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Haiti is the most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere with close to 60 percent of the population living below the poverty line. The people of Haiti continue to face numerous vulnerabilities like food insecurity, malnutrition and waterborne diseases caused by lack of clean water.

Haiti is a bleak place for children. According to UNICEF, 20 percent of children under the age of 5 suffer from either severe or moderate malnutrition. Life expectancy is a mere 63.6 years for men and 69 years for women.

With so many families focused merely on survival, many Haitian children never get the chance to receive even a basic education, and many are turned over to orphanages because their parents are unable to provide for them. According to The World Bank, Haiti's literacy rate is 62 percent.

Amid the lingering crises in the country, hunger levels are rising unabated as persistent political instability, growing inflation and recurrent natural disasters continue to plague the lives and living conditions of the people of Haiti.

Food For The Poor has been working to help poverty-stricken children and families in Haiti since 1986. Today, the organization is one of the country's largest providers of emergency relief and sustainable development projects in this island nation of over 11.6 million people.

Essential Medical Supplies and Equipment Reach Haitian Communities in Need

Centre Hospitalier Sainte Marie, a hospital in the town of Dilaire, and a dispensary in Les Perches, both located in the Nord-Est region of Haiti were two of several medical facilities that received an array of medical supplies and equipment, thanks to a generous donation from Food For The Poor's caring donor Advocates for World Health.

"To help medical institutions provide access to equitable health care to the most vulnerable people, Food For The Poor-Nord [FFTP-North] coordinates continuous distributions throughout the region," said Anne Jasmine Phanord, a representative of Food For the Poor-Nord.

These donations serve to improve the quality of life of vulnerable populations.

Without them, the elderly, the homeless, and those living in poverty would be at an increased risk of developing severe handicaps due to substandard health care.

"As a result, many public and private health institutions received unconditional assistance with healthcare items such as orthopedic equipment and an array of medical supplies for infection control, respiratory care, laboratory services, intravenous supplies, and wound care, Anne Jasmine said.

"Judith Joseph and Laforet Ulysse were two beneficiaries who wanted me to share their stories."



'My name is Judith Joseph, and I am a victim of a stroke. It has been three months now since I became a patient at the hospital.

I must say that thanks to your donations, the center has become more accessible for the people living in the area. Thanks to you, I now have my own walker and no longer need to borrow someone else's to go out.

Forever, I'll be grateful to you for helping during my rehabilitation process.'

'My name is Laforet Ulysse and I'm very grateful for the items you give to the dispensary. Thanks to your donations, the dispensary can help me. I am 83 years old and have received assistance on several occasions.

I recently had eye surgery and needed help walking. A few days later, my prayer was answered when I received a call from the dispensary in Les Perches advising me that I could pick up my cane.

This clinic is the usual place for my health check-ups, and I always see elderly people like me as well as young people coming in for medical follow-up. So, this is to tell you that I'm not the only one benefiting from your help.

Without your help, I do not know what I would have done.



I will pray that you can continue with this program, and I will tell my neighbors that they too can get a free cane thanks to you. I want to say thank you very much and may the Lord bless you.'

"Food For The Poor's assistance is a source of joy and satisfaction to all, especially those living in inaccessible areas where their only hope lies in these donations," Anne Jasmine concluded.



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Food For The Poor, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation, does much more than feed millions of hungry children and families living in poverty primarily in 17 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. This interdenominational Christian ministry provides emergency relief assistance, water, medicine, educational materials, homes, support for vulnerable children, care for the aged, skills training, and micro-enterprise development assistance. For more information, please visit **foodforthe poor.org**.