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Haiti is the most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere. An estimated 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.

It 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 61.6 years for men and 66.8 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 60.7 percent.

Recently, the situation in Haiti has worsened and is commonly described as volatile. There is a gang crisis, civil unrest among the general population, and an ongoing political turmoil that reached a new level of instability with the assassination of the country's president on July 7, 2021.

Food For The Poor began working to help the poverty-stricken people of Haiti in 1986. Today, the organization is one of the country's largest providers of emergency relief and sustainable development projects.

Hospitals Are Blessed With Medical Supplies

Hôpital City Med des Cayes (City Med Hospital of Cayes) is located in the heart of the city of Les Cayes, south of Port-au-Prince. This hospital serves the population by offering maternity services, surgeries and internal medicine procedures. Cayes is one of the major cities in Haiti. A total of 77 institutions in this region are providing health care to the population but hospitals represent only 20 percent of that number.

With Haiti's current political climate and the surge of gang violence, it has been difficult for hospital staff to travel to Port-au-Prince to purchase medical supplies.

"A hospital cannot function without supplies," said Dr. Lucien, the hospital's Chief Medical Officer. "Patients depend on them. The supplies donated by Food For The Poor's donor [**Advocates for World Health**] were used during many surgeries at the hospital to guarantee patient safety and ensure proper protocol."

Dr. Lucien exclaimed, “We would love if the donors could continue to help us in our mission to provide better health care to our people!”

Hôpital Toussaint Louverture of Ennery is a referral hospital in the department [region] of Artibonite, where a total of 138 health facilities are located. Since obstetrics is one of the specialties offered there, many women receive their prenatal care at this facility.



Yvette Sanozie, 27, went into labor during one of her follow-up visits to the hospital. Already full-term, she gave birth to three healthy babies while being examined. The birthing kit that was used was one of the items included in this wonderful donation.

“The medical supplies that were generously donated by Food For The Poor’s caring donor, **Advocates for World Health**, were very well received,” said Valentine Guirand, our in-country partner representative. “Thank you and God bless you for all that you do.

“The Departmental Direction of Artibonite sends its thanks to the donor for helping them in their fight to provide the most vulnerable people of Haiti with quality health care supplies,” Valentine added. “The gowns, sheets for the operating room, masks, gloves and birthing kits were very well received and are a tremendous help to these hospitals!”

Pictured below are a few medical supplies generously donated to grateful hospitals in Haiti by Food For The Poor’s compassionate donor Advocates for World Health.



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