



OUR IMPACT 2022

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We believe the right to safe, skilled surgical care is universal. Yet worldwide, some five billion people lack access to safe, affordable surgical and anaesthesia care when needed¹. In conflict, access to care becomes all the more important yet all the harder to attain.

Our mission is to provide the best in surgical training, for the benefit of those who need it most. We strive to empower surgical teams in countries affected by conflict to better care for their communities, creating a model of sustainability and independence.

As the Covid pandemic eased, we responsibly returned to training abroad. Since November 2021, we have trained 84 healthcare professionals over three Hostile Environment Surgical Training (HEST) courses held in Iraq, Somaliland and Turkey, for Syrian doctors. We held the courses with operational partners, grateful for their local knowledge, connections and assistance.

In December 2021, Covid restrictions limited the ability of doctors to travel to the UK for our Surgical Training for Austere Environments (STAE) course, so we opened up 14 places to refugees in the UK from Syria and Afghanistan.

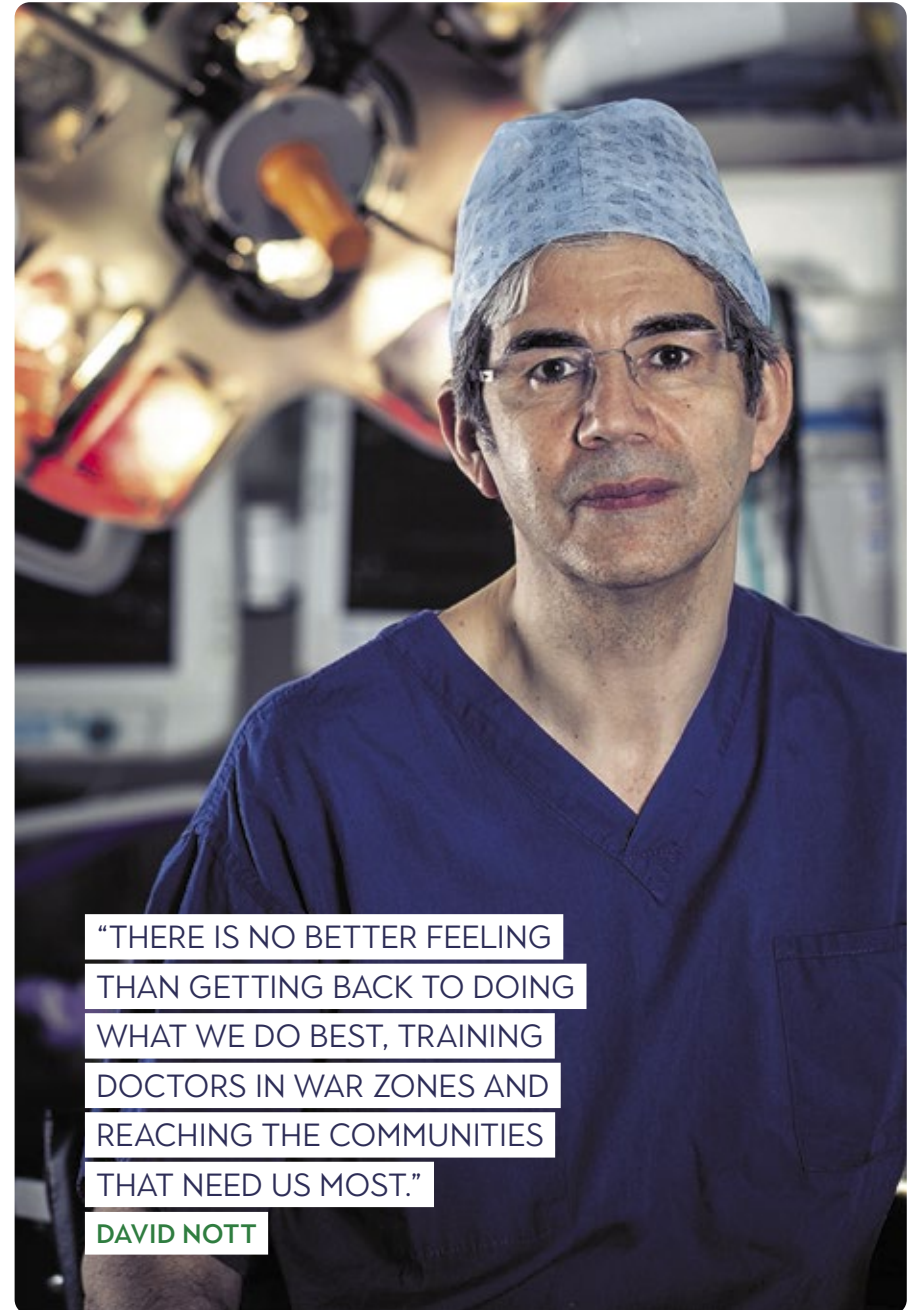
Further demonstrating our responsiveness to the needs of healthcare professionals worldwide, my Co-Founder ran a 12-hour intensive training session for Ukrainian doctors, nine days after the invasion of their country began.

We cannot do what we do without committed teachers. In July 2021, we held our first Train the Trainers course and want to expand our faculty further, incorporating teachers from countries where we train, demonstrating our commitment to sustainability and empowering local healthcare professionals.

We are so grateful for your support and enabling us to make safer surgery a reality for more people worldwide.

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¹ The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery, 2015



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Dr Shukri Mohamed Dahir is a general surgeon at Edna Adan Hospital in Hargeisa, Somaliland. She is one of the first female surgeons in Somaliland and hopes to specialise in paediatric surgery.

During our course in Hargeisa, Dr Dahir learned how to tie a special stitch to secure draining tubes. She put it to practice that same day, during 10-day old Issa's surgery.

Dr Dahir also learned how to stop dangerous blood loss. She shares, "There was a time when we had an injury to a vessel. It took us eight and a half hours to do that case. The outcome was not good.

By doing this training, now I can see all the mistakes. We didn't have the skills to help. Thankfully she's alive, but hopefully now, we have more skills to do a better job and get a better outcome."

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Dr Esayas Mustefa is the only general surgeon in a 130km radius in Ethiopia. He joined our UK surgical training course.

Dr Mustefa is often faced with catastrophic road accident injuries and bullet wounds caused by local violent confrontations. Sometimes he must work in challenging conditions, with limited equipment or electricity cuts. Since our course, Dr Mustefa has been able to save more lives and shared his knowledge with others.

"In my hospital, I had a patient with a bullet to the groin. I did damage control to stop the bleeding and keep him stable until his surgery, which I learned on the course. He survived. It was a great feeling.

I also used to get nervous when opening abdomens, in all honesty. Anxiety would come. Since the course, I've become really calm and collected in difficult situations. Myself, my patients, my colleagues, all have benefitted from my training."

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Dr Ismael Mohamed Haji is a general practitioner from Lasanod, Somaliland. Thanks to our training, Dr Haji now has the skills needed to treat emergency wounds – skills that could have helped doctors save his father's life.

"We have no surgeons, no orthopaedics, all the workers here are general practitioners. We get so many mass casualties. Some of them we have to watch as they die. I cannot express in words how bad it feels.

"When my father was shot, he could have been saved if even minor procedures were done. After this training – if I could have been there – I could have saved him.

"It is unfortunately a little bit late. But it matters for a lot of other people, we need these techniques. It's helpful."

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Dr Naseebah Nayef is a plastics and reconstructive surgeon from Aleppo, Syria. Dr Nayef joined our UK surgical training course. Our training helps surgeons prepare for any injury, no matter their speciality.

"I fled from Syria in 2013 after my house, my clinic, everything was destroyed. I fled with my children and my family.

"As a plastic surgeon, I'd never think to deal with vascular problems. But now thanks to my training, I do not hesitate about it.

"From the first very moment, I found it fantastic. To have mentors, such brilliant faculty, seeing something that you've never seen in 12 years studying medicine, working with your hands, it's something amazing."

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IN SOMALILAND WITH EDNA ADAN ISMAIL

In March, we were honoured to train 34 healthcare professionals in Somaliland.



In 1998, global health leader and campaigner for women's rights Edna Adan built a hospital on an empty patch of land in Hargeisa, Somaliland's capital.

Through sheer will and determination, it flourished into a maternity hospital and has since grown into a trusted medical institution managing obstetric, paediatric, surgical and medical cases. We worked with Edna to deliver our first HEST course in Somaliland at the Edna Adan Hospital.

There is a real need for our partnership. A 2020 Lancet paper found an urgent need for the protection of low-income families from catastrophic medical costs, and well-trained surgeons, anaesthetists and obstetricians.

A LASTING IMPACT

For the first time, we ran dedicated training modules for nurses and anaesthetists – vital team members in every operating theatre.

Our Lead Nurse, Michael Odesoji, helped the nursing team improve their surgical safety checklist. To ensure every patient in the country is protected to the highest standards during surgery, the team are now adopting the checklist in every hospital in Somaliland.

Surgeons were able to put their new skills into immediate practice, treating patients in the hospital. From new surgical stitches to emergency damage control, doctors are now equipped with knowledge and techniques that will help them save more lives.



RAPID RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Just nine days after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, our Co-Founder David Nott and former consultant neurosurgeon Henry Marsh joined forces for a 12-hour surgical training course delivered online.

David and Henry delivered the course to 573 healthcare professionals, with almost 80% joining from Ukraine. Some stayed for the full 12 hours, the sound of air raid sirens heard periodically in the background.

In an effort to share our war surgery expertise with those who need it most, we condensed the course into 15 video chapters covering a range of surgical scenarios and translated them into Ukrainian. This life-saving resource has since been shared with hundreds of healthcare professionals across the country.

David travelled to Ukraine with UOSSM International in April 2022, operating in multiple hospitals and sharing our recordings with the doctors he met. Identifying



DESPITE FEELING TIRED AFTER HOURS OF TRAINING, DAVID SAID: "AS LONG AS YOU ARE HERE, I AM HERE. I WILL STAY WITH YOU."

an urgent need for war surgery knowledge, David returned again with colleagues in June to run a HEST course in two frontline Ukrainian cities.

Healthcare professionals and hospitals play a vital role in the restoration of war-torn communities. We stand with Ukraine and will continue to do all we can to support those in need.

WHAT'S COMING UP

DELIVER

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SURGICAL COURSES ANNUALLY

HEST	Cost for one doctor £1,600	Total course cost £48,000
HEST UK	Cost for one doctor £4,000	Total course cost £56,000



Grow our **Friends of David Nott Foundation** Society network and inspire the next generation of war doctors



Invest in **cutting-edge surgical technologies**, such as 3D printed organs, vessels and silicone skin



We're going to reach a milestone in training over **1,000 doctors**



Invite war doctors from around the world to join our **teaching faculty**



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