



Hurricane Matthew Humanitarian Crisis: How We Are Helping



Dear Karen and Jay,

Heal - Teach - Support. Never do these three words feel as important to us at Hands Up for Haiti as they do in times of crisis. And crisis is what Haiti is facing. Hurricane Matthew delivered yet another devastating blow to Haiti when it slammed into the shores of the southern peninsula, making an already dire situation significantly worse for the people of Haiti still struggling to rebuild their nation after the 2010 earthquake.

We are deeply grateful to all who have donated to our emergency appeal. This newsletter details how Hands up for Haiti is directing those funds to make an immediate impact. With your help, Hands Up for Haiti stands at the ready and will continue to provide support for the men, women and children of this proud and resilient nation.

Delivering direct care to children and their families, providing medical and public health programming, and strengthening partnerships to magnify the impact of the work that we do: Heal - Teach - Support. This month **the emphasis is on support:** what we do and how **you** help to truly make an immediate difference in the lives of the people that we help.

Mesi mesi anpil – “thank you very, very much.”

From All of Us at Hands Up for Haiti



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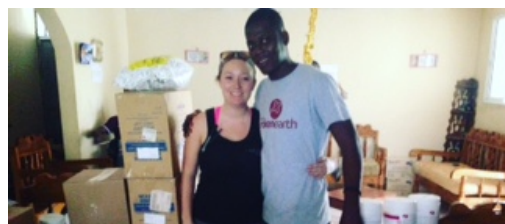
Partnering with Allied Organizations in the North and in the South

Hands Up for Haiti's response to the hurricane disaster is two-fold:



In the south, which suffered the brunt of Matthew's devastation, we are providing help to No Time for Poverty, a sister organization in Port Salut, a community that lost 85% of its buildings. No Time for Poverty runs the Klinik Timoun Nou Yo, the only pediatric center in a large area serving 60,000 people. Reopened within days of the hurricane, the clinic is serving hundreds of injured patients a day, combating the devastating after effects of Matthew: infected wounds, cholera, and hunger. With the funds raised through our emergency appeal, Hands Up for Haiti is providing direct support for their efforts.

In the north, where we work, in addition to strengthening our own programs, including delivery of direct care and expanding outreach for our malnutrition program, HUFH is providing medical supplies including isolation gowns, gloves, masks and bandages to our partners Hopital Convention Baptiste D'Haiti and Justinien



Hospital as we all prepare for an expected influx of cholera cases and increased illness and injury from Matthew. These supplies were received by HUFH when HUFH won the Henry Schein Cares Medal for Excellence in Expanding Access to Medical Care, an annual award given to an organization that demonstrates excellence in expanding access to medical care for the underserved.



To support our hurricane relief efforts, [DONATE HERE.](#)

HEAL

HUFH Malnutrition Program: Saving a Child's Life

Matthew destroyed much of Haiti's food supply, severely affecting the meager crops and livestock families had, threatening to destroy the progress that has been made in addressing malnutrition. According to Marc Vincent, the Unicef representative in Haiti, Matthew may endanger more than four million children.



We cannot let the children of Haiti go hungry; for those that do, Hands Up for Haiti has an active and growing program to treat the devastating effects of malnutrition. We are increasing our efforts and expanding our outreach to more rural and remote areas to reach more children.

There is more to medicine than just showing up and seeing patients. These children are the real reason why we are in Haiti. It is through our commitment that this child has a chance to survive.

To help support our malnutrition program, [DONATE HERE.](#)

TEACH

Cholera Prevention Education and Water Well Project

Cholera and other water borne diseases, always a threat in Haiti, are coming back now that Matthew has disrupted the water supply, with debris and garbage contaminating the water of Haiti. Clean water is an essential part of health, as important as food and vaccines. Yet many Haitian communities lack access to clean water, and the need for clean water has never been as urgent as it is in the aftermath of Matthew.



In an effort to prevent an epidemic, HUFH has a team on the ground in Haiti now which has made access to and education about clean water in Haiti a priority. The team, led by Dr. Allison Platt, is delivering community and



professional lectures about the importance of clean water in preventing disease and saving lives, and is teaching practical methods to prevent the spread of cholera and to recognize symptoms early enough to treat. The educational sessions are designed to teach the whole family from children to elders.

At the same time as we are teaching, we are also moving forward with HUFH's water wells project. Knowing that access to clean water can reduce many of the major health concerns in the communities in which we work, we have to date worked with local community leaders to build 6 wells that hydrate over 40,000 people and are planning to build more; we are also teaching community members how to protect the water wells and how to implement an effective storm management system to ensure water cleanliness.

Our team on the ground is making certain that the wells we have already built are in good working order, and choosing new sites for our wells. At HVH in Bod me Limbe, we completed emergency repairs for two wells that serve both the clinic and the community at large. In Limonade, pictured above, the repaired water pump is once again delivering clean water to the community.



A gift of water is a gift of life. [DONATE HERE.](#)

WORDS TO KEEP IN OUR HEARTS



According to Marielle Sander, the United Nations Population Fund representative in Haiti, the Haitian people soldiered on even during the chaos of the hurricane. Sander recalled a midwife in Jérémie who delivered six babies during the height of the storm "with water up to her knees."

"Haitians are the most resilient people on Earth," she said (credit Susan Miller USA today).

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HEAL TEACH SUPPORT

Hands Up For Haiti is a medical humanitarian organization committed to making a sustainable and positive impact on the health of the people of northern Haiti. We do this by collaborating with and supporting the Haitian medical community, by delivering direct care and educational programs to the communities that we serve, and by partnering with allied organizations.

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