



# 2018 Year In Review



*Annual Report*

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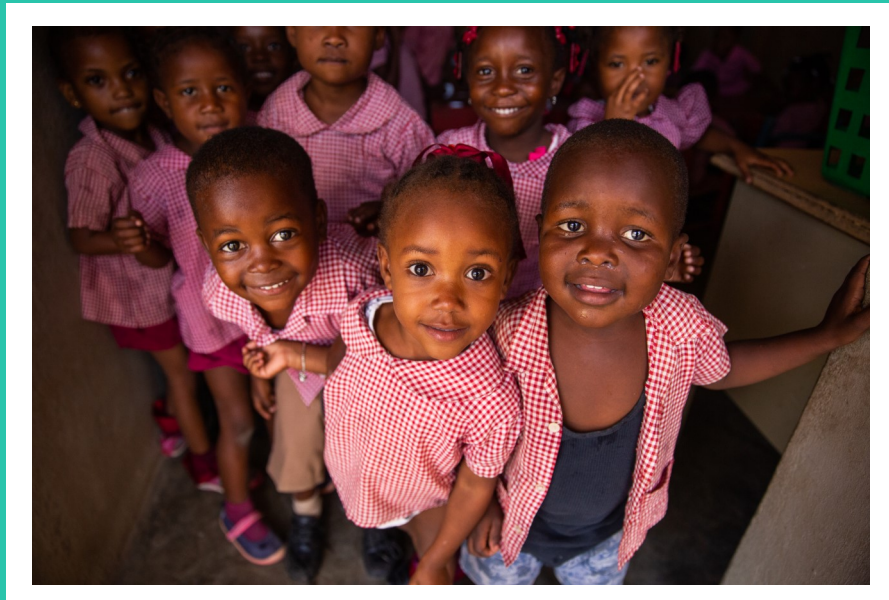
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## Letter from Executive Director

Dear Friends,

If I had to describe Project Medishare in one word I would say family. We are a family of volunteers and supporters - all working together to make a difference in Haiti.

What greater message of family than welcoming a newborn baby into the world. In 2018, 722 babies were delivered at Project Medishare's health facilities. We are pleased to report that, yet again, this year saw no maternal deaths.

One of the biggest highlights of 2018, was the opening of our new Maternity Center at the Lahoye Clinic, made possible thanks to a generous donation by MAX Fairsharing. Our school lunch program and Orphan and Vulnerable Children programs continued when the school year started up this past fall again.

Other highlights from 2018 include:

- 44,515 home visits by community health agents where 240,037 people were screened
- 12,011 people provided healthcare at 153 mobile clinics in our catchment area
- 35,575 patient consultations at our fixed clinical sites in Marmont and Lahoye

- Immunizations completed for 903 children
- 123,579 hot meals were provided to children in four primary schools

Unfortunately, towards the end of 2018, violence and instability continued to cause disruption to the country and our work. Many of our staff had difficulty traveling to the Central Plateau area to visit our clinics. Yet overcoming these hardships and persevering also marks 2018, and it is because of this fortitude and commitment that Project Medishare and its staff were able to provide the best healthcare possible to the communities we serve.

The Project Medishare family continues to grow and in 2019, we will celebrate our 25th anniversary. We look forward to more progress as we continue to work together. Thank you for your support and being part of the Project Medishare family!

Mèsi Anpil,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee Lewis".

Renee Lewis  
Executive Director

# About Us

Health Care is a  
Fundamental  
Human Right



## 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.

## Our Approach

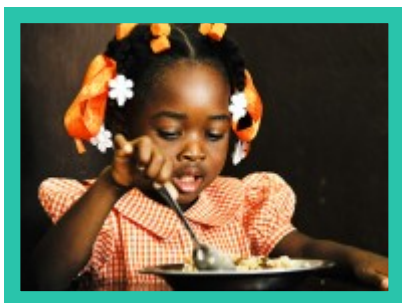
We work with communities, government institutions, local organizations and global medical professionals to enhance the quality of life of Haitian families by strengthening local healthcare capacity and infrastructure. Our programs are community-based and locally led.

# Our Programs—Building Healthy Communities

Since 1994, Project Medishare has been addressing critical health and development needs in Haiti’s Central Plateau – one of the poorest regions in the country. We are the main provider of rural healthcare services to a catchment population of 80,000 in the communities of Thomonde, Lahoye and Marmont. Through our partnership with Hospital Bernard Mevs in Port-au-Prince, we provide healthcare to thousands of critically ill and injured patients, and training to medical staff. Our four program areas are:



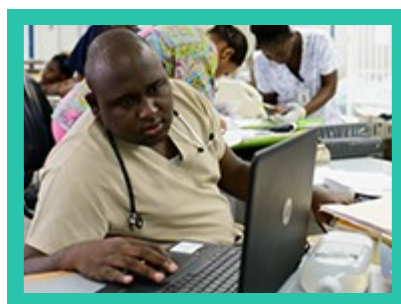
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**Capacity Building**

# Maternal Health

## MAKING PREGNANCY SAFER FOR MOMS AND BABIES

### Program Overview

No mom should die giving birth. Yet more than 800 women die every day due to complications during pregnancy and childbirth. The majority of these women live in developing countries like Haiti. Many women in rural Haiti do not have access to prenatal care. They give birth at home, with no help if there are complications for the baby or themselves during and after delivery. Haiti's Central Plateau region has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the country.

### Key Activities

Prenatal, Postnatal and Neonatal Care  
Labor and Delivery Services  
Family Planning Counseling

## We opened a new Maternity Center in Lahoye

Thanks to a generous donation by MAX Fairsharing, the Lahoye Central Plateau maternity center opened in April. Speakers at the ribbon cutting ceremony held in January 2019 included Project Medishare Founder Dr. Barth Green, government officials, and representatives from Haiti's Ministry of Health. Thank you MAX Fairsharing!

This new facility has been greatly welcomed in this remote, rural community bordering the Dominican Republic. Prior to opening this second maternity center, pregnant

women in Lahoye traveled nearly an hour via motorbike, or longer by foot to access our Marmont maternity center. In a country with one of the globe's highest maternal mortality rates, maternity centers like ours are changing the landscape for women's health services in rural Haiti.



# Maternal Health

In 2018, 4,743 pregnant women were screened during home visits, and 360 were referred to the clinic for follow-up. Project Medishare also provided a total of 2,127 vaccinations to women during their pregnancy in 2018.

In 2018, a total of 722 babies were born in Project Medishare's maternity centers, 178 more births than in 2017. Additionally, in 2018, Project Medishare performed a total of 2,360 postnatal consultations in addition to 887 home visits for babies and new moms within three days of the baby's birth. This year Project Medishare also gained more than 2,200 new family planning users.



Additionally, nearly 1,500 more women were provided prenatal care at Project Medishare's maternity centers in 2018 compared to 2017 (5,918 vs. 4,549). This increase can be attributed to the opening of the Lahoye maternity center in late-April and the on-going community health activities encouraging women to seek prenatal care.

While this is a positive trend overall, there is an opportunity to improve the number of women who return to the maternity center for multiple prenatal visits throughout their pregnancy and deliver at Project Medishare's facility.

## 2018 Impact

**722**

SAFE DELIVERIES

**2,127**

PREGNANT WOMEN VACCINATED

**0**

MATERNAL DEATHS AT PROJECT  
MEDISHARE FACILITIES

**+2,200**

NEW USERS OF FAMILY PLANNING

## Maternal Health—Spotlight



In April, Project Medishare opened a new maternity center in Lahoye. Twenty three year old Tagella was the first woman to give birth at the new center. For Tagella, it was the first time she delivered in a clinic.

With her other two children, she went into labor at night. At that time, the nearest hospital was more than 45 minutes away. Rather than risk traveling on an unpaved road at night and not making it to the hospital in time, like many women in the area, Tagella decided to deliver at home.

With the opening of the Lahoye maternity center, moms now have a safe, clean environment to deliver their babies.





# Child Health and Nutrition

## ENSURING CHILDREN GROW INTO HAPPY, HEALTHY ADULTS

### Program Overview

Our mobile clinics, home visits and in-school health programs provide children from infants to adolescents with much-needed access to basic healthcare. Some of the services we provide include physical exams, vision and hearing screening, de-worming medication, and treatment for anemia and malnutrition.

Intestinal parasites can consume up to 20 percent of a child's nutritional intake every day. Affects of parasites include anemia, vitamin deficiencies, a weakened immune system, lethargy, and poor physical and cognitive growth.

Similarly, vaccinations play an important role in preventing disease and illness in children. In most cases, ridding a child of parasitic worms, along with life-saving immunizations, can mean the difference between leading a healthy, productive life and death.



### Key Activities

School Health and School Lunch

Malnutrition Screening

Treatment Vaccinations  
and Micronutrients

# Child Health and Nutrition

Throughout 2018, children's health and nutrition remained a central component of Project Medishare's work. In addition to the consultations at our fixed-facility and mobile clinics, Project Medishare provided 5,032 vaccinations for children in our last quarter with the polio vaccine being the most common.

In 2018, Project Medishare screened a total of 38,701 children for malnutrition, approximately 8,000 more children than in 2017. Project Medishare enrolled a total



of 250 children in the malnutrition program with 228 children graduating from the program before the end of 2018.

In October, the school lunch program began again with three schools, two in Thomonde and one in Lahoye. The program continues to provide a breakfast snack and one hot, nutritious meal to each child every day. Each school also received new handwashing buckets to allow students to wash their hands thoroughly before meals along with a classroom set of desks and chairs thanks to a generous donation from one of our PM Board Members. From January to December, Project Medishare provided a total of 123,579 meals to students in the Central Plateau.

In 2018, 2,533 students from 17 different schools took part in a health examination as part of Project Medishare's school health program. A team composed of an auxiliary-nurse and assistant pharmacist visited schools accessible by car. Community healthy agents delivered care at schools inaccessible by car. Both groups of healthcare professionals distributed Vitamin A, de-worming medication (albendazole), and performed general nutrition assessments. Nurses and health agents will continue to refer children to our health clinics for examinations by a doctor.

**One in 14 children in Haiti will die before their fifth birthday. From regular health checkups by our pediatrician to malnutrition screening and treatment to immunizations, Project Medishare works to help children in rural Haiti not only survive, but thrive.**



# 2018 Impact

**38,701**

CHILDREN SCREENED  
FOR MALNUTRITION

**123,579**

MEALS SERVED TO  
SCHOOL STUDENTS

**903**

CHILDREN COMPLETED VACCINATION  
RECORDS

**+400**

ORPHANS & VULNERABLE  
CHILDREN SUPPORTED

**17**

SCHOOL HEALTH VISITS  
COMPLETED

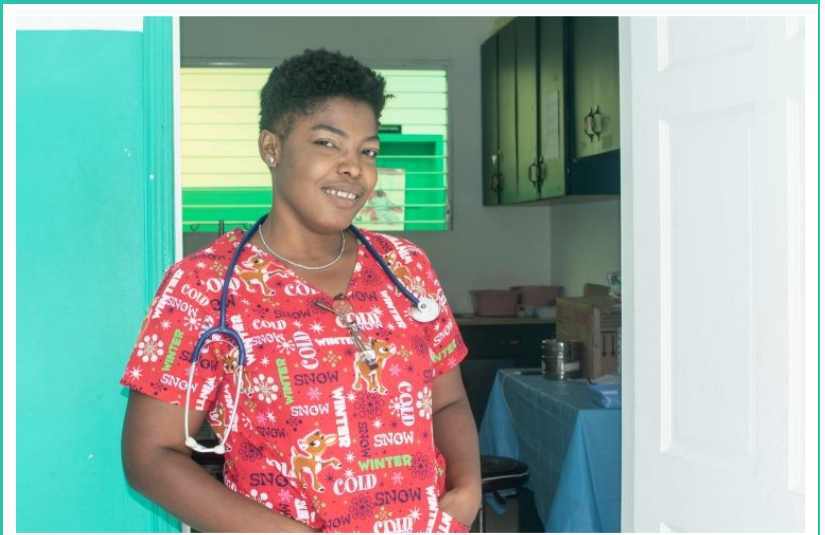
## Meet One of our Nurses

Donald Saintilmond is a nurse with ten years experience. She joined the Project Medishare team in 2016, and currently works at the health clinic in Marmont.

Donald didn't always want to be a nurse; originally, she wanted to become a lawyer. She cites her mother's death as the inspiration to pursue a career in nursing.

"When I was 18 my mother was suffering from diabetes and was admitted to a public hospital. Her health condition was so serious that she passed away later," Donald said. "That day I thought it might not happen if I were [a nurse]. I felt broken, guilty and powerless at the same time. Then I decided to become a nurse because I did not want my loved ones to know the same fate in the future."

Donald finds that being a nurse makes her feel helpful, and has made her realize "how a simple act can save lives".



# Community Health

## PROVIDING CARE WHEN AND WHERE IT'S NEEDED

### Program Overview

Community health agents are the backbone of Project Medishare's community health program. They travel door-to-door, village-to-village, making it possible for thousands of people in the most remote areas to access health services. They are the first, and often only, source of health care for many rural Haitians, and help provide lifesaving care.

Each health agent lives in the community they serve. They receive regular training to make sure they are equipped with the most up-to-date tools and resources to provide a high level of care. Community health agents provide immunizations and prenatal care, treat common infections, deliver preventative healthcare and education, and so much more. Many families rely on them as trusted sources of information for preventing, treating and managing health issues.

### Key Activities

Disease Awareness and Education Campaigns

Primary and Preventative Healthcare

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Throughout 2018, Project Medishare continued to strengthen health care access in Marmont, Lahoye, and Thomonde through home visits, mobile clinics and rally posts.

Our network of more than 60 community health agents continued to play a key role in providing basic health services, educating the population on disease prevention and management, and referring patients to one of our fixed-facility clinics for evaluation and follow-up care.

### Meet one of our community health workers

Community health workers like Jean Luc travel door-to-door to make it possible for families in remote villages to access basic health services. They are the first, and often only, source of healthcare for Haitian families living in rural communities.



# Community Health

In 2018, Project Medishare health agents completed a total of 44,515 home visits, screening nearly a quarter of a million persons in the Central Plateau, approximately 24,000 more people than last year. During home visits, health agents referred more than 2,300 people, the majority of which were children, to one of our two fixed-facility clinics for additional consultation by a medical doctor. Health agents also conducted a total of 1,491 rally posts in 2018, reaching a total of 68,248 people.



In 2018, Project Medishare served a total of 35,575 patients at our fixed clinical facilities. Of these patients, almost 13,000 received family planning, more than tripling the number of family planning patients Project Medishare consulted in 2017. Additionally, more than 20% of the patients at Project Medishare clinics were children under the age of 14.

## 2018 Impact

**44,515**

HOME VISITS

**153**

MOBILE  
CLINICS

**35,575**

FIXED FACILITY CLINIC VISITS

**68,248**

TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED  
BY HEALTH AGENTS

**2,722**

GALLONS OF CHLORINE PRODUCED



# Community Health—Spotlight

86-year-old Alicia Cadichon visits our Marmont health clinic on a regular basis to keep her blood pressure under control.

The retired farmer has spent her entire life in Marmont, and although she lives alone, she receives frequent visits from her six children and dozens of grandchildren - some of which have been born in our maternity clinics.

Thanks to our services, she is able to receive the care and medication she needs to lead a long, healthy life.



Haiti has one of the lowest immunization coverage rates in the Western Hemisphere at 58 percent. Vaccines help protect children from life-threatening illnesses such as tuberculosis, diphtheria and polio. Our health agents travel from village-to-village, house-to-house to make sure children -- even those living in remote, hard-to-reach areas -- have access to lifesaving vaccines.



# Capacity Building

## DEVELOPING HEALTH CARE LEADERS

### Program Overview

Haiti has long faced a lack of educational and advanced training opportunities to develop the doctors, nurses and medical technicians needed in a sustainable health care system. Following the 2010 earthquake, this void increased due to the collapse of several of Haiti's medical schools. Since our founding, Project Medishare has been committed to building a sustainable health care system in Haiti through a "train the trainers" model. In collaboration with medical volunteers and university partners, we provide Haitian healthcare leaders with mentoring, didactic sessions, and on-the-job and bedside patient care training. We also provide specialized training across a variety of areas such as CPR, wound care and pediatrics.

### Key Activities

Medical Training and Education Critical Care  
and Trauma Volunteers and  
University Partnerships



In 2018, Hospital Bernard Mevs (HBM) had 368 volunteers come to Port-au-Prince to help staff and train the local Haitian staff. The volunteers train in many areas at HBM from ultrasound training to Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS). The team at HBM is constantly learning and expanding their capabilities, improving healthcare in Haiti one patient at a time.

# Capacity Building

Unfortunately, trips that were planned for the end of 2018 were canceled due to the ongoing instability in the country. This included the UM Nursing group as well as a group from Pharmacists without Borders.

Despite the difficulties in 2018, 6 university partners with 138 students and faculty volunteered in the Central Plateau, though fewer than in the previous year (199). Most of the student groups volunteered during the month of March. The groups shared their knowledge with PM medical staff and participated in mobile clinics, home visits, and worked at the clinics.

During these visits, staff also received a variety of training on topics such as ultrasound use, CPR, and sexually transmitted diseases. In 2019, there are already plans underway for CPR certification for all staff along with specific trainings on needle safety and disposal and postnatal care.

## 2018 Impact

**368**

**VOLUNTEERS AT  
HOSPITAL BERNARD MEVS**

**138**

**VOLUNTEERS AT  
CENTRAL PLATEAU**





# Senior Staff

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