies

Basic medicines to treat preventable diseases had been delivered intermittently to clinics. Today, all clinics are receiving needed medicines on a quarterly basis.

Benevolence Care



Many patients are treated even though they can not afford care.

Transportation



The Health Zone leaders travel to each clinic to meet with clinic nurses and staff.

87%



Solar Power

Very few clinics had solar power. Nurses had to use harmful kerosene lamps and flashlights during surgeries and childbirth. Today, 87% of clinics have solar lighting.

41%



Clinics Rebuilt

Before CCI, clinics had mud walls, leaky straw roofs, and dirt floors. The new structures have tin roofs, brick walls, cement floors, and fresh paint. The improvements attract more people to the clinic and provide nurses with a better place to treat ailing patients.

Refrigeration

Typically, blood transfusions could only be done through direct collection of blood from a family member. Today, with the ability to store blood in refrigerators, clinic staff are educating the community about giving blood to store for emergencies.

64%



23%



Clean Water

Access to clean water is the #1 way to reduce childhood deaths in DR Congo. Today, 23% of clinics have access to clean water, with many more to go!

Nursing Staff Development



Nurses participate in monthly staff development sessions to improve their quality of care.

Community Health Evangelism



Working with village leaders to discuss needs, determine resources, and create plans to address village-wide issues.

Salaries



Technicians are paid to install, repair, and set up reporting systems for needed repairs.

Spiritual Care



Chaplains and pastors care for patients in hospitals and clinics, working alongside doctors and nurses.

Developing a Knowledgeable Heart for Congo

We are thankful for the many donors who developed a knowledgeable heart for Congo and creatively raised support for CCI!



115
Clinic Sponsors



Team BBC: Brothers Biking for Congo

Team BBC rode a total of 1,636 miles over 4 years in Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, and California. The team raised over \$50,000 for the Congo Clinic Initiative.

6
Covenant Living
Communities



66
Churches

\$2,490,982
raised from
115 CCI Sponsors in
5 years!

First Aid Kit Fundraiser for Congo

"People donated the items and our intergenerational church assembled 50 boxes that sold out in 2 weeks! The majority were sold to people outside the congregation. The kits raised a total of \$750 for our clinic."

Community Covenant Church,
Springfield, VA

Couples for Congo Dinner & Dance

"It was a great community-building, partner-building, invitational event while raising awareness and investment in the Congo Clinic Initiative."

Highrock Covenant Church, Acton, MA

38
Families

5
Nonprofit Organizations



PARTNERSHIP IN *MOTION*

From the Congo Clinic Initiative to UCare4Congo

The Congo Clinic Initiative was a formidable project that involved more than we had imagined. In addition to lives saved, solar power installed, access to medicines, clinics built, and springs capped, we asked ourselves, “What stands out in this journey together that will inform our next steps? What did PCP learn, and what did CEUM’s medical leaders learn?” Below is a glimpse into what we learned together that has lead us to *UCare4Congo: partnering in holistic healthcare.*

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Through partnership with the CEUM, we identified our goal: *to raise the standard of healthcare in rural northwest Congo.*

You, our partners, faithfully joined us in this 5-year fundraising initiative and in the process developed a knowledgeable heart for Congo.

We facilitated rural clinics to receive medicines, solar light and refrigeration, improved structures, and began capping springs for clean water near each clinic.

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

A community approach to healthcare, vs individualism, is critical for success.

Holistic healthcare involves caring for the physical, economic, social, and spiritual needs of the whole community.

Listening to our partners’ priorities, often very different than our own, leads to collaborative strategy and deeper relationships.

Following the leadership of our Congolese partners and their pace for project completion leads to firmer local ownership.

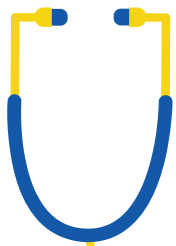
WHAT’S NEXT?

How can we encourage more people to embrace the holistic healthcare approach that reaches more people?

How can we create strategy together to serve the timing of projects that is both realistic in DRC and respectful of donor resources?

What do we identify together as crucial elements for healthy functioning of the entire medical system?

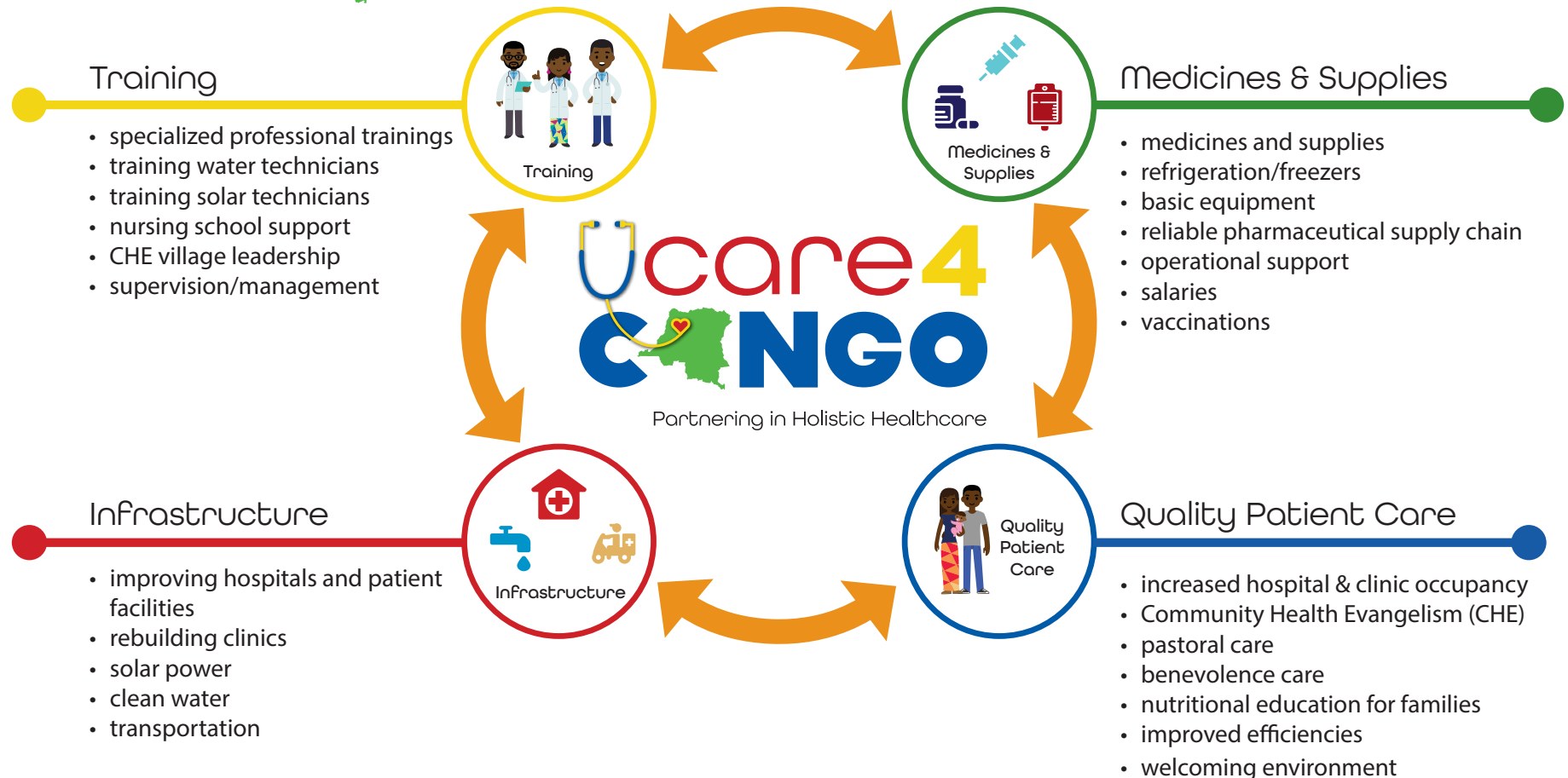
UCARE4CONGO
UCare4Congo builds on the momentum of CCI and focuses on partnering in holistic healthcare.



What is UCare4Congo?



For future generations who will participate in the medical system of the Covenant Church of Congo (CEUM), we realize that PCP and CEUM, as partners, have a tremendous responsibility together to ***steward the advancements made in medical care through CCI into the broader scope of holistic gospel ministry through UCare4Congo; that is, partnering in holistic healthcare.***



OUR LEGACY

In 1964, Dr. Paul Carlson, a medical missionary with the Evangelical Covenant Church, was killed while serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Shortly after, Paul Carlson Partnership was created in his honor to continue his work in partnership with the Covenant Church of Congo.

OUR MISSION

To catalyze holistic growth of healthy families and communities in places of deep poverty. Working together with partners in Africa and elsewhere, we invest in local efforts in medical and economic development.

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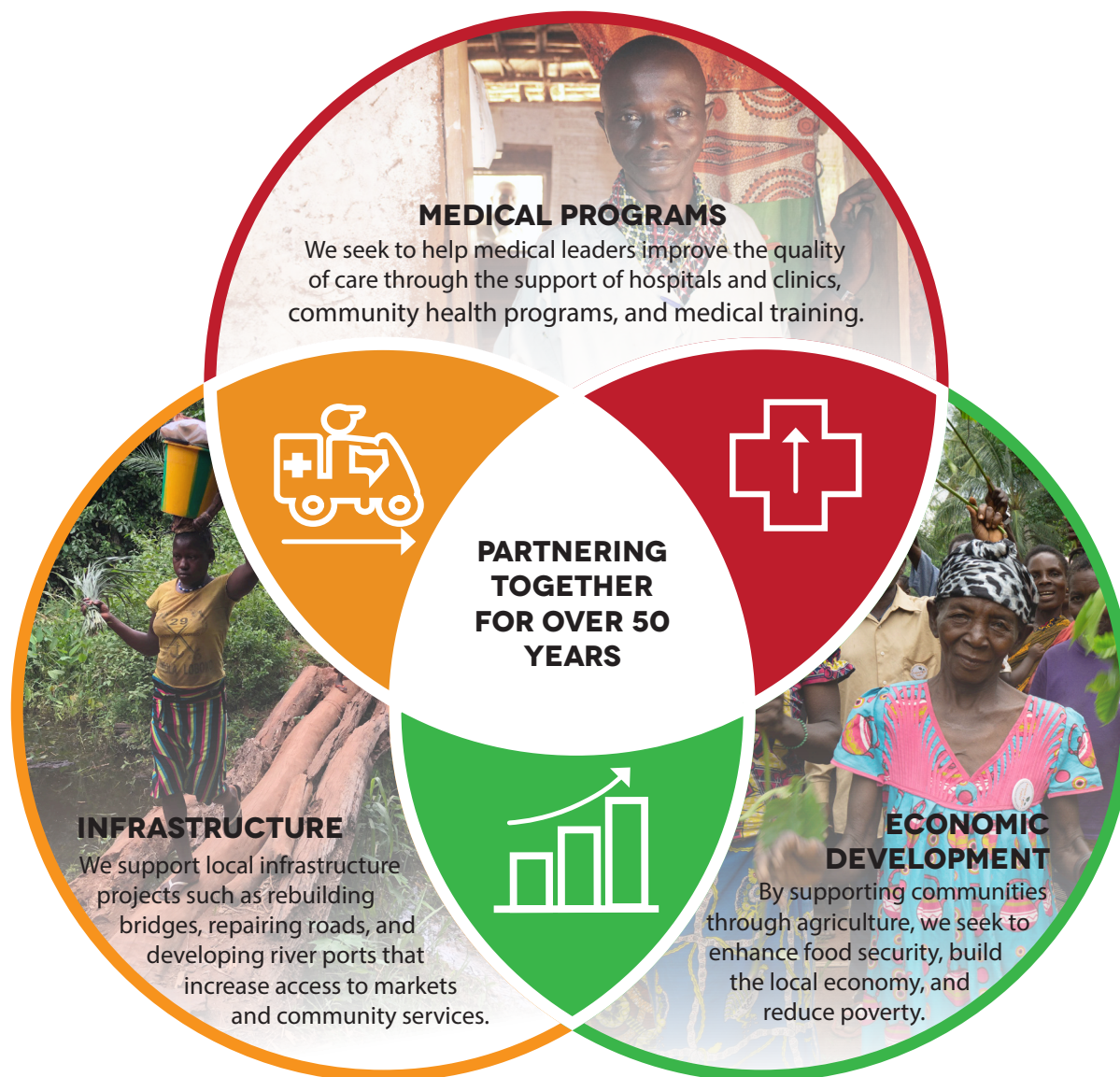
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