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Investing in Sustainable Change



When Mo Meghji first heard about Doctors of the World-USA in 2005 at a forum for business leaders, he had been looking for some time for an opportunity to invest in the health and well being of communities in his native Kenya, but he did not want to give his support to just anyone. "I was looking for an organization I could trust," he says.

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patients both at the clinic itself and through mobile clinics, which take services to the most remote corners of the district.

After several years of learning more about the mission of DOW and its successful projects, in 2008 Meghji joined DOW's Board of Directors, a role through which he will be able to help guide and support the organization as it continues to grow.

"I am part of DOW because it is an organization with intrepid goals," he says. "What they do in terms of taking on difficult projects and seeing things through, this is something for which I have the deepest respect."

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He spent time learning more about DOW's projects – particularly our efforts to introduce HIV services to the rural West Pokot District of Kenya. At the time, people living in this remote region had little, if any, access to prevention and treatment services. DOW had recently begun working on an initiative in partnership with the Kenyan Ministry of Health to introduce comprehensive HIV services for the 350,000 people living there. "This seemed to me like an opportunity to invest in infrastructure for Kenya," he says, "something that would be there for years to come."

Meghji's support was crucial in enabling DOW to construct an HIV clinic facility at the Kapenguria District Hospital, which serves the entire population of West Pokot. The clinic was completed in 2005, and immediately began offering services to the local community. The project has since grown to train hundreds of Kenyan health providers and community members in effective HIV treatment and prevention techniques, and now provides services to over 1,200

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