

GACO Mission – Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is GACO?

GACO stands for Global Asthma and COPD Outreach, Inc. We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), especially in underserved communities and low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

2. What is GACO's mission?

Our mission is to provide education, advocacy, access to care, and support for individuals living with asthma and COPD, empowering patients, caregivers, and healthcare professionals to better manage respiratory health and reduce preventable suffering.

3. Who does GACO serve?

We serve:

- People living with asthma and/or COPD
- Caregivers and family members
- Healthcare professionals and students
- Communities with limited access to lung health education and care
- Our work focuses especially on low-resource areas where respiratory health support is often lacking.

4. What kind of work does GACO do?

GACO's work includes:

- Patient education (virtual and in-person)

- Community outreach and awareness
- Training healthcare professionals and students
- Advocacy for equitable access to medication and care
- Inhaler sponsorship (limited and based on funding)

5. Is GACO a religious organization?

No, GACO is not a religious organization. However, our founder offers optional spiritual and emotional support (such as prayer requests) for those who desire it, regardless of religious background. All are welcome.

6. How is GACO funded?

GACO is supported through donations, grants, partnerships, and fundraising efforts. As funding becomes available, we expand our ability to serve more individuals, including sponsoring inhaler access and providing the basic equipment like peak flow meters, spacers, etc.

7. Can I volunteer with GACO?

Yes! We welcome volunteers to help with outreach, education, admin tasks, fundraising, and more, both virtually and locally. You can reach out via our [Contact Us](#) page or [Join Us](#) page to learn more.

8. How can I support GACO's mission?

- You can:
- Donate to support our inhaler sponsorships and outreach
- Volunteer your time or skills

- Partner with us as a healthcare provider, clinic, or organization
- Share our message in your community

9. Where is GACO based? Do you work internationally?

GACO is based in the United States but operates with a global mission. We provide virtual education and resources worldwide, and we focus on outreach in LMICs and underserved communities both locally and abroad.

10. Does GACO work locally in other countries?

Yes. GACO has Regional Leads and local team members who help implement programs and outreach in different countries and regions. These leaders work directly with communities, clinics, and partners to ensure that our work is culturally relevant and effective.

11. Does GACO provide direct medical care?

We are not a clinic or hospital, but we do provide health education, prevention programs, and access to resources, including partnerships with providers and community health systems.