

**At ReSurge, individual patient care and safety are at the core of what we do. But we don't stop there.**



**ReSurge International is a global nonprofit with a mission to build, scale, and sustain reconstructive surgical capacity to provide life-changing care to those with the greatest need.**

We create lasting change by focusing on the long-term sustainability and impact of our programs. We build reconstructive surgical capacity in low-resource areas and train local surgical teams to heal those around them.

Training one surgeon creates a ripple effect that can change the world. Just one surgeon can treat 10,000 patients in their career –

and if they become a trainer themselves, they have **the potential to transform 400,000 lives over their lifetime.**

## Our reach

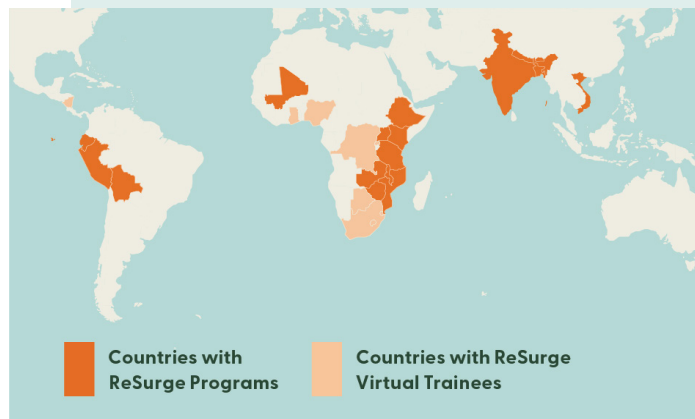
Improved access to safe, timely, and high-quality surgical, trauma, and anesthesia care contributes directly to preventing individuals from falling into extreme poverty. For every dollar invested in global surgery, ten dollars are gained in productivity.

## Our approach:

- 1. Train the next generation** of local reconstructive surgeons
- 2. Treat individuals** in need at no-cost to the patient
- 3. Strengthen surgical systems** around the globe

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Cost of care to a ReSurge patient



**Every two seconds, someone in the world dies from a surgically preventable disease.**



**5 billion people** do not have access to safe, timely, and affordable surgical care.

**90% of the global burden** of surgical disease occurs in low-income countries.

**By 2030**, there will be an estimated global shortage of 10 million health workers.

### **Local action for global impact.**

While infectious diseases attract 40% of global health funding, non-communicable diseases, including those needing reconstructive surgery, receive a mere 1.8%.

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The World Bank has identified essential surgical care as one of the most cost effective health interventions.

### **Large scale problems need sustainable solutions.**

In a typical year, ReSurge impacts the lives of more than 25,000 patients and trains more

than 3,000 local medical professionals in their own countries.

Each surgeon trained by ReSurge is expected to treat around 10,000 patients throughout their career. As these trainees become trainers themselves, their potential impact escalates to 400,000 patient cases.





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*Transforming Lives through Reconstructive Surgery*

Since 1969, ReSurge has been at the forefront of the global surgery movement.



We started with one patient and one life-changing reconstructive surgery. We are proud to now provide care and training in eighteen countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

## Our Impact (Fiscal Year 2024)

**5,700 medical professionals  
trained by ReSurge**

**25,341 Patients Impacted**

**18 low- and middle-income  
countries with ReSurge programs**



## Our Partners

We're proud to partner with a robust network of best-in-class medical volunteers, including surgeons, occupational therapists, and anesthesiologists, from esteemed institutions like:



We can connect you to stories on the ground in the U.S. and worldwide through our network of in-country surgical partners and medical volunteers. **See contact above.**

We're partnering with SkinCeuticals to **build gender equity** through the Pioneering Women in Reconstructive Surgery Program. To watch the documentary and learn more, visit <https://resurge.org/pwrs>

## Key Team Members

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**We are excited to launch our new campaign, developed in pro bono partnership with Ogilvy Health, featuring the stories of remarkable individuals whose lives were reconstructed through ReSurge International.**

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of the global burden of surgical disease occurs in low-income countries. This disproportionately affects women and children.

### **Reconstructive surgery is often misunderstood as merely cosmetic.**

**Our “Closing the Gap to Reconstructive Surgery” campaign** challenges these misconceptions and inspires action. We invite you to see how we address disparities in patient care, the healthcare workforce, and combat gender-based violence in low-income countries through reconstructive surgery.

At ReSurge, we do more than reconstruct bodies; we empower individuals to reclaim their lives and defy the limits set by others.

## **How ReSurge is** **CLOSING** *the* **GAP**

- **ReSurge trains and supports reconstructive surgical teams in low-income countries to sustainably address the gap in surgical care.**
- **ReSurge helps restore function for tens of thousands of patients suffering from traumatic injuries from burns or horrific acid attacks, cancers, or congenital anomalies – addressing a comprehensive set of conditions that require reconstructive surgery.**
- **ReSurge has access to the best reconstructive surgeons in the world, and advocates for global surgery access as a priority in the broader health agenda.**

## Meet ReSurge Patient, Jenny

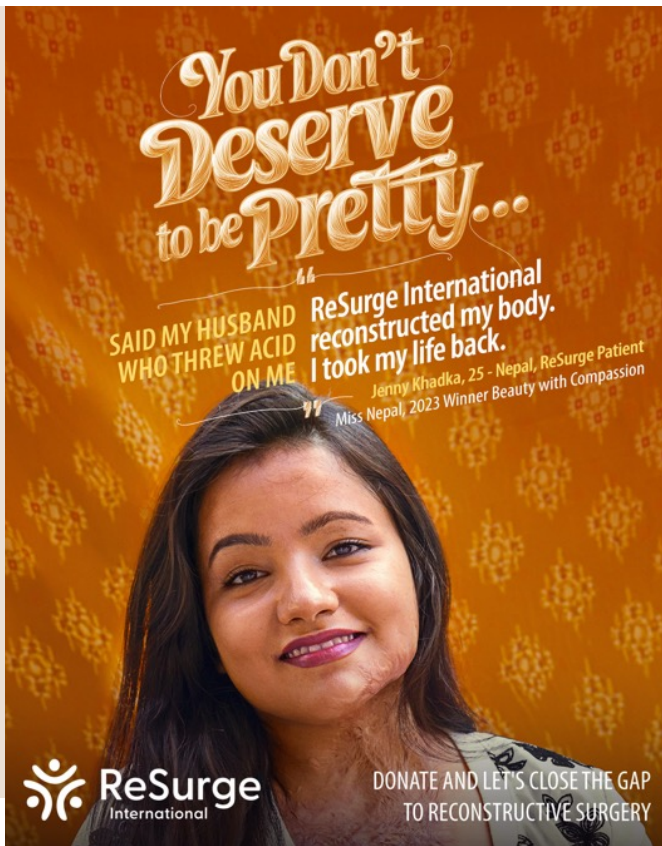
**“You don’t deserve to be pretty.”** Those cruel words marked a turning point for Jenny Khatun, transforming her ordeal into a journey of resilience and empowerment.

Now 25, Jenny is an acid attack survivor and a burn patient counselor at ReSurge International’s hospital in Kathmandu. Born into a family that longed for sons, Jenny’s early life was overshadowed by societal biases. She was forced into a child marriage at 14, and motherhood by 16, to a husband who was a cruel alcoholic.

Enduring years of abuse, Jenny eventually fled to Kathmandu seeking peace. However, her past caught up with her when her husband found her and attacked her with acid during an argument.



ReSurge reconstructed Jenny’s scars – Jenny is celebrating the beauty in herself and others – and our donors make it possible. Together, we can restore gender equity and close the gap to reconstructive surgery once and for all.



Treated at Kirtipur Hospital, Jenny met another survivor whose optimism inspired her own healing journey. After recovering, Jenny dedicated herself to supporting others at the very hospital where she herself was treated, transitioning from patient to counselor.

Today, Jenny is not just a counselor; she’s a symbol of hope for other ReSurge patients. Winning the title of “Beauty with Compassion” at Miss Nepal 2023, she now advocates for other survivors of gender-based violence and burn injuries, aspiring to model and defy stigmas associated with scars. Through her work and public life, Jenny embodies the change she wishes to see, showing that true beauty and strength emerge not in spite of scars, but because of them.