

Curamericas Global

HOPE THROUGH HEALTH

Annual Report 2012

This year Curamericas Global continued our maternal and child health projects in Liberia and Guatemala as well as our HIV prevention project in Haiti. Our impressive results have paved the way to receive further funding that will strengthen our projects in the fields of child survival, water and sanitation, HIV, family planning, and capacity building.











Curamericas Global

Curamericas Global is an international non-profit organization located in Raleigh, North Carolina. Curamericas was founded in 1983 by Dr. Henry Perry, III and Dr. Alice Weldon with the goal of establishing sustainable primary health care programs that are responsive to the needs of the community while building the capacity of local health service providers. Curamericas Global's projects have consistently met or exceeded project goals, **serving over 350,000** people in 30 years.

Our Vision: A world free of suffering from treatable or preventable causes.

Our Mission: Curamericas Global partners with underserved communities to make measurable and sustainable improvements in their health and well-being.

Liberia

The Nehnwaa Child Survival Project is in the final year of operation in collaboration with Ganta United Methodist Hospital in Nimba County. By the end of 2013, the Nehnwaa Project plans to serve more than 135,000 Liberians. We project to reduce child mortality by 60% through community-based programs that address the principal causes of death among mothers and children – obstetric complications, neonatal conditions, malaria, pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, and HIV infection. As in all our programs, we use our Community-Based, Impact-Oriented (CBIO) approach that has been one of the keys to our success over the years. CBIO ensures that we reach each person in the program area and address the leading causes of death in that area. Services continue in water and sanitation health, addressing childhood illness, ensuring safe births, and training local community health volunteers.

Haiti

After a successful 2012, our HIV prevention project is in its final year through our partnership with the Haitian Ministry of Health. This project provides access to HIV education and prevention services to **more than 20,000 Haitian women and men**. As part of this project we test for sexually transmitted infections and provide HIV testing for men and women, including women who are pregnant. Education is a large component of the project, educating adult men and women about ways to prevent transmission of HIV and encouraging preteens to participate in events that promote HIV prevention through abstinence. We are looking for funding to expand our success in Haiti.

Guatemala

Curamericas is in our second year of the Guatemala Child Survival Project in the rural northwest mountains collaborating with long-time partner Curamericas-Guatemala. Over the next three years we will reach approximately 41,000 women and young children in 185 communities who will receive vital services and education regarding pre and postnatal care, safe deliveries, pneumonia, diarrheal disease, clean water and sanitation practices, maternal and newborn nutrition, pregnancy spacing, and timely immunizations for mothers and children.



Liberia

Child and Maternal Health (2008-2013)

Services Provided:

- Prenatal and postnatal care;
- Health education on diarrhea, malaria (the indirect leading cause of obstetric emergencies), hygiene, exclusive breastfeeding, and pregnancy danger signs;
- Mosquito nets provided to all pregnant women and children under age five;
- Train traditional midwives on home-based life-saving skills;
- Refer patients to local health facilities for best care;
- HIV counseling and testing of pregnant women;
- Community transport for emergency health services;
- Vaccinations: measles and tetanus;
- Family planning counseling and commodity distribution.

120 Communities **137,540** People

Water and Sanitation (2010-2013)

Services Provided:

 In addition to constructing wells and latrines, our WatSan Officers have worked with community leaders to conduct simple community assessments on sanitation in order to make the community more sanitary and clean.

198 Pump Mechanics Trained
686 WatSan Committee Members Trained
96 Latrines Constructed
145 Latrines Rehabilitated
21 Wells Constructed
22 Wells Rehabilitated



Liberia (cont'd)

Community Case Management (2012-2014)

Services Provided:

 Curamericas trained staff of the Liberian Health Ministry in Bong County to become Master Trainers on Community Case Management, the treatment of illness within the community. They in turn have begun training Community Health Volunteers

(GCHVs) in the villages to diagnose and treat diarrheal disease, a major cause of child illness and death.

15 Master Trainers Trained15 gCHVs Trained6 Staff Trained in Microfinance Management



<u>UNFPA Community Based Family Planning Services in Suakoko</u> <u>District, Bong County</u> (2012-2013)

Services Provided:

- Training in Family Planning health promotion and commodity distribution for market men and women;
- Provide counsel and commodities on market days;
- Engage and mobilize youth groups as Family Planning peer educators.





Guatemala

Child and Maternal Health (2011-2014)

The Calhuitz *Casa Materna* functions as a community-based, culturally-sensitive center where women can receive prenatal care and safely give birth attended by skilled health personnel. The Casa Materna has become an icon of health and women travel to our project area from surrounding areas to receive the quality lifesaving care the Casa Materna staff provides.

Three micro-regional health committees mobilized of elected representatives from 10-15 communities. The Santo Domingo micro-regional committee is first of its kind and has successfully petitioned the municipal government to invest in the *Casa Materna* to fund the roof.

Services Provided:

- Basic maternal and child health care;
- Prenatal and postnatal care;
- Growth monitoring;
- Vitamins;
- Vaccinations;
- •Refer patients to local health facilities for best care;
- •Community transport for emergency health services.
- •Health education on: diarrhea, hygiene, exclusive breastfeeding, proper hand-washing, HIV, and pregnancy danger signs.



Guatemala

Child Survival (2011-2015)

Curamericas Global's new four-year Child Survival Project will build on the impressive work accomplished in our earlier Guatemala Child Survival Project (2002-2007). This USAID-funded project will be implemented by our long-standing Guatemalan partner, Curamericas Guatemala, under the leadership of Dr. Mario Valdez, and will further improve the health of women and young children of marginalized Mayan communities in the mountains of northwest Guatemala.

The project features Casa Maternas, Curamericas' signature CBIO methodology, and Care Groups of mother peer educators who will teach their neighbors proper preventive health practices. Comadronas - traditional midwives - will also learn Home Based Life Saving Skills to reduce neonatal mortality and shift to a new role encouraging women to deliver their babies in Casa Maternas or local clinics.

91 New Communities
Mobilized and Mapped
312 Comadronas Trained
6000 Mothers Educated

Casa Materna MNC Staff Training (2012)

Services Provided:

- Training for 12 Master Trainers in Home Based Life-Saving Skills;
- Development of relationship with American College of Nurse Midwives for continuation of training.



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Haiti

Preventive HIV Services (2009-2013)

Curamericas Global completed our third year of our Preventive HIV Services Project in Haiti. We provide HIV and STI testing for both women and men; but education is a large component of the project, reaching out to adults as well as teens and preteens.

Services Provided:

- Testing for sexually transmitted infections
- Referring patients to local health facilities for best care
- HIV counseling and testing for women and men, with a focus on pregnant women
- Education on ways to prevent transmission of HIV, and encouraging preteens to participate in events that promote HIV prevention through abstinence





Finances



Government and Foundation Funding:

- USAID
- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation
- Cumberland Community Foundation
- First United Methodist Church

Support and Revenue*

Donations	\$629,421
Federal Grants	\$841,522
Other Grants	\$120,147
Service Fees	\$9,620
In-Kind Services and Materials	\$189,245
Total Support and Revenue	\$1,789,955

Expenses

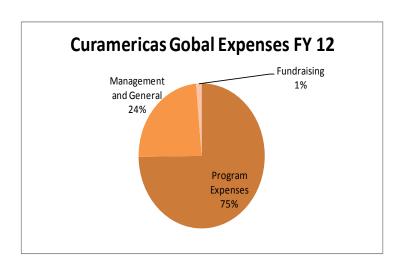
Program Expenses	\$1,291,911
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Support Services

Management and General \$410,985

Fundraising \$24,663

Total Expenses \$1,727,559



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^{*}Statement of Activities, Annual Audit



THANK YOU!

Curamericas Global thanks our donors for your generous contributions and support. Without you we could not provide health services to women, men and children across the globe in a manner consistent with our 31 year history.

Curamericas Global appreciates each of our partners, local staff and health workers who work tirelessly to achieve results and save lives. The sacrifices they make on a daily basis transform individual lives and entire communities.

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