

Haiti
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The shipment to Haiti will benefit a 129-bed hospital, Hôpital Immaculée Conception les Cayes, in the southern-most department of Haiti. This hospital is part of a larger EU/PAHO/Haitian Ministry of Health project to improve maternal and infant care in two specific health districts of the south. Hôpital Immaculée Conception les Cayes is the main reference hospital of the department and PAHO turned to Global for assistance in improving the hospital's capacity and quality of care.

The hospital's top request was for beds with mattresses, and we were able send them 40. Also included in the shipment were 2 gurneys, 6 wheelchairs, a pediatric exam table with infant scale, a stainless steel bassinet, 2 office desks with chairs, some additional adult and infant scales and over 430 boxes of supplies. Many of the surgical materials were specialty materials specifically requested by the hospital, and which are prohibitively expensive.

Mr. Christian Morales of PAHO relayed the following: "The hospital at the Cayes and the whole department of the South will be thrilled to know everything is working as planned. ...Thanks again for all your efforts in making a reality such a crucial shipment that, we are sure, will make a major difference in the quality of the services the hospital may be able to provide to the population."