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Project HOPE’s maternal, neonatal, and child health programs reached more than **259,000** people.

Project HOPE’s work to end the threat of infectious diseases like TB and HIV reached over **429,000** people.

Project HOPE provided direct medical services to more than **152,000** patients.

**Going Where the Need Is Greatest**

As communities in the U.S. faced deadly surges of COVID-19, Project HOPE’s volunteers answered the call: providing surge staffing in emergency rooms, supporting long-term care facilities, caring for thousands of patients in ICUs, and distributing vaccines.

They are nurses and doctors, pediatricians and pharmacists. But they have one thing in common: a drive to bring compassionate care to the front lines of today’s most urgent health challenges.

“This experience gave me something precious: respect,” says Lisa Bartleson, a nurse who spent six weeks in a critical COVID-19 ward in Navajo Nation. “Respect not only for the virus and the havoc it can wreak, but for the patients who were so extremely sick and so immeasurably alone, and who still found the will to fight and to smile. It’s what made me eager to get on the floor every morning and be there — for the patients, but also for the staff, who have endured this for much longer than I have. That fight, and those smiles, are what made the unbearable moments bearable.”