

# MAF PRIORITY PROJECTS

For 80 years, partnership has been at the centre of Mission Aviation Fellowship's (MAF) work to bring help, hope and healing to the world's most remote communities. Today, it is estimated that there are still one billion people living in isolation, where a lack of access and infrastructure is inextricably linked to poverty.

We believe every community, however remote, should have the essentials for life. To achieve this, we must continue strengthening our partnerships — with our supporters, NGOs, and the communities that we serve.

By aligning our shared goals to overcome isolation, we can drive lasting impact together and achieve long-term development and sustainable solutions. This document details some key projects where you can make a meaningful difference.





# MAF + MERCY SHIPS VITAL MEDICAL CARE TO MADAGASCAR

MAF's partnership with Mercy Ships is delivering life-changing medical care to the most isolated communities in Madagascar. With the *Africa Mercy* hospital ship in the harbour of Toamasina, MAF provides essential flight support to transport medical volunteers and, in critical cases, patients in need of urgent surgical care.

Madagascar's poor road infrastructure makes travel long and difficult, preventing many from accessing the medical help they desperately need. Through this project, MAF flights significantly reduce travel time, allowing Mercy Ships' teams to efficiently identify, screen, and transport patients for surgeries that will restore their health and dignity.

## PROJECT COST

Total: 220,000 USD | **Funds needed: 180,000 USD for 100 flight hours in 2025 (138,582 GBP\***

## PROJECT IMPACT

Access to surgery is life changing, especially in countries where stigma and shame are often attached to preventable and treatable conditions. Patients will be freed from debilitating conditions such as cleft lips, maxillofacial deformities, and orthopaedic issues. This will provide them with improved and sustainable wellbeing, increased opportunities to find work, and restored autonomy to contribute to their communities.

Beyond medical care, this project brings hope, compassion, and transformation to those who need it most.

\*USD is the international currency for aviation. Calculated with an exchange rate of 0.7699. Figures accurate as of July 2025.



# BRINGING LIFE'S ESSENTIALS TO THE SSESE ISLANDS, UGANDA

With a new amphibious Cessna Caravan about to join the Uganda fleet, this project will fund the critical infrastructure and set-up costs for MAF to provide reliable air transport to isolated island communities on Lake Victoria. With 220,000 people spread across 84 islands, these communities face extreme isolation and lack basic services due to dangerous eight-hour canoe journeys.

This initiative will help partners reach vulnerable populations struggling with HIV/AIDS, gender-based violence, child labour, and limited healthcare and education. By eliminating transportation barriers, MAF will enable life-changing services for these underserved groups.

## PROJECT COST (USD)

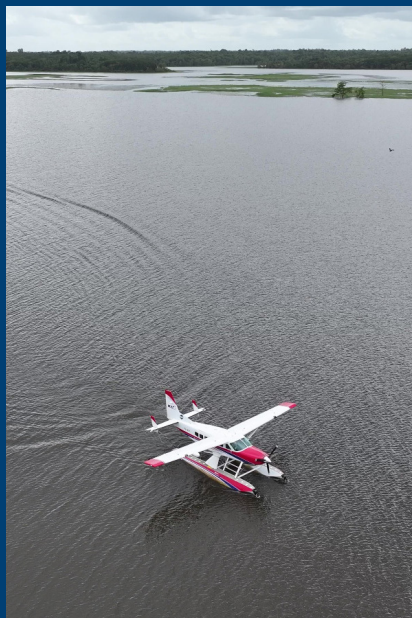
Total: 175,500 USD | **Funds needed: 70,000 USD (53, 893 GBP\*)**

## PROJECT IMPACT

Access to transportation will transform isolated communities across Lake Victoria where dangerous boat journeys deter most organisations from providing essential services. Healthcare workers, educators, and development partners will finally have regular access to these remote islands. For medical emergencies, travel time will drop from eight hours to under one hour, saving time and saving lives.

By overcoming the biggest barrier to development, this project paves the way for partners to continue to bring lasting change to the Ssesse Islands.

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# MAF UGANDA AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT: SECURING MAF'S FUTURE

This is a critical initiative to upgrade the MAF Kajjansi Airfield and secure the future of our regional operations in East Africa. As the only airfield owned and managed by MAF in East Africa, Kajjansi is a vital hub for supporting humanitarian organisations across Uganda and the region, including into the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan.

Currently, the runway faces significant challenges, including flooding from Lake Victoria's rising water levels. This project involves elevating the runway, improving drainage, strengthening the airstrip surface, and enhancing the security perimeter. These upgrades will increase flight safety, reduce maintenance costs, and allow the airfield to accommodate a wider range of aircraft, including MAF Uganda's new amphibious aircraft.

## PROJECT COST

Phase 1: 2,719,000 USD | **Funds needed: 413,601 USD (318,431 GBP\*)**

## PROJECT IMPACT

The impact of this project extends beyond MAF, benefiting other aviation operators, humanitarian organisations, and remote communities that rely on MAF for critical services. Nearly all MAF partners in Uganda say that our flights are critical for their future programme activities. Your support will help secure Kajjansi's future as a regional aviation hub and ensure that MAF continues providing life-saving, reliable, and safe services to those in need

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When you support a project through Mission Aviation Fellowship, you know that your partnership is also supporting the hundreds of other NGOs and local communities who rely on our aircraft every day.

Please get in touch with our Philanthropy and Partnerships team if you would like to discuss in detail any of the proposals outlined in this document, or to find out more about other key areas of MAF's work.

**Thank you for your support.**



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