

Annual Report 2025



International Foundation
for Dermatology

Introduction

Access to quality skin care should not be determined by geography or income; it must be recognised as a fundamental component of global health. This principle has guided our work to advance skin health in low-resource settings around the world since our formation by the **International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS)** four decades ago.

2025 has been another active and productive year for our members, partners and supporters. We extend our sincere thanks to all of them for their continued commitment and dedication to supporting the ILDS' mission of delivering ***Skin Health for the World.***



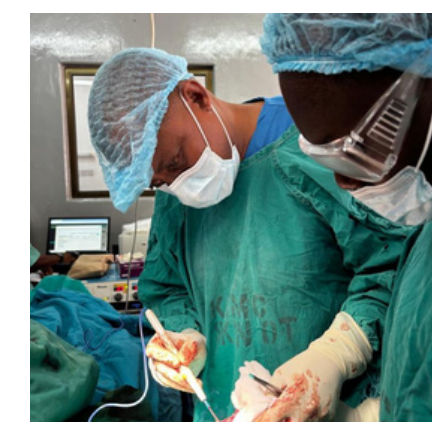
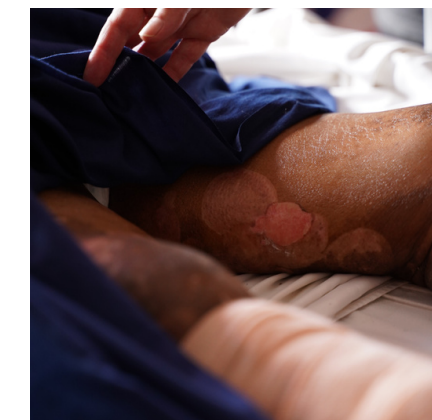


During 2025, working with local partners and health systems, we delivered a range of initiatives to improve access to care in underserved and resource-limited settings. Our projects included training and mentorship programmes, the delivery of dermatological care, and the award of grant funding. Across Africa, the Pacific, Asia and Latin America, our work supported immediate patient care, while facilitating longer-term capacity building in regions where it is needed most.

Training & Capacity Building

Investment in the work of regional training centres remained central to our work. The **Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC)** in Tanzania treated more than 16,600 patients during the year and provided outreach services for almost 3,000 people with albinism. The RDTC continued to train dermatologists from across Africa, with 41 Master's in Medicine trainees enrolled and a new cohort joining the Advanced Diploma programme. Clinical care, specialist training and continuing medical education were delivered alongside sunscreen production and skin cancer prevention activities.

The **Pacific Dermatology Training Centre (PDTC)** in Fiji continued to support postgraduate dermatology training through Fiji National University. In 2025, the programme marked an important milestone with the graduation of its first three trainees, contributing to the development of a sustainable, locally trained dermatology workforce, serving a region where access to specialist care is limited.



GLODERM and the SEED Network



Our GLODERM initiative supports dermatologists working in underserved settings, combining mentorship with leadership development, and practical support for local projects. During 2025, 24 dermatologist changemakers participated in the programme, **collectively training nearly 3,000 healthcare providers and supporting the care of more than 14,000 patients.** To support initiatives run by participants in their regions, we awarded seven GLODERM Access Grants, each valued at US\$20,000, representing a total investment of US\$140,000.

The **Supporting, Empowering and Educating Dermatology (SEED) Network** operates as part of GLODERM, providing peer support and knowledge exchange for dermatologists working in challenging and humanitarian contexts. In 2025, the network convened regular virtual sessions focused on case discussions and the sharing of experience around service delivery challenges and access to medicines. This online community plays an important role in reducing professional isolation and signposting other IFD initiatives, such as the grants, mentorship and educational resources it provides.



Grants Supporting Local Solutions

We continued to support locally led initiatives through our grant programmes.

DermLink funds one-year projects focused on clinical services, training, and community outreach. The projects we funded in 2024 delivered care to **more than 10,000 patients and supported training for almost 500 healthcare providers**. We also awarded funds for 15 new projects during 2025.

DermImpact supports longer-term, multi-stakeholder collaborations, aimed at sustainable longer-term capacity building. In 2025, **five projects** we've funded were underway, supported by a total investment of US\$100,000.



Reaching Vulnerable and Displaced Populations

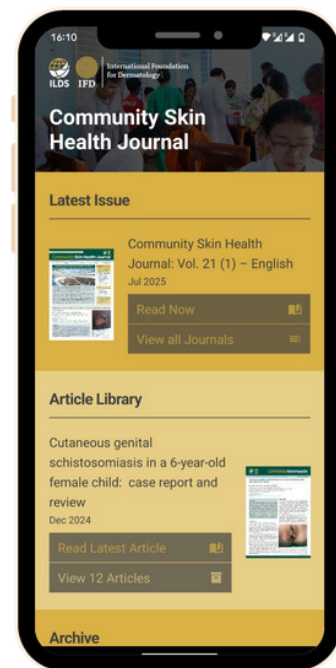
Through our Migrant Health Working Group, we addressed dermatological needs in low-resource settings. In 2025, a field mission to refugee camps in the Kigoma region of Tanzania **provided care to more than 1,100 refugees** and provided training to local healthcare providers. Virtual training activities were also delivered in Lebanon.

We also supported global collaboration on skin cancer prevention for people with albinism through the **World Forum for the Prevention and Management of Skin Cancer in Persons with Albinism**. This convened 71 delegates from 30 countries to strengthen coordination across clinical care, research, advocacy, and public health.



Community Skin Health Journal

Our Community Skin Health Journal continued to provide practical dermatology education for frontline healthcare workers in low-resource settings. In 2025, two new issues were published, and digital access expanded through the mobile app, which gained 69 new users during the year.



2025 IFD Impact

- 16,600+ patients treated at RDTC (Tanzania) and 20,000+ patients at the PDTC (Fiji)
- 24 GLODERM dermatologists supported, reaching 14,000+ underserved patients
- US\$140,000 invested in GLODERM Access Grants
- 10,000+ patients reached through DermLink projects
- 1,100+ refugees treated through Migrant Health programmes

Looking Ahead



The achievements of 2025 demonstrate the impact of sustained collaboration, targeted investment, and global advocacy. From the adoption of the World Health Assembly resolution recognising skin diseases as a global health priority to the continued growth of training centres, mentorship programmes and global partnerships, we are bringing dermatological care to communities that need it most.

With the continued support of donors, partners, and volunteers, we will build on this momentum in 2026 – expanding training, strengthening health systems, and improving access to care for people living with skin diseases worldwide. Together, we're working towards a future where everyone, everywhere, has access to skin health services.



Thank you for your continued support



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