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Jamaica

## Jamaica

The third largest island in the Caribbean, Jamaica is home to nearly 3 million people. The island's beauty continues to be marred by an alarming increase in poverty, violent crime and unemployment, which stands at 7.72 percent.

Throughout the island, there is a tremendous need for decent housing, care for vulnerable children, modern school buildings, agriculture initiatives and other income-generating projects.

Food For The Poor has been working in Jamaica since its founding in 1982.

What began with small-scale food distributions in Kingston has now grown into a massive network of like-minded groups and individuals working together to help Jamaica's destitute children and families.

## Donation of PPE Safeguards First Responders in Jamaica

"The need for personal protective equipment has grown tremendously due to the spread of COVID-19 in our country," said Opal Noble-Rhoe, our in-country partner representative. Not only did medical personnel require these items for their own safety, but the entire population also needed it."

"The plastic gowns, face masks and sanitizing wipes are used for infection control, and we are most grateful to have received them" Opal said. "They were distributed to first responders and to members of our community. "Please find below a couple of testimonials that I was asked to share."

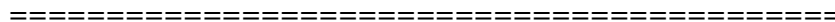
Orville Lee is the owner of Gentlecare Ambulance Services in St. Catherine parish, Jamaica.

*As an ambulance company, we were asked to provide screening for 587 potentially infected COVID patients, and we needed to properly protect ourselves. We did the testing throughout the parish of St. Catherine and also assisted with transporting COVID-19 patients from their homes to hospitals.*

*It was a very nerve-racking time for all of us because we were one of the first frontline workers. We had some PPE in stock but after a few months, we were unable to get them as quickly as we needed them. We struggled with our surging caseload, and it became almost impossible to procure the items we needed to do our job. Most companies had run out of stock, and we could not source any of the items.*

*Thankfully, Food For The Poor and its donor [Advocates for World Health] was able to rescue us and provide the personal protective equipment we needed. This made a positive impact on the lives of my staff and clients because we were able to carry out our job safely.*

*Oroville Lee, Gentlecare Ambulance Services*



*Audia Marsh is a registered mid-wife at Cumberland Health Road Center in St. Catherine parish, Jamaica.*

*My role involves seeing patients like expecting mothers and mothers who recently delivered babies; hence, both prenatal and antenatal care and treatment. I administer vaccinations to both adults and children and perform gynecological procedures.*

*We received the masks at the height of the pandemic when they were very much needed. We had patients coming to us without masks and we had to provide one in order for them to protect themselves and for us to keep our staff members safe. We were running out of supply faster than what we could replenish, and we started to learn how to make them due to the growing demand.*

*Without the assistance from Food For The Poor and its donor [Advocates for World Health], it would have been very challenging to continue to keep our staff and clients safe. Your help was thoughtful beyond measure, and timely! I must really thank you for assisting and thinking of us. It was greatly appreciated.*

*Audia Marsh, Cumberland Health Road Center*



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