

2017 Year in Review



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Letter from Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The year 2017 was one of many changes and challenges – in the U.S. government, the Haitian government and within Project Medishare. New Presidents and policies were inaugurated in the U.S. and Haiti. An active hurricane season brought with it heavy rains and flooding across Haiti, interrupting service delivery in the Central Plateau. And security concerns forced us to temporarily suspend operations in Marmont and Lahoye.

But through it all, our team remained committed to our mission of empowering Haitians to provide and receive access to healthcare – a mission that reflects not just my professional goal, but also a personal one. I wholeheartedly believe this is what will make healthcare in Haiti sustainable.

Project Medishare took several positive steps forward throughout 2017. We strengthened our leadership capacity in Haiti with the addition of a new Country Director and Operations Director. We also added more full-time community health agents and skilled midwives to our team to meet the growing demand for healthcare in the communities we serve. Our partnerships with local organizations, universities, medical volunteers and the support of donors allowed us to continue investing in the training and education of our staff, and ensured we had the tools and resources needed to improve the quality of services we provide.

I'm so proud of the hard work and dedication of our team, and what we were able to accomplish last year. I hope you'll take the time to read the full year in review to learn more about how you helped us positively impact the lives of Haitian families in rural communities, but here are a few highlights:

- More than 48,000 home visits by health agents
- 544 safe births at the Marmont maternity center
- 1,121 children completed their vaccination records
- Nearly 500 volunteers at Hospital Bernard Mevs

Along with our programs in the Central Plateau and ongoing partnership with Hospital Bernard Mevs, we continued to support families still recovering from Hurricane Matthew. Our staff and volunteers conducted four mobile health clinics in rural communities near Les Cayes in the South, and provided training and medical supplies to midwives and community health workers in the area. We also supported a government-run hospital in Jeremie with medications, supplies and a surgeon's salary so life-saving operations could continue for a population of more than 400,000. Finally, we supported local partners focusing on agriculture, animal husbandry and malnutrition in the hardest hit areas. You can learn more in our Hurricane Matthew One Year Report.

Our accomplishments would not be possible without your generosity and support. I truly appreciate each and every donor, volunteer, board and staff member who helps us provide life-changing healthcare in Haiti. Thank you for your support. Thank you for making a difference!

Mèsi Anpil,

Renee Lewis
Executive Director



Building Healthy Communities

For nearly 25 years, 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 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.



Hurricane Matthew Response

Program Overview

On October 4, 2016 Hurricane Matthew ripped through Haiti, causing massive destruction and leading to the country's worst humanitarian crisis since the January 2010 earthquake. Immediately after the storm, Project Medishare provided emergency supplies and medical care to those in need. We also partnered with local organizations in agriculture and animal husbandry to help families rebuild. More than a year later, we are still providing assistance to hurricane-affected communities in the South and Grand'Anse.

Key Activities

Hygiene and Food Kit Distribution Primary and Wound Care Medical Supplies and Medication

2017 Impact

2,300+
PATIENTS TREATED

AT MOBILE CLINICS

2,000
SCHOOL & HYGIENE
KITS DISTRIBUTED

17

MOBILE CLINIC VOLUNTEERS

2,500

EGG LAYING HENS DISTRIBUTED

45

HEALTH AGENTS AND MATRONS TRAINED

21,000+

TREES PLANTED IN LABORDE

Medicine as a Cure for Common Misconceptions

In May, 13-year-old Wendel's grandmother brought him to Project Medishare's mobile clinic in Saint Helene near Les Cayes. He was unable to walk or sit-up on his own, and he was unresponsive to questions. After examination, our team determined that Wendel had epilepsy. The problem: his grandmother didn't believe it. She believed he was possessed by a Voudou spirit – a common misconception due to a lack of understanding about medical conditions like epilepsy.

While Wendel's grandmother was skeptical that medicine would help her grandson, our team convinced her to try it.

Several weeks later, at a follow-up mobile clinic in July, Wendel and his grandmother returned, excited to share his progress.

He hadn't suffered a single seizure since he started taking his medicine. By the fall, he returned to school and started playing soccer again.

Wendel's grandmother now educates her community about epilepsy. "I tell everyone in my community that there's this disease called epilepsy and that sometimes it's not a demon that's taken possession [of a person]. Sometimes the person is sick and can be helped by doctors." She continued, "If I hadn't seen the change in him with my own two eyes, I don't think I would've believed it."









Training Health Agents and Birth Attendants in the South

During the summer of 2017, Project Medishare conducted four mobile health clinics for hurricane-affected communities in the South. Our team, alongside local and volunteer healthcare professionals, provided care to more than 2,000 patients. To ensure that families could continue receiving basic healthcare, in December our team returned to Les Cayes to train matrons and health agents, as well as distribute essential medications and supplies. The eight health agents and 37 matrons trained have taken their new knowledge, skills and medical supplies back to their communities to improve the care they provide to families.

Fifty-year-old Meris from Anadere was one of the matrons who participated in the training and received clean birth kits. The kits contained items such as antibacterial soap, umbilical clamps, hydrogen peroxide and razors. Prior to the distribution, Meris said he didn't always have the materials necessary to ensure a sterile, clean environment before delivery. For Meris, the best part about being a matron is that he helps families in the community. The materials and training provided by Project Medishare will help him do his job better.



Building Capacity at a Grand'Anse Hospital

Project Medishare continues to partner with organizations in the South and Grand'Anse to help communities rebuild after Hurricane Matthew. As part of those efforts, we provided medications and medical supplies to St. Antoine hospital in Jeremie to support upcoming surgeries.

In November, a team of surgeons from the United States volunteered at the hospital and provided training to local doctors. Surgeries included hernia, thyroid, mastectomy and hydrocele. Biopsies were also performed.

Project Medishare's support, which also includes subsidizing a portion of a local surgeon's salary, is helping to strengthen St. Antoine's post-hurricane Matthew capacity. It is the only hospital that serves the Grand'Anse, which has a population of approximately 450,000.



Community Health & Development

Program Overview

In partnership with the Haitian Ministry of Health, Project Medishare operates two fixedfacility clinics in Lahoye and Marmont. Through a network of 70 community health agents and weekly mobile clinics, we extend healthcare access to remote, difficult to reach communities in Lahoye, Thomonde and Marmont. Our mix of institutional and communitybased care is crucial to assuring that the most vulnerable populations have access to lifesaving treatment, medications and vaccinations.

Key Activities

Disease Awareness and Education Campaigns Primary and Preventative Healthcare Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

2017 Impact

48,218 1,577 **HOME VISITS RALLY POSTS**

20,708 **FIXED-FACILITY CLINIC VISITS**

500 HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED

135

MOBILE CLINICS

2,100+ **GALLONS OF CHLORINE PRODUCED**



Protecting Communities from Waterborne Illnesses

Throughout the year, Project Medishare produces and distributes chlorine to provide local schools, hospitals and homes with clean, safe water. We also educate communities about the dangers of waterborne diseases. During the rainy season in the spring and hurricane season in the fall, families are particularly vulnerable to waterborne diseases.

This was especially true during the 2017 hurricane season, which saw multiple tropical storms and hurricanes batter several Caribbean islands. On September 7, Hurricane Irma skimmed Haiti's northern coast. Though not as severely impacted as other Caribbean islands, the heavy rains and strong winds caused damage to homes, crops and livestock.

As part of our community health program, Project Medishare distributed 500 hygiene kits to vulnerable families in Lahoye to help protect them from deadly waterborne diseases like cholera.



Providing Healthcare to Remote Communities

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 healthcare for many Haitian families.

Olissant Saint-Hilaire has been with Project Medishare for eight years. He started as a peer educator, providing health education to other youth in the community of Lahoye. Now, he's a Community Health Agent Supervisor, responsible for a network of seven health agents.

Here's how Ollisaint describes the significance of the work he and his fellow health agents do every day: "[We] find the peasant farmer, the poor, those far away and the underserved, and organize mobile clinics and rally posts to make healthcare and family planning accessible by bringing it to people's doors."



Maternal Health

Program Overview

At our maternity center in Marmont, Project Medishare delivers maternal health services to help moms have a healthy pregnancy and safe delivery. We provide training to traditional birth attendants to make home deliveries safer, and emergency transportation during labor to ensure moms receive the care they need. Community health activities targeting pregnant and lactating women complement the care provided at our maternity center.

Key Activities

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

2017 Impact

544

DELIVERIES AT MARMONT MATERNITY CENTER

1,200+

NEW USERS OF FAMILY PLANNING

0

MATERNAL DEATHS
AT PM FACILITIES

4,549

WOMEN RECEIVED PRENATAL CARE

98

MATRONS TRAINED MONTHLY

2,411

PREGNANT WOMEN VACCINATED



Expanding Access to Family Planning

Through partnerships with local organizations like the Ministry of Health, women (and men) have consistent, free access to a variety of contraceptive methods. The most preferred contraceptive method among women is the birth control shot, though there has been increased interest in a more permanent option – tubal ligation.

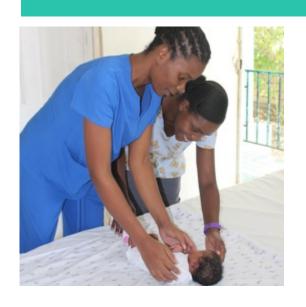
The Ministry of Health developed a six-member mobile team, which includes our own Head Nurse Midwife, Josette Napolean, to travel throughout the Central Plateau performing tubal ligations. In early 2017, the team performed its first round of tubal ligations at Project Medishare's maternity center in Marmont, where 21 pre-screened women underwent the outpatient procedure.

Safer Deliveries for Rural Moms

Shaladol is a 29-year-old mother of two from Lahoye – a remote community near the border with the Dominican Republic. After years of family planning, she decided it was time to expand her family. She delivered a healthy baby boy at Project Medishare's maternity center in Marmont in April.

The conditions surrounding the birth of Shaladol's son were drastically different than when she gave birth to her daughter more than a decade ago. Then, she gave birth at home with the aid of a traditional birth attendant. There was no health facility near her home where she could receive prenatal care. Now, thanks to Project Medishare's growing maternal health program, Shaladol not only received prenatal care at our clinic in Lahoye, when she went into labor around 1:00 am, we provided emergency transportation to our maternity center in Marmont.





Training New Maternity Center Staff

In preparation for the opening of Project Medishare's new maternity center in Lahoye, newly hired skilled midwives received on-the-job training with veteran midwives at our maternity center in Marmont.

Expected to open in 2018, the Lahoye Maternity Center will provide women in remote communities with improved access to maternal health services. Many women in these communities still give birth at home under the care of a traditional birth attendant, or travel to our maternity center in Marmont, which can be a challenging journey when in labor.



Child Health & Nutrition

Program Overview

Project Medishare provides children with access to healthcare to support their growth and development. For orphans and vulnerable children, we provide supplementary services such as child protection, family support and tuition assistance to ensure they have the tools and support needed to reach their full potential. Beyond healthcare, we provide students with a daily morning snack and nutritious lunch – for many the only meals they eat all day.

Key Activities

School Health and School Lunch
Malnutrition Screening and Treatment
Vaccinations and Micronutrients

2017 Impact

10,329

CHILDREN TREATED AT MOBILE & HEALTH CLINICS

149

SCHOOL HEALTH VISITS COMPLETED

1,121

CHILDREN COMPLETED VACCINATION RECORD

75,304

MEALS SERVED
TO SCHOOL STUDENTS

174

CHILDREN TREATED FOR MALNUTRITION

450

ORPHANS & VULNERABLE CHILDREN SUPPORTED



Treating Malnourished Children

Last year, Project Medishare committed to improving our capacity to treat cases of moderate and severe malnutrition, thus reducing the need to refer children to a different facility for outpatient treatment. One of the first patients to benefit from this renewed initiative was then 11-month-old Marvens.

Marvens was left in the care of his grandmother after his father passed away. His mother abandoned him after giving birth. The small savings Marvens' grandmother had was used to pay for her son's funeral. This left baby Marvens with very little to eat, and he quickly became malnourished.

During our eight-week malnutrition treatment program with Medika Mamba, a locally produced, peanut butter-based dietary supplement, Marvens made progress. He gained weight and was able to sit unassisted, as well as grab and hold objects – things he wasn't able to do before the treatment.



Keeping School Children Healthy

As part of Project Medishare's school health program, more than 200 students at La Ruche des Petits primary school in Thomonde received physical exams and micronutrient supplements such a Vitamin A and de-worming medication.

One of those students was third grader Mary, who wants to be a nurse or a teacher when she grows up.

"I like that [Project Medishare] comes to my school because when the doctors and nurses tell me that I'm healthy then it makes me happy," she said.

During the school health visits, children with serious symptoms and conditions are referred to our health clinics for closer examination.



Capacity Building

Program Overview

An integral part of Project Medishare's mission is to help build a self-sufficient, sustainable healthcare system in Haiti. We provide local medical professionals with access to advanced training and education opportunities to enhance their skills and knowledge. We leverage international volunteers to provide our team with formal and informal training, and to expand our capacity to deliver specialized healthcare services.

Key Activities

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

2017 Impact

477

VOLUNTEERS (HOSPITAL BERNARD MEVS)

200+

VOLUNTEERS (CENTRAL PLATEAU)

13

PEDIATRIC & SOCIAL SERVICE RESIDENTS

Advanced Training for Local Health Providers

From formal training sessions to informal knowledge sharing gained from working side-by-side, international volunteers play an important role in helping enhance the technical skills and capacity of Project Medishare's team.

More than 200 medical school students and faculty, and medical volunteers enhanced the skills and knowledge of our team, which will help improve the quality of rural health services we provide.

In November, three longtime
Project Medishare volunteers
traveled to the Central Plateau
to provide ultrasound training
at our health clinic in
Marmont. Doctors Sam
Abelson, Joshua Overgaard
and Nathaniel Bowler taught
our team new skills that will
benefit expecting moms, and
will help diagnose conditions
such as pneumonia,
appendicitis and hernias.

The trio also conducted advanced ultrasound training and life support classes for staff at Hospital Bernard Mevs in Port-au-Prince.

Providing these types of advanced training and education opportunities to local staff is critical to building a sustainable healthcare system in Haiti.









Neurosurgery Fellow

Project Medishare launched a neurosurgery fellowship program in Haiti in partnership with Hospital Bernard Mevs, the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami Children's Hospital, the State University of Haiti and the Haitian Ministry of Health. The goal of the three-year program is to build local capacity by improving access to neurosurgical care in emergency situations, as well as degenerative diseases and congenital anomalies such as hydrocephalus.

Dr. Yudy Lafortune was selected as the program's first fellow. Born and raised in Port-au-Prince, he attended medical school at the University of Notre Dame. During the fellowship, Dr. Fortune will complete rotations at HBM in Port-au-Prince, as well as UM and Miami Children's Hospital. He is being supervised and mentored by Dr. Ariel Henry, Fellowship Program Director, and by Dr. John Ragheb, Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital and Miami Children's Hospital.



Opening of New Wound Care Clinic

Project Medishare Hospital Bernard Mevs unveiled a new wound care clinic during a ribbon cutting ceremony in January. The opening of the clinic – the first of its kind not only in Haiti, but the entire Caribbean – marked an important milestone in the country's healthcare sector.

Dr. John Macdonald, a professor of dermatology and cutaneous surgery at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami, and an international expert in wound care and lymphedema, established the wound care program as a result of the 2010 earthquake. After treating earthquake victims in a tent hospital, the program permanently moved to HBM where Dr. Macdonald assembled and trained an all-Haitian staff of nurses, technicians and physicians to treat patients. The holistic program includes treatment in areas such as infectious wounds, general podiatry, amputations and dermatology.

Team

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