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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.

Vital Medical Supplies Make a Difference Amid Haiti's Chaos

Amid the ongoing chaos in Haiti, health institutions like Hôpital Notre Dame de Jean Rabel can continue to provide care, thanks to donations of vital medical supplies and equipment like the one received from Food For The Poor's charitable in-kind partner **Advocates for World Health**.

Jean Rabel is a commune in Haiti's North-East Department. In terms of health care, the entire town is represented by Hôpital Notre Dame since other institutions are now closed. In addition, the ongoing violence in Haiti has prohibited many from traveling to hospitals in towns closer to their place of residence.

Yet others have difficulty accessing care due to the high cost of motorcycle transportation.

Jean Michel, a 32-year-old motorcycle driver, was involved in a traffic accident on his way to Anse-Rouge, a coastal town in northwestern Haiti.



Thanks to continued donations from Food For The Poor donors, Jean Michel received the care he needed. Wound care supplies, personal protective equipment, and infection control items, usually scarce, were available at Hôpital Notre Dame de Jean Rabel and Jean Michel was able to receive the appropriate wound care.

"The materials received for the care of open wounds are effective in treating injuries caused by traffic accidents as well as chronic wounds that need to be treated every day of the week," said Valentine Guirand, Food For The Poor's in-country partner representative.

Also owing to the continued chaos in Haiti, Hôpital Universitaire La Paix has been dealing with a large number of devastating medical situations, putting a strain on the region's medical resources.

"The massive relocation of people has generated significant logistical issues, delaying the arrival of medical professionals at the hospital," Valentine said. "Staff remain on standby for more than 48 hours to respond to unfolding situations, despite already being exhausted from working well into the night."

Valentine continued, "The hospital has major shortages in terms of equipment, and has relied on reserves and donations to continue to provide care to the injured."

Hôpital Universitaire la Paix is now one of the two public hospitals still in operation in Haiti during these volatile and challenging times.



The wound care supplies donated by Food For The Poor's in-kind partner Advocates for World Health has helped Hôpital Notre Dame de Jean Rabel and Hôpital Universitaire la Paix to stay afloat and render care to the injured amid the continued chaos in Haiti.



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