

SAFE Africa

The SAFE Africa campaign aims to raise £100,000 over two years to sustainably improve anaesthesia education and care in Africa, by scaling-up the delivery of three-day SAFE obstetrics and paediatrics training courses.

The following FAQs should answer any questions you may have about SAFE Africa. However if you would like any further information, please get in touch with us at safeafrica@aagbi.org.

Q. What is the SAFE project?

A. Safer Anaesthesia from Education (SAFE) is a training and education initiative of the AAGBI and WFSA that combines UK anaesthetists with local instructors, to deliver courses in obstetrics or paediatrics that equip practitioners to deliver vigilant and competent anaesthesia. 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.

Q. Why is SAFE important?

A. In the UK, anaesthesia deaths are rare. Globally, however, **five billion people lack access to safe surgery and anaesthesia when needed.**

There is a critical need for training in Africa, where the number of trained anaesthetic providers in some countries is as low as **0.18 per 100,000** population; compared to the UK where there are 18 anaesthetists per 100,000 population.

SAFE training is **absolutely vital** in these African countries, where anaesthetic providers often work under challenging conditions with little opportunity for updating their knowledge and skills.

Q. How is SAFE successful?

A. The success of the SAFE project is built on three key principals:

- **Educational:** three-day courses in obstetrics or paediatrics are delivered to equip practitioners to provide competent and vigilant anaesthesia.
- **Impactful:** A SAFE trained anaesthetic provider will treat around 1500 patients per year. SAFE has already trained hundreds of providers, improving the safety of thousands of patients.
- **Sustainable:** A train-the-trainers course runs alongside every SAFE course, so that local practitioners can deliver the training themselves in the future, without outside help.

Q. How will £100,000 raised by SAFE Africa make a difference?

A. £100,000 will enable us to deliver at least **5 to 6 SAFE Courses**, training around 200 anaesthetic providers. This costing includes travel, accommodation and subsistence for international, regional and local faculty and trainees, training equipment, and a contribution to organisational costs.

Q. How can you get involved?

A. Donate, fundraise, spread the word or become a SAFE volunteer!

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