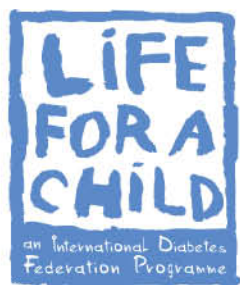


No child  
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# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

# Supporting over **18,500** young people in **40** countries

First time at camp for over 50 young people in Haiti.



Series of wall charts developed to provide an easy to access resource for our local partners.



## Mission

Our mission is to support the provision of the best possible health care, given local circumstances, to all children and youth (under 26 years of age) with diabetes in less-resourced countries, through the strengthening of existing diabetes services.

Conduct international advocacy and clinical research, and where possible help both young adults and also recipient countries with achieving sustainability.

15 mentoring site visits conducted by health professionals with expertise in paediatric diabetes.



Youngsters supported by the program in Mexico created this magnificent work of art.



## Amita's Story

"She was limp with exhaustion, doubled over with stomach pain and vomiting every five minutes."

When Amita was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, her family were terrified. They live in rural Nepal, where poverty is common and even poorly paid jobs are hard to find. They didn't know how they would be able to afford the insulin and supplies she needed.

Thanks to Life for a Child they have a lifeline. Dr. Santosh told them about the program and gave them a supply of insulin, syringes, a meter and strips.

Dr. Santosh said, "Amita comes to visit me every two months to collect her supply of insulin and test strips, and is doing well. Despite having a lot of time out of school to come to the hospital, she is near the top of her class and dreams of becoming a teacher herself".

**See a video of Amita talking about her life with diabetes here**  
[www.lifeforachildusa.org/Amita](http://www.lifeforachildusa.org/Amita)

Nine research studies on aspects of diabetes in less-resourced countries.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Pocketbook for management of diabetes in childhood and adolescence in under-resourced countries.



By many measures 2017 has been Life for a Child's strongest year yet. The program provided support for over 18,500 young people living with diabetes in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

Over the year I visited supported centres in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Ghana. These countries face differing challenges with regard to care delivery. Haiti needs help with almost everything, Ghana has some capacity but there are still many gaps, and the Dominican Republic is more resourced but still needs help with blood glucose monitoring supplies and technical advice. In each country the centre staff and families tackle these challenges head on, with tenacity and courage.

The work being done by all our local partners is outstanding. With limited staff and resources they strive to give the young people in their care the best possible start. The result of this hard work is clear both in the data, and on the faces of the young people.

Abigail, pictured above, is supported by the program in Ghana. An impressive young woman, she is a role model and helps to look after the younger children who attend the diabetes centre. It was a pleasure to spend time with her.



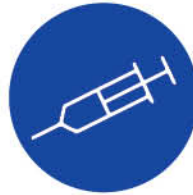
My recent visit to a clinic in Ethiopia, that the program does not yet have the resources to support, showed how much work there is still to do.

With the support of our donors and partners, and the same level of determination of the doctors and nurses we see in every country where Life for a Child helps, we will work towards our vision of a world where no child should die of diabetes.

Thank you so much for your support.

Dr. Graham Ogle

## In kind donations



Syringes

\$16,000



Life-saving insulin

\$2,625,336



Education materials

\$ 7,500



Meters, strips and lancets

\$1,702,047

**Total \$4,350,883**



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This work would not be possible without the support of our generous partners:



and many others!