

One **changed** life...

"Before the tumour was removed, I was always worried about her. **Now, I don't have to worry.**"

Khadiatou
Houleye's aunt

For patients like five-year-old Houleye, access to free surgery onboard a Mercy Ship means the chance of a hope-filled future.

Houleye was born with a tumour on the side of her neck. It grew larger and more dangerous as she got older. By the time she was a little girl, this abnormal growth was nearly half the size of her face. Every morning she would look in the mirror and hope that her tumour had gone away overnight.

There was nothing she could do. Her family could not afford surgery and they felt helpless. Houleye was teased by children in their village.

After years of waiting and ridicule, Houleye and her family heard that Mercy Ships had arrived, offering life-changing surgeries. The family travelled for eight hours to reach the ship.

Not only did Houleye receive a free surgery to remove her tumour, the operation also transformed this timid little girl into someone who is no longer afraid to reach for her potential. You can't stop her smiling these days. When she looks in the mirror each morning, Houleye now sees hope in her reflection.



All hands on deck: **open positions**

Whether you have lots of training and qualifications, or you are just getting started on your career journey, you can make a difference. The experience you will gain with us will help you build a standout CV while you also transform lives.

Here are just some of the open opportunities:



Medical:
Anaesthetists, Operating Theatre Staff, Paediatric Nurses, Dental Professionals, Pharmacists, Biomedical Technicians.



General:
Receptionists; Kitchen Helpers, Teachers, IT Service Desk Analysts, Audio-Visual Technicians, Accountants, Hairdressers.



Maritime:
Able Seafarers, Deck Officers, Engineering Officers, Deck and Engine Ratings.



Technical:
Electricians, HVAC/R Technicians, Mechanics, Plumbers, Carpenters.



Michel Houleye, volunteer

Families

You can serve with your spouse or even your whole family. Some roles onboard mean you can bring your children with you, since we have a school onboard.

Enquire now or join our 'talent community', and we'll be in touch to help you explore your options. Your story starts here.

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Could your skills
transform lives?

Set sail for joy,
for dignity,
to rediscover your calling



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“Volunteering changed my life and my outlook on everything. I can see clearly now what is important and I have so much more to offer.”

Alan Hitchborn
Baker & Volunteer
Crew Member
Norfolk, England

Mercy Ships use hospital ships to bring free surgery and vital medical care to sub-Saharan Africa, where 9 out of 10 people don't have access to safe surgery.

Working in partnership with developing nations, we help families living in unjust poverty and urgent need, docking our floating hospitals for up to a year in an African port.

Mercy Ships have life-changing opportunities for skilled people like you. We can help you transform lives, make friends around the world, and even further your career with new experiences.

There's a place for someone like you onboard our ships.

Every profession you would find in a village can be found among Mercy Ships volunteers, and over half of these skilled roles are not medical.

Each year, more than 2,000 volunteers from over 50 nations serve onboard our ships, the *Africa Mercy* and the *Global Mercy*.

There's a place for you onboard.

www.mercyships.org.uk/setsail

Powered by volunteers

Onboard, you will see a rich variety of skills and talents on display. The diverse crew has seafarers, medical specialists, and many other professional volunteers, from cooks, receptionists and housekeeping staff, to teachers, audio-visual techies and vehicle mechanics!

In total, around **200 different types of professional role** power our floating hospitals and these volunteers work as one team to provide safe, free surgical care to our inspiring patients. Volunteers stay for weeks or months, and many choose to return time after time.



Here's what our volunteers have to say about their experience:

Moira Munro, Housekeeping. (Aberdeen, Scotland)
“People come in with huge tumours and cataracts – they literally come in blind and then they leave and they can see. It's incredible to witness, to see their expressions and feel the transformation.”

Carey-Anne Dooley, Teacher (Berkshire, England)
“I absolutely love it. I'm the most content I have felt in my life, in my work. The children are such a blessing. The people I get to work with are just incredible. There is a perfect mix of adventure and the unknown – everyone has come to serve, and it's amazing meeting so many like-minded people in one place.”

Jane White, Nurse (County Down, Northern Ireland)
“Never did I think I would spend almost 10 years serving with Mercy Ships, but it is a privilege not just to look after patients, but their families too. I love the model. How everyone works together, coming from every walk of life. People who come to Mercy Ships are all in the same boat, literally!”

Dan Lewis, HVACR Engineer (Anglesey, Wales)
“I would describe my Mercy Ships experience as ‘fantastic’! I only came to volunteer, so the community side of things was not something I was expecting. So many people made a real effort to connect with me. It was a great atmosphere.”



Since 1978, Mercy Ships volunteers have achieved **so much**

105,000+
life-changing
surgeries
performed

49,000+
local
healthcare
professionals
trained

56
developing
nations
visited

2,500+
volunteers
mobilised
every year

