

## Project

Title - R-Evolving Wings. Medical care beyond borders  
Flying Angels Project

## Premise

Flying Angels Foundation operates all over the world to guarantee seriously ill girls and boys the right to medical care and life, in situations where in the minor's country of residence there is no equipped hospital or specialized doctor who can, through surgery, resolve the child's health problem.

It is therefore necessary to fly the child to another country or area and to a hospital equipped to receive him or her, or to fly a specialized doctor or a medical team to the child's country, if there is an adequately equipped hospital.

**With every roundtrip flight, Flying Angels guarantees the right to medical care and life for children in health emergencies, going beyond geographical and economic barriers.**

From 2012, the year the Foundation was founded, to the end of 2024, Flying Angels has flown 1,683 children, and 74 medical teams, who in turn have operated on 1,412 children.

There are therefore a total of 3,095 minors who, thanks to Flying Angels Foundation, have been able to receive the surgical operation necessary to overcome the serious illness from which they suffered, and thus hope for a better future.

And it is precisely Flying Angels' ten-year experience in air transporting healthcare workers on mission as well as children and companions to and from all over the world that has laid the foundations for the birth of this new project.

## The project

The three-year project "[R-Evolving Wings. Medical care beyond borders](#)" by Flying Angels intends to finance the flights of medical teams to go on site to operate on children in serious health emergencies, identifying at the same time, through screening activities, specific cases that, due to the severity of the disease and the unavailability of adequate medical equipment and instruments on site, require a highly specialized intervention to be carried out at several Italian or other countries' hospitals. For these children, Flying Angels will organize and finance the flight to Italy or to another

country, in order to guarantee their hospitalization in compliance with the times and needs of medical care.

The Foundation's commitment is therefore, for the three-year period 2025-2027, to **organize and finance the flight of at least 8 teams, who will travel abroad, with the aim of guaranteeing treatment to 120 children suffering from serious illnesses**, directly on site or at other Italian or international hospitals.

Le equipe, impegnate in interventi di cardiocirurgia pediatrica, chirurgia e aree mediche affini, partiranno da marzo in poi, e saranno ospitate presso strutture ospedaliere presenti in alcuni paesi in via di sviluppo (prevalentemente, ma non esclusivamente, dell'Africa subsahariana – es. Camerun, Benin...).

The teams, engaged in pediatric cardiac surgery, general surgery and related medical areas, will depart from March onwards, and will be hosted in hospital facilities in some developing countries (mainly, but not exclusively, in sub-Saharan Africa – e.g., Cameroon, Benin...).

The children to be transported will be admitted to hospitals depending on the availability of the department called to intervene according to the child's pathology.

The project partners will be: i) Non-Profit Organizations that, in addition to reporting the cases, will take care of ensuring the reception for the parents of the children; ii) some hospitals, where the children will receive the operation they need; iii) the Italian Regions, in whose territories some receiving hospitals are present, which will cover the costs of hospitalization, intervention and treatment, through specific Funds for international health cooperation established by regional laws.

Thanks to the "[R-Evolving Wings. Medical care beyond borders](#)" project, it will be possible to plan, with evident optimization of time and costs, the missions of several medical teams and the consequent transfer of some small patients towards the hospitals, respecting the intervention emergencies and the availability of the healthcare facilities involved, both on site and in the country where the minor will be treated.

## Timing

2025-2027

## Expected results

Flights for 8 medical missions will be funded, with two main objectives:

- operate on site as many minor patients as possible who are considered suitable for surgery;
- screen and draw up a list of children whose condition means they cannot be treated in their own country and therefore require transfer to highly specialized Italian or other countries' hospital facilities.

At the end of each mission, for minor patients who cannot be operated on locally, air transport and hospitalization will be organized, mainly, but not exclusively, in Italy.

*The project's first three missions took place in Cameroon and Burkina Faso. Subsequent missions are still being planned.*

*For further details regarding missions, destination countries, the number of children operated on site, those transported to Italy or to another country, the non-profit organizations and partner regions, the host hospitals, will be defined in compliance with specific operational phases in which the Flying Angels Foundation Flight Operations office is involved.*

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