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Haiti is the most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere. Close to 60 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, searching for enough food to eat, clean water to drink, and a safe place to live.

Haiti is a bleak place for children. One-fifth of all Haitian children suffer from malnutrition, and 67 of every 1,000 children die before reaching their fifth birthday. Life expectancy is a mere 62.9 years for men and 68.3 years for women.

Clean water for drinking, cooking and bathing is in short supply, which continues to fuel the spread of various waterborne diseases.

With so many families focused merely on survival, many Haitian children never get the chance to receive even a basic education. Haiti's literacy rate is a dismal 61.7 percent.

Recently, the situation in Haiti has worsened and is commonly described as volatile. The country, already in turmoil, reached a new level of instability with the assassination of the country's president on July 7, 2021, followed by a widespread gang crisis and civil unrest among the general population.

Food For The Poor began 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.

Haiti's Health Care Crisis

In Haiti, access to health care is becoming more and more expensive. The country's health system, often ineffective in comparison to the population's needs, reflects the political instability and economic deprivation the country suffers from day to day. The weakening system puts families – especially the most vulnerable – at risk for chronic, contagious and fatal diseases.

Thanks to generous organizations such as **Advocates for World Health**, FFTP was able to provide useful medical equipment to community health centers and hospitals located in the north and northeast regions of the country. The equipment enables these institutions to better serve the destitute people of Haiti.

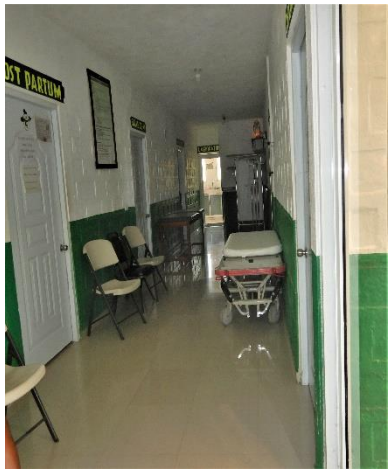
“As the founder and manager for Centre Hospitalier Sainte Marie de Dilairé, I feel grateful to the donors of Food For The Poor for all the work they are doing to help the Haitian people,” Dr. Genet Pierre said. “This center was founded in 2016, by the community and for the community, and a maternity ward was added in 2019.”

“It is the only medical facility in the area which offers hospitalization and serves the residents of Dilaire and neighboring regions of Morne Casse, Acul Samedi, Les Perches, and Ferrier, all communes in northeast Haiti.

“This donation will allow us to increase our patient load from 20 to 25 per day,” Dr. Pierre said. “Our operating room is now better equipped. This is very useful to us and will be put to use immediately. Our goal is to provide adequate health services to people with little to no resources and to reduce the mortality rate among pregnant women.

“We offer medical services in gynecology urology, orthopedics, and emergency care,” Dr. Pierre concluded. “On behalf of the entire community of Dilaire, I would like to thank you for everything you do for my Haitian brothers. Your support has enabled us to save lives – the lives of children and elderly people from all over.”

Pictured below are the waiting area and operating room at Centre Hospitalier Communautaire Sainte Marie de Dilaire, and patients being triaged by the facility's nursing staff. A donation from Advocates for World Health greatly helped this facility and others better serve the destitute people of Haiti.



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