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Next Steps – Where do we go from here?
Is Safe Surgery a cause worth investing in?

THE ANSWER

Yes

Investing in safe surgery is an investment in health system strengthening.
ADDRESSING THE SURGICAL GAPS

Staff, Stuff, Space, and Systems

- Leadership & Teamwork
- Surgical Training
- Anesthesia Training
- Appropriate Equipment
- Access to Oxygen
- Trained Biomedical Technicians
- Clean & Sterile Environment
- Remote Mentoring
How the COVID-19 pandemic magnified the impact of SS2020

**ANESTHESIA PROVIDERS**
Prepared to provide life-saving care for those needing ventilation and oxygen

**ACCESS TO OXYGEN**
Maximized production of oxygen plants in country

**BIOMEDICAL TECHNICIANS**
Trained for repairs and maintenance for essential COVID-19 equipment

**VIDEO-CONFERENCING AND TELE-MENTORING**
Exchanged knowledge for immediate access to the latest research
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Recognize & Value Partnerships

This is essential. Collaboration is key between all stakeholders.

Address system gaps

Invest in "stuff, staff, space, systems"

Coalition of funders to invest in NSOAP implementation and proven health system strengthening programs

Local Gov’t and Stakeholder

Leverage local champions to drive sustainable change

Develop NSOAPs so partners & funders can see where their skillset can fit into the overall plan and meet specific needs.

Invest for scale and sustainability
We are not looking for a cure because we already know what works. **We need the will to invest and do the hard work together.** We can make safe surgery available for all.