



PROJECT MEDISHARE
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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,

As we reflect on 2023, we take great pride in the fact that Project Medishare stood resolute in our pledge to support our communities. Despite obstacles, our doors stayed open, and our team remained focused on fulfilling our mission of providing high-quality healthcare to those in the greatest need.

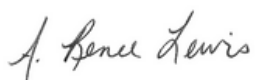
In 2023, we provided care to **53,758 patients** at our clinics, a 6% increase we are thrilled about. Thanks to the support and generosity of so many, we are able to increase this number year by year. We also joyously welcomed **637 precious newborns** into the world, among many other milestones that fill us with a sense of pride.

It seems each year brings a new set of challenges and obstacles in Haiti, and 2023 was no exception. For the first time, we saw gang violence, crime and unrest extend closer and closer to the Central Plateau. Several major road blockages made it difficult to transport necessary supplies and medicines, as well as many of our senior staff members, who regularly travel between Port-au-Prince and our communities in the Central Plateau.

Nonetheless, we persevered. We managed to rearrange transport schedules, develop new strategies and do everything within our control to keep our programs running. We managed to serve **106,248 school lunches**, test **33,237 children for malnutrition**, and conduct **6,768 prenatal consultations**. The work we are doing is not just saving lives, but instilling hope and confidence in our communities. This is desperately needed in Haiti.

Despite each challenge we encounter, Project Medishare remains steadfast in delivering quality healthcare to Haitians. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our loyal supporters for yet another successful year, enabling us to make a significant difference in the lives of tens of thousands of Haitians.

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Renee Lewis

Executive Director

AREAS OF FOCUS

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

Community Health

This program strengthens local communities through vaccination campaigns, mobile clinics, training community health workers, 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 change this, we provide patient visits at our clinics, conduct home visits, and run in-school health and feeding programs.



Capacity Building

We provide Haitian healthcare leaders with mentoring, didactic sessions, and on-site 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 branch is one of our most expansive, 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 30 years, we have managed numerous community-health programs. We organize dozens of 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 significantly impeded movement across Haiti for much of 2023, consequently affecting the pace of several of our programs.

Although our target for Rally Posts in 2023 was 1,626, we were able to host a total of 1,448 rally posts meaning we achieved 89% of our goal. The shortfall can be attributed to the necessity of restricting non-emergency vehicle operations amid the fuel shortages.

A large number of our activities and meetings require a vehicle to transport materials and/or staff. It was also hard for community members to travel to the meetings because motorcycles and tap-taps were not operating.

Our highest achievement in 2023 was home visits. We successfully completed 44,605 of the 45,480 home visits we planned, resulting in a 98% success rate as well as an increase from 2022.



Educational sessions were some of our hardest hit programs as we were only able to achieve between 13% and 19% of our planned sessions with topics covering information for expectant mothers, breastfeeding and family planning. This was again due to the unrest and inability for community members to safely attend these sessions due to lack of running public transport.

2023 Highlights

1,448

Rally Posts



44,605

Home Visits



66

Mobile Clinics



53,758

Clinic Consultations



In 2023, a total of 225,136 people were visited during home visits and 1,588 were referred to our clinics. While these are a very important part of our outreach, we were unable to hold the planned number of mobile clinics in our communities due to increasing fuel shortages - our team achieved 47% of our goals.

Acute respiratory infections continue to be one of the leading illnesses treated at our mobile clinics, accounting for 22% of patients seen. Other illnesses treated include urinary tract infections and gastrointestinal diseases.

This year, we saw 53,758 patients at our Marmont and Lahoye clinics. This is a nearly 6% increase from the 50,750 patients we saw in 2022. Children ages 1 - 14 made up 33% of patients seen at our fixed-facility clinics.

In 2023, we tested 5,205 patients for Malaria, TB, HIV and/or syphilis.

We are happy to report our chlorine plant was able to produce 791 gallons of chlorine, of which 746 were distributed.



In 2023, we saw 53,758 patients at our Marmont and Lahoye clinics. This is a 6% increase from the number of patients seen in 2022.

Maternal Health

Project Medishare currently runs two rural maternity centers, as well as mobile clinics, that provide prenatal and postnatal care, baby delivery services, and family planning to a population of more than 100,000.

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.

In 2023, a total of 637 babies were born at our clinics, with another 377 babies delivered by matrons trained by our staff. That is a grand total of 1,014 babies delivered safely under supervised medical care thanks to our staff.



Areas of Work:

- Mobile Clinic Exams & Referrals
- Home Visits (Pre and Postnatal)
- Vaccines & Medications
- Family Planning
- Midwife Meetings
- Birth Kits
- Mom Groups

Prenatal care visits are vitally important to the health and well-being of both babies and moms. In 2023, we completed 6,575 prenatal consultations at our Marmont and Lahoye maternity centers, along with an additional 193 at our mobile clinics.

A total of 1,663 pregnant and childbearing women (ages 15 to 45) were immunized in 2023. We also distributed 254 Vitamin A doses to lactating mothers and 15,480 multivitamins to pregnant women.



2023 Highlights

6,768

Prenatal Consultations



1,026

Postnatal Clinic Visits



1,663

Maternal Vaccinations



680

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. Project Medishare is working to change this statistic through our programs in the Central Plateau.

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 each year. Our team of nurses and pharmacists visit these schools and distribute Vitamin A, de-worming medication and perform general nutrition assessments.

Areas of Work:

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



Coming off a year that saw our school lunch program closed for part of the school year, we are extremely happy to share that in 2023 we served 106,248 school lunch meals. During a time when Haiti is dealing with increasingly high levels of food insecurity along with high inflation, we know our school lunch program is a welcomed respite for students and their families.

A total of 55,889 children were screened for malnutrition in 2023 - this is a nearly 13% increase from 2022. Of these, 262 children were admitted into our malnutrition treatment program. At our Marmont and Lahoye health centers, 15,998 sachets of ready-to-use therapeutic food were distributed, as well as 1,394 oral rehydration packets. Because of widespread food insecurity, we expect the number of malnourished children to continue to rise, and we are actively working with our team to combat these rising numbers.

A total of 29,764 vaccines were given to children under the age of 3 in 2023. This is an increase from 2022 where we administered 24,573 vaccinations. A total of 1,049 children fully completed their vaccines in 2023.



2023 Highlights

763

Infants Vaccinated



55,889

Malnutrition Screens



29,764

Children Vaccinated



1,316

OVC Home Visits



Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) program

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.

We conducted 1,316 home visits and 1,192 school visits for children enrolled in the OVC program in 2023.



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 dedicated itself to establishing a sustainable healthcare system in Haiti, employing a "train the trainer" approach.

Working alongside medical volunteers and university partners, Project Medishare offers mentoring, didactic sessions, and hands-on patient care training to healthcare leaders in Haiti. Additionally, we deliver specialized instruction in diverse areas including ultrasound techniques and pediatric care.

We were unable to host any volunteers in 2023 due to insecurity. Despite the challenges, our health agents persisted in their efforts in the Central Plateau, gathering monthly for internal training sessions. We organized numerous health education sessions aimed at raising public awareness about the importance of quality healthcare. A total of 3,768 sessions were held on four topics in 2023.



Areas of Work:

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

Our education and training sessions covered a range of crucial topics including childcare, reproductive health, hygiene, and the prevention of transmissible diseases. These events were held in various locations including our clinics in Marmont and Lahoye, and within the community itself.

A total of 81,338 beneficiaries attended one of four health education sessions in 2023. This number is an increase from the 76,117 that attended in 2022.

We are optimistic that our volunteer program will resume in 2024. Before the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, we typically welcomed over 100 volunteers annually to the Central Plateau and Hospital Bernard Mevs. We hope to return to that in the coming year.



2023 Highlights

3,768

Education Sessions



81,338

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.

In the spring of 2023, we participated in a Cholera vaccine campaign organized by the Haitian Ministry of Health that took place in Hinche. Over a 10-day period, our team administered 14,447 vaccinations. Many cholera cases were reported in several communities that we serve. In addition to vaccines, we also distributed chlorine for disinfecting purposes to community members, and our community health agents held educational sessions to share best sanitation practices.

In the summer, there was an increase of typhoid cases, with nearly every person who presented with symptoms testing positive.

Similarly as with cholera, our community health agents play a huge role, distributing chlorine produced in our plant and spreading awareness about symptoms and best health practices.

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

2023 Highlights

14,447

Cholera vaccines administered



746

Gallons of chlorine distributed



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