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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.



Letter from the Executive Director

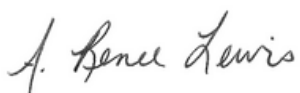
Dear Friends,

2022 was a difficult year overall in Haiti, but we are proud to share that during this time, Project Medishare always kept our doors open. Our team never forgot our mission - providing quality healthcare to the communities we serve. We are beyond grateful that we can continue our work to make a difference in the lives of so many. In 2022, we cared for **50,750** patients at our clinics and welcomed **665** babies into the world, among many other accomplishments we are very proud of!

One of the reasons 2022 was so difficult for many is because Haiti reached catastrophic levels of hunger (IPC level 5), in part due to the gangs paralyzing the country, fuel shortages and skyrocketing food costs. Nearly 1.8 million people in the country were in the emergency phase of hunger (IPC level 4), including the communities where Project Medishare is based and focuses our health outreach. To put things into perspective, there are only six countries in the world facing this highest level of food insecurity according to data from the World Food Program published in the fall of 2022. Although schools were not open in the last quarter of the year, we were still able to serve **71,030** meals to schoolchildren in 2022.

We are winding down our Emergency Response programs from the Earthquake in 2021. In August, on the one year anniversary of the earthquake, we held our fifth mobile clinic to assist the victims. We will continue to stay in touch with partnering organizations in those areas to support them as best we can.

Project Medishare continues to provide quality healthcare to Haitians despite each challenge we face. We are thankful to our loyal supporters for another successful year of helping us make a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of Haitians.



Renee Lewis
Executive Director

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Project Medishare's programs serve over 100,000 Haitians every year

Community Health

This program strengthens local communities through mobile clinics, home visits, training of community health workers, vaccination campaigns, organizing community groups, and providing health education.



Maternal Health

We currently run two rural maternity centers that provide prenatal and postnatal care, delivery services, and family planning to a population of more than 80,000.

Child Health & Nutrition

In Haiti, 1 in every 14 children die before reaching the age of 5. To combat this, we provide comprehensive pediatric care at our clinics, conduct home visits, and operate in-school health and feeding programs.



Capacity Building

We provide Haitian healthcare leaders with mentoring and hands-on patient care training. We also provide specialized training in areas such as ultrasound and pediatrics.

Emergency Response

We provide both immediate disaster response and long-term investments in the healthcare system to build capacity, making Haiti more resilient against natural disasters.



Community Health

Our community health program is one of our most expansive areas of focus, offering a number of different services in some of the country's most remote and impoverished areas.

Project Medishare runs two health clinics in some of Haiti's most rural and remote areas, and for more than 27 years, we have managed numerous community-health programs. We organize over 150 mobile clinics throughout the year—these are opportunities for members of our community living in more remote areas to be seen by doctors and nurses and access our mobile pharmacies. At rally posts, our staff provide vaccinations, as well as educational sessions on nutrition, family planning, hygiene and more.

We also produce and distribute chlorine to prevent waterborne illnesses and educate our communities on how to improve health in their homes. By increasing the amount of preventive care available in rural Haiti, we are helping Haitians lead longer, healthier lives.

Areas of Work:

- Health Clinics
- Home Visits
- Disease Awareness & Education
- Mobile Clinics
- Water & Sanitation
- Rally Posts



Insecurity and fuel shortages contributed to a halt in movement around Haiti throughout much of 2022, which in turn impacted some of our programs. In spite of the insecurity, we were still able to host 1,484 rally posts in 2022. This number is lower than in years past because we had to limit all non-emergency vehicle use during the fuel shortages, and many of our activities and meetings require a vehicle to transport materials and/or staff. Although it was difficult for community members to travel to the meetings because motorcycles and tap-taps were not operating, we were able to hold 100% of planned meetings for Local Midwives and ASCP Health Education Sessions.



2022 Highlights

1,484

Rally Posts



44,439

Home Visits



109

Mobile Clinics



50,750

Clinic Consultations



In 2022, a total of **234,770 people** were evaluated during home visits and 1,284 were referred to our clinics. Mobile clinics continue to be a very important part of our outreach in the communities. However, we were unable to hold many of the planned mobile clinics because of fuel shortages. We treated 50,750 patients at our fixed-facility Marmont and Lahoye clinics, and we administered 6,167 COVID-19 vaccines in 2022 through a vaccine campaign that began in September 2021.

Unfortunately, the chlorine plant did not produce any chlorine for most of 2022 as our chlorine machine stopped working, and the technicians could not get to the Central Plateau to fix the equipment due to unrest and insecurity.



In 2022, we saw 50,750 patients at our Marmont and Lahoye clinics. This is an increase from the 48,937 patients we saw in 2021.

Maternal Health

Project Medishare currently runs two rural maternity centers, as well as mobile clinics, that provide prenatal and postnatal care, delivery services, and family planning to a population of more than 80,000.

More than 60% of women in our communities deliver their babies in our facilities. We also train midwives and community health workers to support pregnant women in their communities. **We delivered a total of 665 babies at our clinics in 2022.**

In 2022, we had 3,881 prenatal consultations at Marmont, 2,053 at Lahoye, and 301 at mobile clinics.



Areas of Work:

- Mobile Clinic Exams & Referrals
- Home Visits (Pre and Post Natal)
- Vaccines & Medications
- Family Planning
- Midwife Meetings
- Clean Birth Kits
- Mothers Education Groups

Postnatal visits are equally as important as prenatal visits for the health of a newborn baby and its mother. We completed 2,289 postnatal visits last year and 598 postnatal home visits. A total of 1,192 pregnant and childbearing women (ages 15 to 45) were immunized in 2022. We also distributed 1,050 Vitamin A doses to lactating mothers and 22,320 multivitamins to pregnant women.



2022 Highlights

6,235

Prenatal Consultations



2,289

Postnatal Clinic Visits



1,192

Maternal Vaccinations



598

Postnatal Home Visits



Child Health & Nutrition

Due to the lack of access to basic healthcare, children in Haiti get sick at a higher rate from preventable illnesses. As a result, 1 in every 14 children die before reaching age 5.

Child health and nutrition has been a vital part of Project Medishare's programs in the Central Plateau for more than 20 years. In addition to patient visits at our fixed-facility clinics and mobile clinics, we also provide home visits and run in-school health and feeding programs.

The school health program reaches 17 schools and more than 2,500 students. Our team of nurses and pharmacists visit these schools and distribute Vitamin A, de-worming medication and perform general nutrition assessments.

At the end of the year, most of the schools in the Central Plateau and much of Haiti were closed. Because of this, our school lunch program was not running. We are extremely sad when this happens, especially when the country is dealing with record high inflation and food insecurity. When schools were open in Spring of 2022, we were able to serve **71,030 meals** in total.

Areas of Work:

- School Health Program
- Malnutrition Screening
- Vaccinations
- Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- School Lunch



Program Highlight: Orphans and Vulnerable Children

Currently, Project Medishare's Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) program provides children ages 4 - 18 with educational assistance, free health services, and psychosocial support. We work directly with caregivers to enroll each child in school and provide tuition and school materials to ensure every child can succeed. Children and their caregivers also have free access to health screenings, vaccinations, and consultations at our fixed clinical facility in Lahoye as well as our mobile clinics.



2022 Highlights

71,030

Meals Served



49,390

Malnutrition Screenings



25,336

Children Vaccinated



731

OVC Home Visits



Capacity Building

Haiti has long faced a lack of educational and advanced training opportunities to develop the doctors, nurses and medical technicians needed in a sustainable healthcare 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 trainer" model.

In collaboration with medical volunteers and university partners, we provide Haitian healthcare leaders with mentoring, and on-the-job and bedside patient care training. We also provide specialized training across a variety of areas such as ultrasound training and pediatrics.

We were unable to host any volunteers in 2022 due to insecurity. However, our health agents continued to work hard throughout 2022 in the Central Plateau to provide care and meet once a month for internal training. We also provided training to local midwives and Community Health workers in the earthquake affected areas in the South to ensure they can continue to provide basic healthcare.



Areas of Work:

- Critical Care and Trauma
- Volunteer Program
- University Partnerships
- Pediatric Residency

We hosted a number of health education sessions to educate the public on the importance of quality healthcare. A total of 3,885 sessions were held on four topics in 2022. Topics included childcare, reproductive health, hygiene and transmissible diseases. Events are held in Marmont, Lahoye and in the community. A total of **76,117** beneficiaries attended one of four health education sessions in 2022.

We are hopeful our volunteer program will resume in 2023. Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, we averaged over 100 volunteers in the Central Plateau and Hospital Bernard Mevs.



2022 Highlights

3,885

Education Sessions



76,117

Session Attendees



Emergency Response

Project Medishare has been committed not only to immediate disaster response, but also to medium and long-term recovery projects to build capacity in the health sector and help Haiti recover from natural disasters.

On August 12, 2021, a destructive 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the southern coast of Haiti. More than 2,000 people were killed and upwards of 650,000 were left in need of assistance.

In the following 9 months, we provided mobile clinics that treated over 1,100 patients in the hardest-hit areas. We donated medical supplies, birth kits and food kits to local organizations. We also provided training to local midwives and health agents to ensure these communities continued to receive healthcare.

Areas of Work:

- Emergency hygiene & food kits, children's comfort kits
- Medicines & medical equipment
- Trauma and critical care
- Mobile clinic services
- Capacity building, training and education

2022 Highlights

7,000

Food & Hygiene Kits
Distributed



250,000

Pounds of Medical
Supplies Distributed



2,000

Children's Comfort Kits
Distributed



400,000

Water Purification Tablets
Distributed



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