

Dr. David Kulber (far left) and Kylie Tanabe, MPH (far right) with a patient and her mother in Mozambique.



OHANAONE
INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL AID & EDUCATION

Innovative Solutions for Global Health

Lack of surgical access kills more people than AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria combined. In response to this crisis, the World Health Organization estimates there is a critical need for 2 million trained surgeons, especially practitioners in specialized disciplines. Ohana One is leading the call by providing technology and mentorship to surgeons in their own communities, allowing them to remain in service while gaining life-saving skills.

Ohana One's mission is to establish long-term sustainable surgical training programs utilizing mentorship relationships and advanced technology to elevate and expand safe surgical care in resource-scarce locations.

Our vision for the future is a world where every surgeon has equitable access to advanced surgical training, mentorship, innovative technology, wellbeing programs, and educational resources.

Dr. David Kulber, Kylie Tanabe, MPH, and Dr. Michele Dee realized the best way to accomplish this was through partnering with other NGOs and inviting their peers to help mentor surgeons around the world. Ohana One is pursuing the three objectives in partnership with other NGOs to fulfill our mission:



EDUCATION Develop and invest in a network of surgeons to build a sustainable and connected global surgical community.



INNOVATION Utilize technology to bridge the gap between these surgical professionals, thereby reducing distance as the primary barrier to year-round training.



COMMUNITY Increase engagement through distributed tech, shared learning opportunities (webinars), knowledge base and communication (app) to create a global community of surgeons.



THE TEN THOUSAND MILE BRIDGE: CLOSING THE SURGICAL GAP IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

The Ohana One documentary is more than just a film; it is a call to action. The filmmakers behind this powerful project wanted to bring attention to a critical problem while showcasing the solution. Their mission was clear – to raise awareness, engage the audience, and expose them to the healthcare crisis unfolding in Mozambique.



Watch the documentary by filmmakers and Ohana One board members, Jay Roach, Bill Pope and Sharon Oreck, to see the impact Ohana One is making in Mozambique and around the world.



FAST FACTS

SURGICAL SPECIALTIES SUPPORTED

- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- OBGYN
- Urological Surgery
- Neurological Surgery
- General and Colorectal Surgery
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Ophthalmology

200+ surgeons in the Surgical Sight Program

102 mentor/mentee pairs coordinated with surgical education support

66 NGOs supported and partnered with to bring surgical education across the globe.

63 countries reached with Ohana One program support

144 hospitals where Ohana One introduced surgical training technology

Caring for the patient helps one patient, training the surgeon helps thousands of patients.

How it Started

In 2014, Dr. David Kulber met Pedro Santos, a frustrated plastic surgeon from Mozambique struggling due to inadequate training resources. After Pedro was dismissed for protesting poor working conditions, Dr. Kulber worked with officials, including former Prime Minister Tony Blair, to reinstate him. Pedro eventually became the head of the plastic surgery unit in Matola but faced certification challenges.

Using Ohana One Smart Glasses and support from NGOs, Dr. Kulber provided year-round education, enabling Pedro to pass his board exams and become one of Mozambique's first certified plastic surgeons. Inspired by Pedro's progress, his colleague Angela re-entered training, and now Pedro is helping to train her. Today, Mozambique, a country of 30 million people, has only three plastic surgeons, with two being COSECA certified. Dr. Santos' journey highlights the importance of improving educational systems to attract and train more medical professionals.


Dr. David Kulber, Kylie Tanabe, MPH, and Dr. Michele Dee came together in 2019 to form Ohana One as they had seen first hand that nearly 5 billion people, in low-and middle-income countries, do not have access to safe surgical care. They knew this resulted in approximately 17 million preventable deaths each year – and they vowed to do something about it. Their solution was to create Ohana One.




Scan the code to learn more about Dr. Santos' remarkable journey!

Partnerships

Dr. Kulber, Kylie, and Dr. Dee realized the best way to accomplish the Ohana One mission was through partnering with other NGOs and inviting their peers to help mentor surgeons around the world. Partner with Ohana One and be an innovator in global healthcare.



Visit our website to learn more about this life changing work and opportunities for collaboration.



Donate and make a direct impact on the health and lives of patients worldwide.