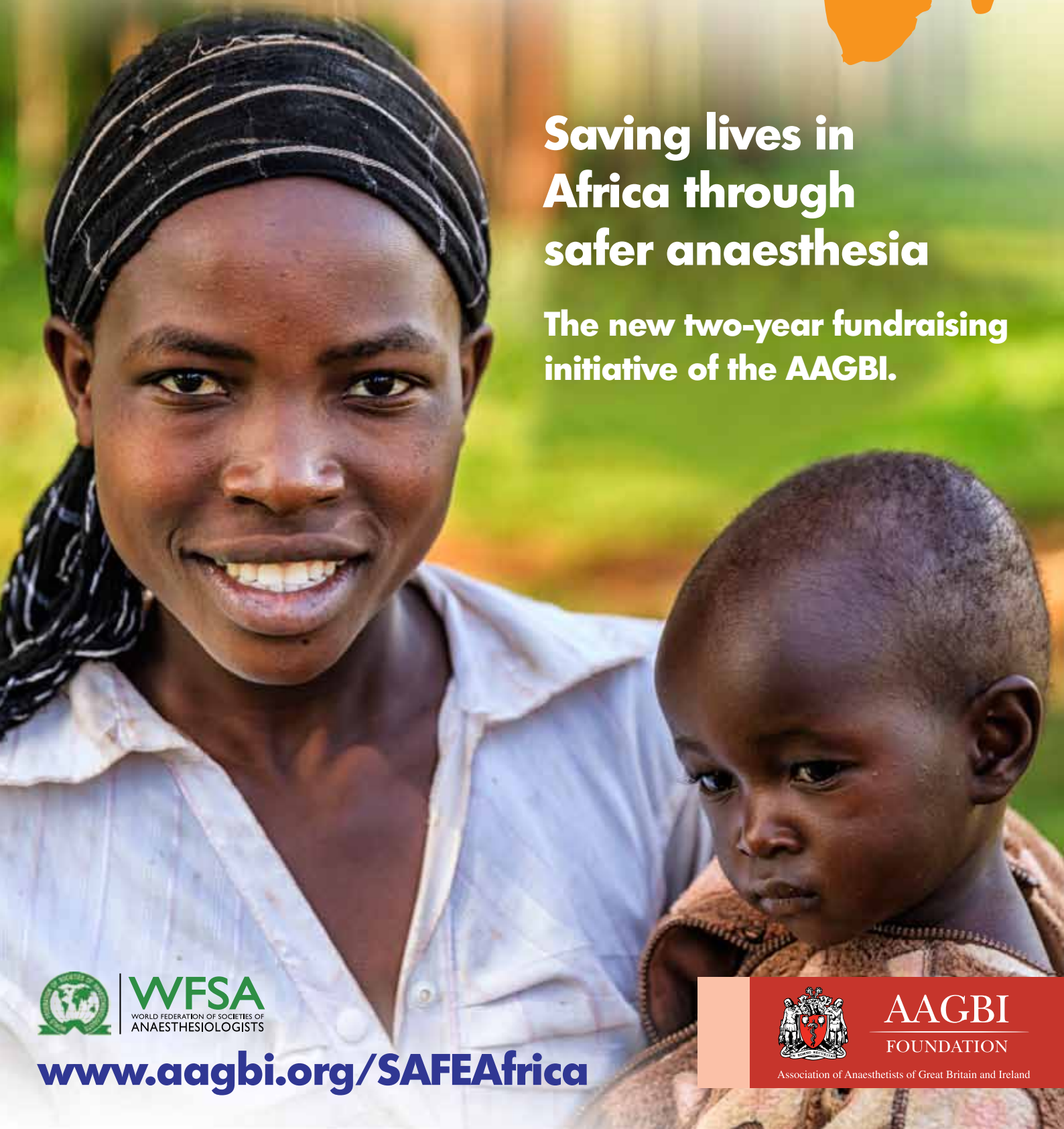


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**Saving lives in  
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**The new two-year fundraising  
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# Introducing SAFE Africa

Around the world people are suffering or dying unnecessarily from the lack of safe anaesthesia in surgery, something that is taken for granted in the UK.

The situation is critical in Africa, where millions lack access to safe anaesthesia.

**SAFE Africa** is the AAGBI's new fundraising campaign which aims to:

- raise **£100,000** over two years
- to scale-up the delivery of three-day **SAFE obstetrics and paediatrics** training courses
- and **sustainably** improve **anaesthesia education and care** in Africa in the long-term



**Dr Paul Clyburn, AAGBI President:**

So many dedicated anaesthetic providers in Africa are working under challenging conditions **with little or no access to quality training**. It is not surprising that anaesthetic mortality and morbidity in Africa is so much worse than in the UK. The SAFE project supports **sustainable education provision for local anaesthetists, by local anaesthetists**. Support the campaign and help improve the safety of thousands of patients in Africa.

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## Why SAFE Africa?

In the UK and other high-income countries, anaesthesia-related deaths are rare. This is not the case in many developing countries where the death-rate due to anaesthesia remains high, up to **1 in 150** in some areas.

In parts of Africa, the number of trained anaesthetic providers is as low as **0.18 per 100,000 population**; compared to the UK where there are 18 trained anaesthetists per 100,000 population.

SAFE training is **absolutely vital** in these African countries, where anaesthetic providers often work under challenging conditions with little or no opportunity to update their knowledge and skills.

*Throughout the world, 5 billion people do not have access to safe, affordable surgical and anaesthesia care when needed.*

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# Maternal and child health

Worldwide **15% of all births** result in complications. Anaesthesia for childbirth is associated with a higher risk than routine care, and requires special training for anaesthetic providers to know how to work safely and efficiently with this patient group.

More than **50%** of the global population is under 14 years of age, and it has been estimated that **85% of children** will require some kind of surgery before their 15th birthday. The lack of access to safe and timely surgical intervention for simple conditions can lead to a lifetime of **disability, social exclusion or premature death**.

*300,000 women die in childbirth every year... mainly due to the lack of timely access to safe surgery and anaesthesia.*

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# SAFE obstetrics and paediatrics training

Anaesthetic providers play a crucial role in ensuring the safety of mothers and babies during pregnancy, and of children in hospital. The application of well-established anaesthesia principles, as provided by **SAFE training courses**, has the powerful potential to relieve the unnecessary suffering of **thousands of mothers and children every year**.

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*Education is key to saving lives.*

Dr Emma Sharkey, former SAFE paediatrics trainer in Malawi

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# Educational

The simple and effective **three-day obstetrics and paediatrics training courses**, provided by the AAGBI and the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA), equip practitioners to deliver vigilant and competent anaesthesia.

**This education is vital** in parts of Africa where anaesthetic providers are unable to access opportunities to update their knowledge and skills.

By donating to **SAFE Africa**, you'll be supporting the **education and training** of hundreds of anaesthetic providers in Africa, and helping to prevent unnecessary death and suffering caused by unsafe practice.

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*Just completed #SAFEobstetrics in Maputo. Thanks to an amazing team. Now looking forward to supporting the Maputo team @AAGBI @SaferSurgery.*

Lizzie Skexis @skexis





# Impactful

SAFE three-day courses in obstetrics and paediatrics have already been delivered in **21 countries**, training **2,271** anaesthetic providers in life-saving anaesthesia techniques.

SAFE courses are delivered by volunteers, making them very **cost-effective**.

**£100,000** raised by this campaign will enable us to deliver at least **5 to 6 SAFE courses** in Africa, training around **200 anaesthetic providers** to deliver safe and competent anaesthesia.

Just one SAFE trained anaesthetic provider will go on to treat an estimated **1500 patients** every year.

Therefore, **£100,000** raised by the SAFE Africa campaign will improve the safety of approximately **300,000 patients** every year.

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*We've had a great week helping facilitate #SAFEobstetrics & #SAFEpaediatrics courses in Kenya! Thanks to all faculty & participants #health*

@WFSAorg





# Sustainable

The SAFE model combines UK anaesthetists with local instructors in low-resource countries to deliver the three-day courses in obstetrics or paediatrics.

A train-the-trainers course runs alongside every SAFE course, equipping local practitioners to deliver training in the future without our help.

Your donation will contribute to building **long-term training capacity** within countries to develop a **stronger workforce of anaesthetic providers in Africa**.

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*The most important thing we can do is to share our knowledge to help other people deliver safe care to patients.*

**Dr Isabeau Walker,  
AAGBI Programme Lead for SAFE**





# £100,000 raised by this campaign will enable us to deliver 5 to 6 SAFE courses in Africa.

Your donation will make a huge difference to the **education of anaesthetic providers** in Africa, which will result in a significant improvement in **patient care and safety**.

## £20

Will pay for all training materials for one SAFE course, including a USB for each participant.

## £50

Will pay for one rural anaesthetic provider in Africa to travel to a SAFE course.

## £500

Will pay for one anaesthetic provider in Africa to complete a SAFE obstetrics or paediatrics training course.

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# How to get involved

## Donate now!

- **Donate online today via our MyDonate page: [www.mydonate.bt.com/events/safeafrica](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/events/safeafrica)**
  - Don't forget to make a Gift Aid declaration so that we can claim 25% tax back on your donation.
- **Become a committed giver**
  - Talk to your organisation about arranging for regular giving to SAFE Africa through payroll.
  - You can also set up recurring payments through [www.mydonate.bt.com/events/safeafrica](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/events/safeafrica).
- **Retirement / legacy giving**
  - If you are nearing retirement, why not give something back to your profession by donating to SAFE Africa. Contact us at [safeafrica@aagbi.org](mailto:safeafrica@aagbi.org) to find out how.

## Fundraise!

- **Dedicate your fundraising activity to SAFE Africa.**
  - Bake, run, walk, cycle, swim or dance – have fun and raise money for SAFE Africa at the same time! Tell us what you're planning at [safeafrica@aagbi.org](mailto:safeafrica@aagbi.org)

## Spread the word!

- Share our campaign and your fundraising stories on social media using the hashtag **#SAFEAfrica**

## Become a SAFE volunteer!

- **Volunteering as a SAFE course trainer in Africa is a rewarding experience.**
  - If you would like to become a SAFE volunteer, book onto one of our Train-the-Trainer courses. Email [safeafrica@aagbi.org](mailto:safeafrica@aagbi.org) to find out more.



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