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Q1 Name of your organization.

ReSurge International

Q2 Grant #

20170383

Q3 Grant Period

July 1 2017- June 30, 2018

Q4 Location of your organization

City	Sunnyvale
State	CA

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Page 2: Key Outcomes and Results

Q8 Total number of clients served through this grant funding:

933

Q9 Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives. Use the following format: State the Goal: State Objective 1: Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 1: State Objective 2 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 2: State Objective 3 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 3:

Goal: Help ReSurge expand and deepen the impact of our burn surgical work to ensure that children and adults living with repairable disfigurement from burn injuries can access safe, timely, and affordable surgical care.

Objective 1: Provide 139 disabled or injured individuals with free reconstructive surgery.

Activities: ReSurge provided training and financial and programmatic support for reconstructive burn surgery at 14 Surgical Outreach Partners (SOPs) locations throughout six developing countries. ReSurge volunteer physicians provide local physicians with training, ongoing education and mentoring so they can perform life transforming surgeries in their communities.

Results: In Fiscal Year 2018, 933 individuals received treatment for burn injuries from SOPs in the following locations:

- Bangladesh: 64
- Ecuador: 12
- India
 - Ahmedabad: 7
 - Dehradun: 117
 - Hyderabad (Swain): 80
 - Jalandhar: 21
 - Mumbai: 17
- Nepal: 442
- Peru: 3
- Zambia: 170

Outcomes: Annually ReSurge performs over 2,000 burn-related surgeries through a combination of its SOP's, Surgical Trips, and Visiting Educator trips. Many of these surgeries repair scar tissue for children who have fallen into cooking fires or experienced other catastrophic injuries; with timely treatment and surgery their wounds will heal properly before painful contractures (scar tissue) set in. Many of the adult burn surgery patients had already developed burn contractures, making it impossible to use their hands or other parts of their body where the burn occurred. We are pleased to have been able to help prevent disability in so many children and to have transformed the lives of so many adults.

Q10 Please describe any challenges/obstacles the organization encountered (if any) in attaining goals & objectives.

Our goal was to provide 139 individuals with burn surgery; our challenge was not in meeting this goal but in meeting the greater demand overall. At some of our SOP's the demand far exceeds our funding capacity. Surgeries are provided at no cost to the patient and the local surgeons volunteer their time to perform the surgeries, including the assessment and follow up care. ReSurge pays for the cost of the surgery itself which can include equipment, surgical care necessities, and sometimes operating room fees. Surgeons perform these surgeries on weekends or evenings while also maintaining a paid caseload.

Although we have no shortage of patients, some patients who live the remote locations have difficulty accessing surgery. Some villages are several days journey away from the nearest clinic; the distance combined with the cost of making the trip make surgery simply inaccessible for many of these patients.

Q11 How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles?

We remain committed to treating as many patients as possible in these countries. We continue to fundraise and to train additional local physicians, increasing the numbers who are capable of performing surgery so that a handful of physicians are not overburdened with the task.

In Nepal, our largest and most established SOP, Dr. Shankar Rai travels weekly with teams of surgeons and other medical professionals to towns throughout Nepal. These teams spend three days at various locations throughout the country, performing as many surgeries as they can within their time there.

In Zambia, Dr. Goran Jovic, flies his own plane around the country to visit remote hospitals because the patients cannot come all the way to Lusaka where the SOP hospital is located.

We are grateful to have such dedicated physicians who are willing to give of their time and talents in this way. We will continue to identify new ways to meet the demand and to reach patients in remote locations.

Q12 Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.

Each year we encounter new individuals whose stories touch us in unexpected ways. Sujuna was six years old when she came to the hospital in Nepal last year. She lives with her mother and father and two brothers in a small hut on the outskirts of Katmandu where her mother is a share cropper and her father a day labor. Sujuna was badly burned in a house fire when she was three.

For two months her parents bounced between two hospitals; then her father's mother fell ill, and they had to take her back to her village where they remained with her until she passed away. After her funeral they had no money left to help their daughter.

After two and half years, Sujuna's foot was severely deformed from the build-up of scar tissue; at this point the family had no money for treatment. They were told about The Nepal Cleft and Burn Center, ReSurge's SOP. So far she has had one surgery and is getting physical therapy weekly. Hopefully by next year she will be able to attend school. "I saw how they took care of the burn patients, and if my daughter could one day be a doctor, that would be my dream for her".

Q13 Briefly describe the impact this grant has had on the organization and community served.

Burn injuries need prompt and proper care to reduce tissue damage that can result in loss of use of fingers, hands, or other extremities. With such limited numbers of trained burn reconstructive surgeons in developing countries, most burns do not heal properly. Funding from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation helps ReSurge train and support doctors in these countries who treat thousands of patients, free of charge, every year.

The excessive number of individuals with burn injuries in the countries we serve is a reflection of the poverty experienced by most of our patients. Living in crowded conditions with open cookstoves and marginally supervised children increases the chances of burns. With inadequate access to safe and timely treatment, the injuries result in reduced functionality, often removing individuals from the workforce, and perpetuating a cycle of poverty. At the heart of its mission, ReSurge is seeking to alleviate poverty and the conditions of poverty among individuals worldwide.

Through the generosity of our funders, ReSurge is able to provide the training and ongoing support to local physicians so that patients suffering from disabling burn injuries are able to receive the safe, timely, and affordable care they need. This creates a sustainable and humanitarian model of care; with SOP's performing 91%, overhead costs related to travel and the shipping of medical supplies is significantly reduced. The result is year-round access to surgical care for children and adults living in low-income communities, where the need is greatest.

Page 3: Budget

Q14 Please provide a budget expenditure report of the approved line items. Include a brief narrative on how the funds were used to fulfill grant objectives.

ReSurge was awarded \$49,692 to perform 139 burn surgeries for victims of disabling burn injuries in low-middle income countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The cost of each surgery is \$350. ReSurge used \$48,650 to fund 139 of its 933 burn surgeries. \$1,042 was allocated to quality assurance (\$7.50 per case).

A year-end financial report will be emailed to the community foundation.

Page 4: Success Stories

Q15 Please relate a success story:

Surendra Balami, 29, is a cooking gas dealer who was burned over 20 percent of his body when a gas canister he was repairing had been tampered with and exploded.

"I was called to repair an LPG in an area where women cook. Someone had broken the pin of the regulator in the tank valve and left it in an enclosed room. The tank had been leaking and when I arrived inside the room it was full of gas. I opened the door and nearby stoves ignited the drifting gas.

I ran out into the street shouting for help; eventually someone on a motorbike let me ride on the back of his bike and took me to a hospital. I didn't arrive to The Nepal Cleft & Burn Center until nearly six-hours after the explosion."

Superficial burns covered Surendra's face while deep burns spread across his arms. "They washed and cleaned me the first few days stabilizing the burns and the fourth day they gave me skin grafts. That was about a month ago and the doctor has told me I can go home if I want. But I don't want to because transport is too expensive to get here for the dressings to be changed. So I will wait here with my family a little longer."

Surendra is married with a three-year-old son. He says that once he is well enough he will go back to his job. He and his family have invested in his business, so he feels he must continue. But, he says he has learned from this experience. "In the future I know what to do, I will open all the windows and doors, shut off electricity and remove the canister to a well-ventilated area where there are no open flames."

"I am so thankful for this hospital. The nurses, the doctors are so heartfelt in everything they do. This is expert care. I am very happy and lucky to be here."

Because we were able to provide Surendra with timely and qualified burn treatment, he will be able to go back to his work and continue to support his family. Without the skin grafts, his severe burns would have eventually resulted in contractures, making it impossible for him to continue to work.

Q16 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

Q17 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Organizational Information

Q18 Which category best describes the organization. Please choose only one.

Medical/Health/Public Agency

Q19 What is the organization's primary program area of interest?

Disabled/Access

Q20 Percentage of clients served through grant in each ethnic group category. Total must equal 100%

Other

100

S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund

Q21 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each age category.

Respondent skipped this question

Q22 Approximate percentage of clients served with disabilities from grant funds.

Other Disability

100

Q23 Approximate percentage of clients served in each economic group.

At/Below Poverty Level

100

Q24 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each population category.

Respondent skipped this question
