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PARTNERS

Holding It All, Together!

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Bill Rice Health Network staff work together to tackle healthcare needs on the mountainous and isolated island. La Gonâve's separation from the mainland makes it increasingly difficult to import medications and medical supplies. The staff support each other through the shortages and despair of the situation in Haiti. They problem solve and encourage each other through long days.



Community health agents and matrones with their training certificates



Some of the Staff posed at the clinic for a photo last week. Front row kneeling left to right: Dr. Lazar, Medical Director; Mdme, Head of Kitchen; Nurse Dupont; Miss Micheline, Pharmacy Manager and CHA.

Back row standing left to right: Dr. Estime; Nurse Georges; Mdme for Housekeeping, Mdme for Housekeeping; Miss Moravia, Laboratory Technician; Nurse Foneis, manager of CHA; Paul Jules, Facilities Manager

Dr. Lazar, Medical Director, is a graduate of the St. Francis school system. He and his team of 52 provided over 9,000 patient encounters last year, the majority in community mobile clinics. Monthly educational seminars held throughout the year ensure all staff are equipped and supported to handle evolving situations on La Gonâve.



Solar panel on the roof of the BRHC

The Clinic features solar panels and a new generator installed for lab and pharmacy backup. Support from US partners provides dependable, monthly salaries for all staff.



Miss Moravia, Laboratory Technician

The Network staff are a compassionate, dedicated team. They serve the island with the understanding only someone who lives there has. They are connected to the communities and provide effective healthcare despite challenges.

Right now, the island awaits an order of 80 cases of Medika Mamba to treat malnourished infants in mobile clinics. This therapeutic food is made from Haitian peanuts and essential vitamins; it is a lifesaver for families struggling with food insecurity. Due to ingredient supply issues at the Cap Haitien factory, the clinics have been unable to secure a shipment since May. They balance the stability that a larger order can provide versus the cost if it is lost. In 2024, an entire pallet was stolen by thieves in Port au Prince. Getting 60 cases to the island last December was a logistical triumph!



Teaching a mom how to feed her baby Medika Mamba

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