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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.

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 in 2021, followed by a widespread gang crisis and civil unrest.

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.

Donation of Medical Supplies is Essential to Hospitals in Haiti

Due to the gang violence in Martissant, a communal section located at the southern tip of Port-au-Prince, Raoul Pierre Louis Community Referral Hospital, located in the town of Carrefour, has seen an increase in the number of patients they are treating.

In Haiti, public hospitals face severe shortages of medical supplies. Patients are required to purchase supplies from a retailer or at an inflated cost from the hospital, and essential medical supplies such as oxygen cannulas are scarce.

One recent patient went into labor while attending a religious service and had to be rushed to the hospital. The baby was in fetal distress and a cesarean section had to be performed.



Thanks to FFTP's generous donor, **Advocates for World Health**, the facility was equipped with much-needed medical supplies

that included personal protective equipment for the staff, consumables and IV catheters.

“The hospital is grateful to Food For The Poor and its donor for their invaluable donations, which have saved many lives, and hopes to be able to receive more much-needed medical equipment in the future,” said Valentine Guirand, FFTP’s in-country partner representative.



At present, gang warfare rages in impoverished neighborhoods and one recent victim of the violence – Daniel Paul, a motorcycle driver – suffered a gunshot wound.

It was with the generous donation of medical supplies from FFTP’s donor, **Advocates for World Health**, that the hospital was equipped to handle the emergency.

According to our in-country partner, supplies for wound dressings and surgeries are in high demand due to the current volatile situation.

“The bandages, cannulas [thin, flexible plastic tubes] and gauze included in this generous donation has made a huge impact in the medical care that is provided to my Haitian brothers and sisters,” Valentine said.

“I don’t know how else our medical facilities would be able to operate without these wonderful donations. Thank you for always thinking of Haiti and for the medical items that are essential to our medical personnel,” Valentine added.

“May God continue to bless our donors.”

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