

**Audience questions from the ICMDA webinar with  
Rick Allen - Ensuring medical missionary longevity  
20 April 2023**

1. Milton: How many medical missionaries are being supported by Project MedSend this year and how many countries are in the PMS recipient list?
2. Dave: Do you have any data for how the MedSend recipients have got on over the years? eg average length of service, reasons for leaving medical mission, what proportion are still serving overseas long term?
3. Amigo: Will there be a kind of audit of how one will have used his grant?
4. Amigo: As someone who isn't from a medical background, how did you come to care for the wellness of medical missionaries?
5. Kabore: How can one survive the first stage of new medical missionary years?
6. Nick: There is often a massive disparity between what a 1st world doctor thinks he/she can do in a resource poor setting and what the receiving medical facility thinks is realistically possible. The only way to understand those expectations is a preliminary visit to the work before committing to the work. Should a preliminary visit with 2-way feedback be made compulsory?
7. Rita: Should ICMDA partner with this project at some point?
8. Leslie: How can we apply to be a part of this network?
9. Anonymous: Can I ask how you see the long-term future of medical missionary work? Medical missionaries should ideally make themselves superfluous by training a local workforce and setting up 'self-perpetuating' local training structures. Is encouraging this part of the mission of MedSend?
10. Doug: Has there been consideration of financial planning assistance (kids' education, retirement, public student loan forgiveness, tax planning, etc) as an addition to the suite of the Longevity services?