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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.

Donation Alleviates Medical Supply Crisis in Haiti

Not much has changed in Haiti in terms of shortage of medical supplies and lack of access to health care.

"Haiti continues to be marked by a persistent political crisis aggravated by gang violence and civil unrest. This affects the health sector greatly and prevents it from providing adequate services, particularly to those living in hard-to-reach areas," said Anne Jasmine Phanord, Food For The Poor's in-country partner representative.

"This is why we continue to support as many health institutions as we can in these remote areas."

Marie Cecile Printemps has been the administrator at Phaeton Community Health Center for the last 5 years. Following is her testimonial:

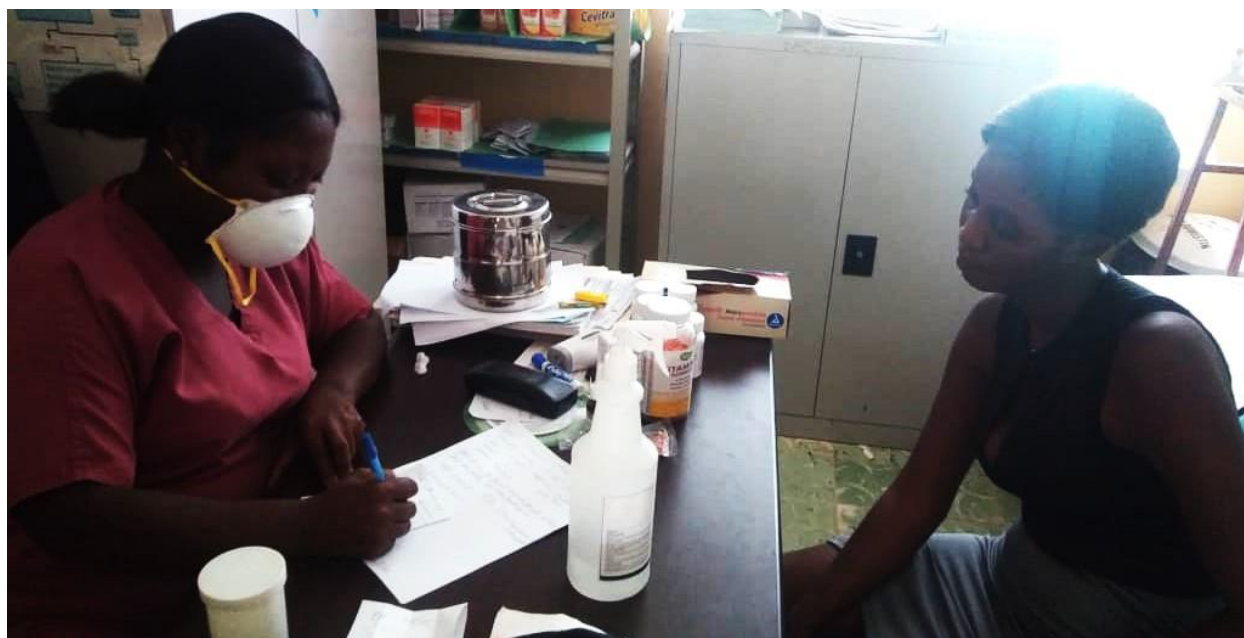
"Before, we were just a dispensary, but as the population of the area is growing and the only way to get to Fort-Liberté hospital is by motorcycle, the Director of Public Health decided to transform the Phaeton dispensary into a community health center.

I must tell you that the medical supplies received are useful and enable the center to better serve the people in need of medical assistance. For example, the local soccer team now receives bandages, hydrogen peroxide and other items that can be used as first aid.

So, you can clearly understand that the help we receive is vital. The health center receives people with problems of high blood pressure, intestinal infection, open wounds, and HIV. Thanks to your generosity, the center is now able to serve many more people and treat many more medical conditions.

May God continue to bless all of you and your family. Those words continue to be heard among the patient recipients as proof of their gratitude towards the donors."

Marie Cecile Printemps, documenting a patient's medical history at Phaeton Community Health Center in Nord-Est, Haiti, is grateful that she no longer needs to ask patients to bring their own medical supplies thanks to a large donation made by Food For The Poor's charitable donor Advocates For World Health.



A patient at Phaeton Community Health Center with various wounds dressed in drain sponges donated by Food For The Poor's generous donor Advocates For World Health.



Nurse at Phaeton Community Health Center using the infant care kit donated by Food For The Poor's caring donor Advocates For World Health.



Parents of a disabled child grateful to receive a wheelchair for their son, made possible by the generosity of Food For The Poor's in-kind donor Advocates For World Health.



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