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## Media Release

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### Aspen Medical International wins the International Stability Operations Association Vanguard Award for its work during the Ebola outbreak in West Africa

Aspen Medical associate company, US-based Aspen Medical International (AMI), has been awarded the International Stability Operations Association (ISOA) Vanguard award for its work during the unprecedented 2014-2015 Ebola outbreak in West Africa. The company managed four Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) in Liberia on behalf of the US Government, through a USAID-funded contingency program.

The ISOA Stability Operations Awards recognise small, medium, and large companies who consistently demonstrate commitment to accountability, transparency, and ethics in the stability operations field. The top award in each category is presented as a Vanguard Award.

Collecting the award on behalf of the entire team at AMI, Ethan Bond, Chief Operating Officer, said "Whilst this award may be specifically for the part that we played in West Africa during the Ebola crisis, our people still continue to amaze me on a daily basis. The Ebola outbreak was contained, but new challenges continue to emerge.

"Many of those same people are now working tirelessly, saving lives today at field hospitals in Mosul, Iraq, supporting the US Diplomatic Mission in Sierra Leone, as well as other programs in places like South Sudan, Liberia and Libya."

In addition to saving lives and achieving zero infections amongst the healthcare and support team, the projects were delivered under-budget, fully compliant with the UN Global Compact Ten Principles, derived from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and left a legacy of several hundred highly-trained local healthcare workers across Africa.

In addition to AMI's work in Liberia, Aspen Medical ran the Australian and New Zealand Governments' Ebola Treatment Centre in Sierra Leone from mid-December 2014 until the end of April 2015. Aspen Medical continued to play a crucial role in Sierra Leone

where it managed the Kerry Town Treatment Unit on behalf of the UK Government as well as providing support to the laboratory run by Public Health England until the end of November 2015.

In November 2016, Aspen Medical won the International Project Management Association gold medal in the Overseas Humanitarian Aid category for its Ebola Response work in West Africa.

The West African Ebola Outbreak of 2014 – 2015 which began in Guinea and resulted in 28,616 infections resulting in 11,310 deaths across the region.

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