

# Annual Report 2020



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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,

2020 proved to be one of the most challenging years Project Medishare for Haiti has ever faced. Despite all the adversity, we were able to continue vaccine campaigns, treat thousands of patients, deliver babies and feed hungry children at school.

We thank our friends, volunteers and supporters, especially MAX Foundation Rättvis Fördelning, our largest supporter for over 15 years, for making all this possible in such a difficult year.

While 2020 presented difficulties with COVID-19, insecurity, the appreciation of the Haitian Gourdes and instability in the global economy, we were still able to make a big difference in our communities in Haiti. We were able to put in place guidelines for COVID-19, prevention and treatment, provide PPE for our team, distribute masks to our staff, their families and our communities, and provide food and hygiene kits for the most vulnerable community members. All of this on top of our regular work.

During the summer months, in partnership with the Haitian Ministry of Health (MOH), we started offering rapid testing at both of our clinics. The MOH trained our laboratory and designated medical staff on how to test for suspected cases safely. We are working hard to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Haiti

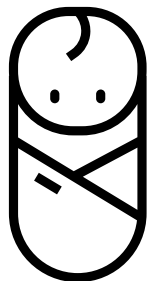
Some amazing statistics for 2020:

- 33,873 home visits by community health agents where 167,168 people were screened
- 7,456 people provided healthcare at 104 mobile clinics in our catchment area
- 784 deliveries at PM's health facilities, with no maternal deaths
- 49,986 patient consultations at our fixed clinical sites in Marmont and Lahoye
- Complete Immunizations for 1,095 children
- 24,956 Vaccines provided for children
- 69,401 hot meals were provided to children in three primary schools

We are hopeful 2021 will bring new positive things to the people of Haiti and Project Medishare for Haiti. Please continue to stay safe and healthy!

Renee Lewis  
Executive Director

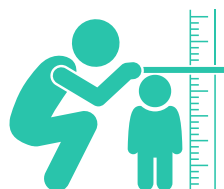
# Highlights from 2020



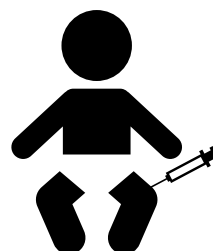
**784 Births**



**1,567 Vaccines  
Provided to Pregnant Women**



**26,804 Children Screened  
for Malnutrition**



**24,956 Vaccines Provided  
to Children**

**104  
Mobile Clinics**



**33,873 Home Visits**



**69,401 Meals Served in the  
School Lunch Program**



**6,182 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 regions in the country. We are the main provider of rural healthcare services to a catchment population of over 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 areas of focus are:



**Maternal  
Health**

**Child  
Health and  
Nutrition**

**Community  
Health**

**Capacity  
Building**

# Maternal Health

## Key Activities:

**Prenatal, Postnatal and Neonatal Care**

**Labor and Delivery Services**

**Family Planning Counseling**

In 2020, 784 babies were born in Project Medishare facilities, and our staff provided 2,063 postnatal clinic consultations and 772 postnatal home visits.

A total of 6,021 prenatal consultations were provided to pregnant women at Project Medishare's maternity centers and health agents screened 2,773 pregnant women at their homes throughout the year.

During 2020, pregnant women in Project Medishare's catchment area were administered 1,567 vaccines, protecting moms and their little ones to be from tetanus and diphtheria. In October 2020, a new monthly record was set at the Marmont maternity center with 74 babies born in one month!





**2,063 Postnatal  
Clinic Visits**

**772 Postnatal Home  
Visits**



**6,021  
Prenatal  
Consultations**

**784 Births in 2020**



**1,567 Vaccines  
Provided to Pregnant  
Women**

## New Mother Marielle

Marielle arrived early one Tuesday morning to our Lahoye maternity center, prepared to deliver her first child. Thanks to Project Medishare, she was able to receive transportation from her home to the center; she reached out to her local community health agent, who then alerted staff to send a car. Her baby girl Elisha arrived early the next morning.



The 24-year-old is a nursing student, but shared with us that she intends to take a year off from her studies to take care of her new baby. For Marielle, her first pregnancy was a breeze, "I could eat everything and never really felt sick with nausea like many women do". She attended all her prenatal checkups in the Lahoye clinic. Marielle eagerly shared with us that she feels incredibly happy with the care she has received at Project Medishare's maternity center in Lahoye. If this clinic wasn't available, she'd need to go to Las Cahobas, which is only accessible by small canoe across the Péligre lake, a stressful trip for anyone, especially a pregnant woman.

Marielle shared a sentiment common amongst many mothers: "Giving birth was incredibly painful, more than I ever imagined, but my daughter is here, and we are both healthy!" Speaking to mothers like Marielle in the Central Plateau serves as a reminder for us no matter where in the world they are, expectant mothers deserve quality healthcare and want just one thing - a happy, healthy baby.





## Key Activities:

**School Health and School Lunch**

**Malnutrition Screening**

**Treatment Vaccinations  
and Micronutrients**

Despite the closure of schools over many months due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Project Medishare provided 69,401 meals to students in 2020. Each school was also provided handwashing stations and 1,180 masks were distributed to both students and teachers to keep everyone safe.

Additionally, nearly 300 orphans and vulnerable children were provided with tuition support to attend school in 2020. Project Medishare staff conducted 49 school visits, allowing 820 students to be visited for personal support during their academic year. A total of 1,845 OVC home visits were also conducted by Project Medishare staff, consistently supporting caregivers during this particularly difficult year.

# Children's Health and Nutrition

Christella Charles, age 13, father passed away after her birth leaving the family in extreme poverty. She lives with her mom, who does not have a steady income and occasionally washes laundry for people to try to take care of the family. There was never enough money however to truly support the family, which meant that Christella was not able to attend school.



One day, Christella was attending a community activity when the Project Medishare staff took note of her small stature and the clothes she was wearing. After visiting the family, the staff saw the desperate need that she was in and decided to enroll her in the OVC program. Although beginning school at a late age, she is not deterred in her education.

"I know that my mom would not be able to help me attend school because of her financial situation and I also know how it is difficult in Haiti for children and young people to get scholarships. This is why I am thankful for the OVC program. With this chance I have today, I plan to focus on my dream of becoming a nurse so that I can help others carry their suffering."



**24,956 Vaccines  
Provided to Children**

**69,401 Meals Served in  
the School Lunch  
Program**



**26,807 Children  
Screened  
for Malnutrition**

**1,845  
OVC Home Visits  
in 2020**



**1,095 Children Under  
Twelve Months Fully  
Vaccinated**

## Key Activities:

### Primary and Preventative Healthcare

### Disease Awareness and Education Campaigns

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Although COVID-19 caused some activities to be suspended while new protocols and procedures were put in place to protect staff and community members, the community health program and its team continued their essential work throughout this difficult year. In 2020, health agents held 1,379 rally posts reaching 52,879 beneficiaries.

Agents conducted 33,873 home visits where 167,168 people were provided health screenings and referred to the clinics as needed. Children in Marmont, Thomonde, and Lahoye were given 22,515 vaccinations by health agents allowing 1,095 children to complete their needed vaccinations under 1 year of age.

Additionally, 104 mobile clinics facilitated medical care for 7,456 persons, 38% of whom were children.





**167,168 Persons  
Screened During Home  
Visits**

**33,873 Home Visits  
in 2020**



**1,379  
Rally Posts**



**52,879 Rally Post  
Beneficiaries**

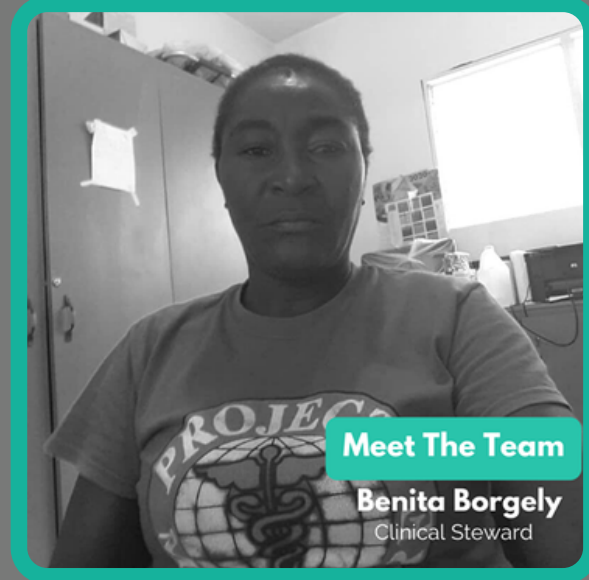
**104**

**Mobile Clinics**



Benita Borgely has been working for Project Medishare as a Clinic Steward at our Marmont health clinic for the past seven years.

In her position, Benita is responsible for supervising all staff in the clinic and overseeing daily operations.



**Meet The Team**

**Benita Borgely**  
Clinical Steward

Although the coronavirus pandemic has not been an easy time for healthcare workers, Benita shares that she doesn't "feel scared when we go home after work because Project Medishare provides all the materials necessary to prevent COVID-19." She claims her team's ability to adapt ensures no challenge is ever too intimidating.

She recalls a time when the Central Plateau did not have convenient access to healthcare, and says that thanks to Project Medishare, her team is now able to care for and provide effective health care services to the people in her community. She shares that in the plateau, community members refer to Project Medishare as a "good mother", for always taking care of them. Thank you Benita for being such an integral part of our team!



## Key Activities:

### Medical Training and Education Critical Care and Trauma Volunteers

### University Partnerships

Project Medishare continued to observe strict protocols of mask-wearing, social distancing, and hygiene throughout 2020. Despite all the obstacles in 2020, we continued to deliver on our promise of health care excellence for the communities of Marmont, Thomonde, and Lahoye.

Hospital Bernard Mevs also continued to remain open in 2020. With the spread of COVID-19 in early 2020, both clinics instituted new screening protocols to better isolate patients coming to the clinics with symptoms of COVID-19. Project Medishare also established special outdoor treatment areas at each clinic to allow patients presenting with symptoms of COVID-19 to be seen safely.

During 2020, Project Medishare treated 1,752 patients at these newly established COVID-19 areas. Because of COVID-19, we did not allow volunteers at our clinics or Hospital Bernard Mevs. In 2020, a total of 49,986 patients were treated at Project Medishare's fixed clinical facilities in Marmont and Lahoye. Of these 10,492 were children.



PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) plays a critical role in lowering the probability of spreading coronavirus. In a country like Haiti, acquiring PPE has proven extremely difficult, both for organizations like ourselves due to limited sourcing and availability, and for the people in our communities, who cannot afford to purchase them even when they are available.

Thank you to everyone who donated in 2020 to our special COVID-19 campaigns to help purchase the needed PPE.

**49,986 Patient Consultations**



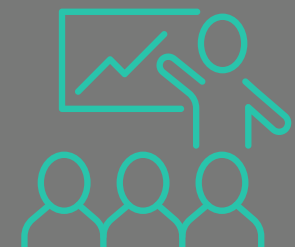
**838 Clinic Education Sessions**

**10,492 Children Seen at Clinics**



**6,182 Gallons of Chlorine Produced**

**27,791 Education Session Beneficiaries**



# Looking Ahead - 2021 Targets

## Maternal Health

Program Goal:

Reduce maternal and infant mortality rates

### 2021 Performance Targets:

- 24 matron trainings
- 600 deliveries at Marmont maternity and 200 deliveries at Lahoye maternity center
- Distribute 2,250 bed nets to pregnant women



## Child Health & Nutrition

Program Goal:

Reduce childhood deaths due to preventable illnesses and malnutrition

### 2021 Performance Targets:

- 33,000 children screened for malnutrition
- 75 school health visits
- 108,000 meals served to students
- 250 gallons of chlorine distributed at schools
- 11 OVC guardian meetings
- 290 OVC provided with tuition assistance, as well as psychosocial and family support
- 2,000 OVC home visits



# Looking Ahead - 2021 Targets



## Capacity Building

Program Goal:

Empower staff to provide quality healthcare

### 2021 Performance Targets:

- 36 trainings for community health agents
- 10 staff Medical Trainings
- 10 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:

- 1,600 rally posts
- 168 mobile clinics
- 45,360 home visits
- 648 meetings with lactating and/or pregnant women
- 10 HIV club meetings
- 400 gallons chlorine produced per month





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# Why Haiti?

Haiti has been facing adversity and one challenge after another for a very long time, from natural disasters to riots and protests which completely paralyze the country and drastically affect the economy. And yet, among this hardship and misfortune, **Haiti is a place of great hope.**

Project Medishare has been dedicating itself to offering Haitians in one of the most rural areas of the country something we believe is a basic human right - access to healthcare. We have seen incredible things happen right before our eyes - we've witnessed malnourished children receive a second lease on life, growing healthy and strong again. We've seen women experience the security of delivering their babies under the supervision of doctors and nurses for the first time. We've fed children at school that would otherwise go hungry. Most importantly, we've trained hundreds of Haitians to be better nurses, doctors and healthcare workers, so they can give back to their communities. We've seen hope and faith manifest into real change right before our eyes.

**We will never give up on Haiti, and we hope you won't either.**



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