



**Canada's High Commissioner to Ghana's visit on the *Global Mercy*™
Highlighting the Power of Partnership in Advancing Health and
Sustainable Development**

Tema, Ghana, October 2 2026 – Mercy Ships Canada is proud to announce today that High Commissioner Myriam Montrat, Canada's High Commissioner to Ghana, lead a delegation from the Canadian Embassy on a visit to the *Global Mercy*, the world's largest civilian hospital ship, on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, while the vessel is docked in Tema, Ghana.

That visit gave High Commissioner Montrat and embassy officials a firsthand look at the hospital ship's surgical and healthcare capacity-building programs, which are delivered in partnership with Ghana's Ministry of Health and local medical institutions to expand access to safe surgical care and strengthen the country's health workforce.



H.E Diarra Dime Labille, French Ambassador



H.E. Myriam Montrat, Canadian High Commissioner

During the visit, the delegation toured onboard surgical and hospital facilities, met with medical staff and Ghanaian healthcare partners, and learned more about Mercy Ships' ongoing work to train local surgeons, nurses, and biomedical technicians as part of its long-term commitment to strengthening Ghana's health system. The Canadian volunteers onboard also had the chance to sit down with the High Commissioner and share their stories.



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"I'm delighted to host Myriam because it gives us a chance to show her the NGO sector here and how the governments of Ghana and Canada have contributed to what we are doing."

— **David Sigalet (CAN), Chief Medical Officer for the *Global Mercy***

"I'm very, very proud of the Canadians on board here and of being able to host our high commissioner : it's an opportunity to showcase what we are doing outside of Canada to improve healthcare services."

– **Elaine Sigalet (CAN), Education Training and Advocacy Director for the *Global Mercy***



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The *Global Mercy* has been operating in Ghana as part of Mercy Ships' ongoing field service, providing free surgical care and supporting national efforts to build sustainable healthcare capacity across the country.

"Mercy Ships Canada is honoured that High Commissioner Myriam Montrat visited the *Global Mercy* while it serves in Ghana. The visit highlights the importance of partnerships that bring together governments, healthcare institutions, civil society organizations, and volunteers to strengthen surgical health delivery and support sustainable development. Canadians have volunteered their skills and expertise through Mercy Ships for nearly five decades, contributing to a collaborative model that combines surgical service, training, and capacity building to support stronger healthcare systems and healthier communities."

— **Darryl Anderson, Executive Director, Mercy Ships Canada.**

Learn more about Mercy Ships' mission [HERE](#)

About Mercy Ships

Mercy Ships is a global Christian NGO that partners with African nations to expand access to safe surgical care through direct surgical services, training and mentoring, and health systems strengthening. Founded in 1978, Mercy Ships has focused its work in Africa for more than 35 years. Each year, more than 2,500 volunteer professionals from over 70 countries serve on board the world's two largest non-governmental hospital ships, the Africa Mercy® and the Global Mercy™, as well as on the ground, partnering locally with in-country programs. For more information, visit mercyships.org and follow @MercyShips on social media.

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