



# Annual Report 2021

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# Our Mission

We believe healthcare is a **fundamental human right**. We **empower** Haitians to provide and receive access to quality healthcare. We share our knowledge and resources with local partners to improve health infrastructure and grow the skills of medical professionals.

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# Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The global pandemic of 2020 prepared us in a lot of ways for what happened in 2021 as more uncertainty and civil unrest occurred. The first half of the year was "quiet" compared to the second half of the year, with the unfortunate news of the assassination of Haiti's President Jovenel Moïse and attack on First Lady Martine Moïse in July 2021. And then just one month later in August, a devastating Earthquake hit the Southern part of the country killing over 2,200 people.

Project Medishare has been dedicated to helping the people of Haiti since 1994, and our commitment remains steadfast. On August 14th, immediately after the 7.2 magnitude Earthquake struck southern Haiti, we began to provide emergency assistance. Our key earthquake relief programs include: providing emergency hygiene kits, food kits, and children's comfort kits, distributing medicines, medical equipment and supplies, supporting trauma and critical care for hospitalized victims, hosting mobile clinics and engaging in capacity building, training and education.

By the end of 2021, we had provided over 150,000 pounds of critical medicines, medical supplies and equipment to partner hospitals and clinics treating Earthquake victims. And we do not plan to stop our work any time soon - as more food and hygiene kits, clean birth kits and crucial medical supplies will be delivered in 2022.

Despite all the hardships that occurred in 2021, our health clinics remained open throughout this time. In fact, we performed 48,937 patient consultations in 2021.

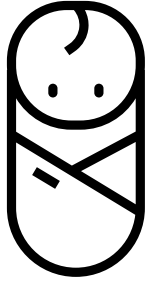
Special highlights from 2021:

- 44,851 home visits
- 742 babies delivered at PM's health facilities
- 89,687 meals served

Project Medishare continued to provide quality healthcare to Haitians despite each challenge we faced. We are thankful for our supporters for another successful year of helping us make a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of Haitians. Ansanm, Espwa and Konfyans are three very important words to us in Haitian Creole meaning: Together, Hope and Trust.

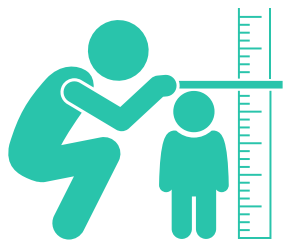
Renee Lewis  
Executive Director

# Highlights from 2021



**742 Births**

**2,175 Vaccines  
Provided to  
Pregnant Women**



**46,919 Children  
Screened for  
Malnutrition**



**20,925 Vaccines  
Provided to Children**

**152**

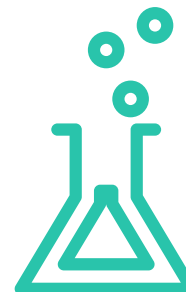
**Mobile Clinics**



**44,851 Home Visits**



**89,687 Meals Served in the  
School Lunch Program**



**3,950 Gallons  
of Chlorine  
Produced**

# Our Programs

Since 1994, Project Medishare has been addressing critical health and development needs in Haiti's Central Plateau – one of the poorest and most isolated regions in the country. We are the main provider of healthcare services to a catchment population of over 80,000 people in the communities of Thomonde, Lahoye and Marmont. Through our partnership with Hospital Bernard Mevs in Port-au-Prince, we assist in the delivery of healthcare to thousands of critically ill and injured patients and provide training to medical staff. This year, we officially added a new area of focus to our programs: Emergency Response. We have been engaging in these activities for years, but it is now part of our core mission.

**Maternal  
Health**

**Community  
Health**

**Child  
Health and  
Nutrition**

**Capacity  
Building**

**Emergency Response**



## Key Activities:

**Primary and Preventative  
Healthcare**

**Disease Prevention and  
Education Campaigns**

**Water, Sanitation and  
Hygiene**



Our community health program and our staff continued their essential work throughout this difficult year. There were many factors that forced us to suspend some activities in 2021, including COVID-19, insecurity and increasing gas prices in the last quarter of 2021. Despite these challenges, health agents still held 1,509 rally posts (slightly under our goal of 1,608), and they reached 61,923 beneficiaries.

Our community health workers conducted 44,851 home visits during which 229,936 people were provided health screenings and referred to the clinics as needed.

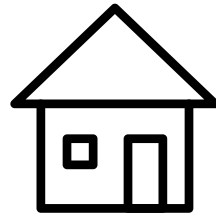
Additionally, we hosted 152 mobile clinics where 11,344 patients received medical care.

Our chlorine plant has proven to be essential to our work, helping provide disinfectant to our communities and those across the country. While we faced some technical difficulties to keep it operational, we still distributed 3,950 gallons of Chlorine in 2021.



**229,936 People  
Screened During  
Home Visits**

**44,851**  
**Home Visits**



**1509**  
**Rally Posts**



**61,923 Rally Post  
Beneficiaries**

**152**  
**Mobile Clinics**



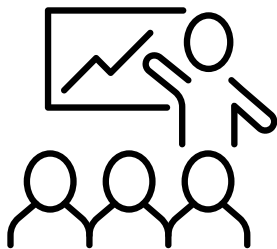




**48,937 Patient  
Consultations**

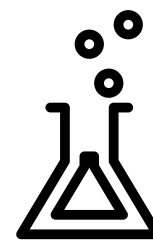


**4,091 Clinic  
Education  
Sessions**



**81,836 Education  
Session  
Beneficiaries**

**7,466 Children  
Seen at Clinics**



**3,950 Gallons  
of Chlorine  
Produced**

## Key Activities:

**Prenatal and Postnatal Care**

**Labor and Delivery Services**

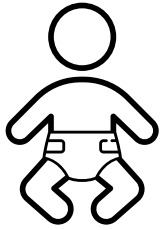
**Family Planning**

In 2021, 742 babies were born in Project Medishare facilities, and our staff provided 2,670 postnatal clinic consultations and 784 postnatal home visits.

A total of 6,451 prenatal consultations were provided to pregnant women at Project Medishare's maternity centers.

During 2021, 2,175 vaccines were administered to pregnant women in Project Medishare's catchment area, protecting moms and their little ones to be from tetanus and diphtheria. In addition, 1,195 lactating mothers received vitamin A distribution in 2021.





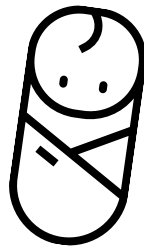
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**6,451 Prenatal  
Consultations**

**742 Births in 2021**



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21-year old Lovelie was resting at home one afternoon when she felt her water break. Her mom quickly called Project Medishare, and within 20 minutes, one of our ambulances arrived at her home to transport her to our maternity center in Marmont. The first-time mother was in labor overnight, and in the early morning hours the next day, she welcomed her beautiful baby boy, Frantz Derson.

Maternity services like these are crucial in Haiti, which has an alarmingly high maternal mortality rate. In Haiti, it is not uncommon for women to die from complications during labor, which most often occurs at home without any medical supervision. Our maternity center in Marmont provides moms like Lovelie the care they need to safely deliver their babies.



## **Key Activities:**

**School Health**

**School Lunch**

**Malnutrition Screening**

**Vaccinations**

**Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program**

Despite the closure of schools for a lot of the first three quarters of 2021, over many months due to the COVID-19 outbreaks and civil unrest, Project Medishare provided 89,687 meals to students in 2021.

We were also able to continue our regular vaccinations to children and a total of 20,925 children were vaccinated in 2021. And 46,919 children were screened for malnutrition.

We worried about our ability to continue our Orphans and Vulnerable Children's Program, but our donors came through for us and we'll continue for another year. Nearly 300 orphans and vulnerable children were provided with tuition support to attend school in 2021. In 2021, we conducted 851 home visits for these families.

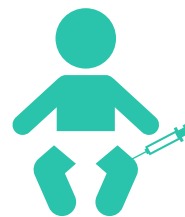
## Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program



Mitha is a shy 18-year old whose favorite activity is going to school. For teenagers in rural Haiti, school is oftentimes the only safe space they have to interact with their peers.

Everyday, Mitha walks for one hour to get to school from her house, where she lives with her grandmother and one of her four siblings. Sadly, her mother was born mute and her father has never been in her life. Her grandmother has been her primary caretaker for the majority of her life.

As part of our Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program, Mitha's school tuition is paid for. She loves school and her favorite subject is science, with high hopes of studying medicine one day. We asked Mitha what country she would choose if she had the opportunity to work anywhere in the world, and her answer was heartwarming; Mitha would choose Haiti, with no hesitation. "If I have the ability to practice medicine, I want to help my community."



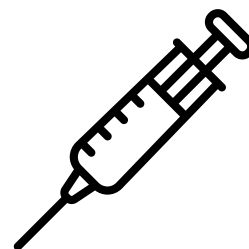
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Program**



**46,919 Children  
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for Malnutrition**

**851  
OVC Home Visits  
in 2021**



**1,175 Children Under  
Twelve Months Fully  
Vaccinated**



## **Key Activities:**

### **Medical Training and Education**

### **Critical Care and Trauma**

### **Volunteers**

### **University Partnerships**

In 2021, Project Medishare was unable to send volunteers to Haiti because of ongoing insecurity in the country.

We organized a respiratory training at Hopital Bernard Mevs in partnership with GHESKIO in February 2021. The 2-day event hosted more than 30 Haitian doctors and nurses from all over the country. A team of 6 trainers from University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. The training focused on an introduction to CPAP and BIPAP machines, specifically in the use of COVID-19 treatments. Trainings like these are essential in ensuring Haiti has the skilled medical professionals it needs to thrive.

Project Medishare also provided training to 10 Community Health workers and 25 Midwives in a rural area in the South, where there are very few healthcare options for the communities. We will continue to check in with them and provide more training as needed. We also continue to conduct trainings for our own staff and midwives in the Plateau, ensuring they are equipped to support our communities. Since our founding, Project Medishare has been committed to building a sustainable health care system in Haiti.

## **Key Activities:**

**Emergency hygiene kits, food kits, and children's comfort kits**

**Medicines, medical equipment and supplies**

**Trauma and critical care for victims**

**Mobile clinics**

**Capacity building, training and education**



In the early morning hours on August 14, 2021 a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwestern Haiti leaving more than 650,000 people in need of emergency humanitarian assistance. The economic loss from this earthquake is estimated at over \$1 billion dollars.

Due to Project Medishare's long-standing presence in Haiti and our experience with major disaster responses after the 2010 earthquake, the cholera outbreak, and Hurricane Matthew in 2016, Project Medishare has been at the forefront of emergency disaster response efforts in health, both short and long term, to support affected communities.

Project Medishare stands ready to respond to these disasters and crises as needed. As we have learned, timing of response is critical in emergency situations, and we are grateful that our donors have allowed us to respond quickly.

We thank all our donors who have supported our emergency response efforts after the 2021 Earthquake.

## Our Emergency Response Efforts

(from August 14 to December 31, 2021)



**7,000**

**Emergency Food and Hygiene Kits Distributed**

*Plan to distribute 2,000 more in early 2022*



**150,000**

**Pounds of critical medicines, medical supplies and equipment to partner hospitals and clinics treating Earthquake victims**

*Thousands more planned in 2022*



**2,000**

**Clean birth kits to midwives to help reduce maternal and infant mortality rates**

*Plan to distribute 4,000 more in early 2022*



**20+**

**Organizations partnered with**



**400,000**

**Water purification tablets distributed**



**2,000**

**Children's comfort kits to help kids recover from the trauma of the earthquake**



**25**

**Matrons and 10 ASCP trained community health workers**



**611**

**Patients seen at mobile clinics, 8 total mobile clinics**



# Earthquake Story - Samson

Samson and his family were in a church for his baptism when the earthquake struck. A heavy cement block landed on his foot, severely injuring his toe.

The four-year-old boy was transferred to Hospital Bernard Mevs in Port-au-Prince, where he underwent an amputation of his toe and received wound care for a severe gash on his left foot. He will also need to receive a skin graft. His father, who had not left his son's side for 10 days when we met him, expressed his deep gratitude for the wonderful care his little boy received at the hospital.

With time, Samson should be able to make a full recovery. We asked adorable Samson what he was most looking forward to doing once he was home, and he answered, "playing soccer!" with a huge smile on his face.



This year our team was trained in testing and vaccinating for COVID-19. We started offering the COVID-19 vaccines in the Central Plateau in September 2021. We offered the vaccines at the Marmont health center, the Lahoye health center and mobile clinics in Thomonde, where 319 vaccines were given in the first month. We have provided a total of 1,395 vaccines, including 786 women and 609 men in 2021.

All of our staff continue to wear masks and practice social distancing, while we ask patients entering our clinics to wear a mask as well. we continue to encourage our communities come get vaccinated.

98% of our staff are vaccinated and during our mobile clinics and community meetings/events, we educate each community on the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. We are planning to continue to offer the COVID-19 vaccine in 2022 for as long as the vaccine is available.



**1,395 Covid-19 Vaccines  
in 2021**



# Looking Ahead - 2022 Targets



## Maternal Health

Program Goal:

Reduce maternal and infant mortality rates

### 2021 Performance Targets:

- 24 matron trainings
- 600 deliveries at Marmont maternity and 216 deliveries at Lahoye maternity center
- Distribute 1,500 bed nets to pregnant women
- 6,600 prenatal consultations

## Children's Health and Nutrition

Program Goal:

Reduce childhood deaths due to preventable illnesses and malnutrition

### 2022 Performance Targets:

- 35,000 children screened for malnutrition
- 60 school health visits
- 100,000 meals served to students
- 450 gallons of choline distributed at schools
- 12 OVC guardian meetings
- 250 OVC provided with tuition assistance, as well as
- psychosocial and family support
- 1,200 OVC home visits



# Looking Ahead - 2022 Targets



## Capacity Building

Program Goal:

Empower staff to provide quality healthcare

### 2021 Performance Targets:

- 36 trainings for community health agents
- 8 staff Medical Trainings
- 4 staff Technology Trainings

## Community Health

Program Goals:

Reduce deaths from treatable and preventable diseases

Improve the quality of life of Haitian families

### 2021 Performance Targets:

- 1,644 rally posts
- 168 mobile clinics
- 45,360 home visits
- 540 meetings with lactating and/or pregnant women
- 12 HIV club meetings
- 400 gallons chlorine produced per month



# Senior Staff

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