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OUR MISSION

SAVING LIVES BY TRAINING SKILLED BIRTH ATTENDANTS

In 2006, when MFH Haiti started, 75% of women delivered without a skilled birth attendant. This percentage has since dropped to 58.8%

(UNICEF/WHO, 2017)

Access to skilled birth attendant before, during and after childbirth saves the lives of women and infants, and ensures a good start in life.

We train and empower skilled birth attendants to provide culturally appropriate health interventions.

We work alongside the Haitian Ministry of Health and local community leaders. Our programs are led by and for Haitians.

Seven years ago, the maternal death rate in Haiti was **500 deaths per 100,000** women. This has since **dropped to 480 deaths per 100,000** women (World Bank, 2018).

Similarly, in 2012 the infant death rate was **56.8 per 1,000** and has now **dropped to 49.5 per 1,000**.



OUR PROGRAMS

THE NADENE BRUNK EADS SCHOOL FOR NURSE MIDWIFERY

Like students all over the world, our midwifery cohort was directly affected by the pandemic, and the students were sent home for six months. However, thanks to a generous donation arranged by long time volunteer Sarah Taylor, the students had access to personal tablets, so we were able to create opportunities for distance learning. And when the students returned, they had a brand new outdoor classroom, thanks to our donors. The outdoor classroom seats all of our students two meters apart, in compliance with government social distancing regulations.

COMMUNITY CLINICS

In 2020, we conducted 6252 prenatal visits, as well as 409 postnatal appointments at our 8 community clinics. These clinics are scattered throughout the Central Plateau.

CARRIE WORTHAM BIRTH CENTER

In 2020, 257 babies were born peacefully at the birth center in Cabestor. We conducted 2178 prenatal appointments, 715 postpartum visits, and 174 home follow ups, for a total of 3224 patient contacts.

HOSPITAL ST. THERESE

Our midwives and students caught 3119 babies in 2020, and there were 4845 prenatal visits as well as 3666 postpartum appointments. The neonatal death rate at the hospital fell from 6.1% in 2019 to 5.3% in 2020, a stunning achievement in the midst of a pandemic. The maternal death rate rose very slightly, from .50% in 2019 to .67% in 2020. This is unfortunately to be expected during a disease event, where so many women presented with complicated clinical cases.

MATWÒN OUTREACH PROGRAM

We support local traditional birth attendants to make their out of facility births as safe as possible by providing monthly continuing education and distributing Clean Delivery Kits (CDKs). This was especially important in the early days of the pandemic, when so many women remained in their villages to birth, for fear of the virus. With the support of our donors, we were able to provide 1093 CDKs to our ma wons, (along with N95 masks and other forms of personal protective equipment) and 301 of them attended monthly check-ins with our staff. These matwons reported 1037 births, an increase of 192 over 2019. We are delighted to be able to support our matwon colleagues, as they work to make births safer in their villages in the midst of a global outbreak.

30%

of the trained birth attendants working in Haiti today were trained by MFH

80%

of our graduates are working in 54 health care facilities throughout Haiti, including 2 Heads of Maternity

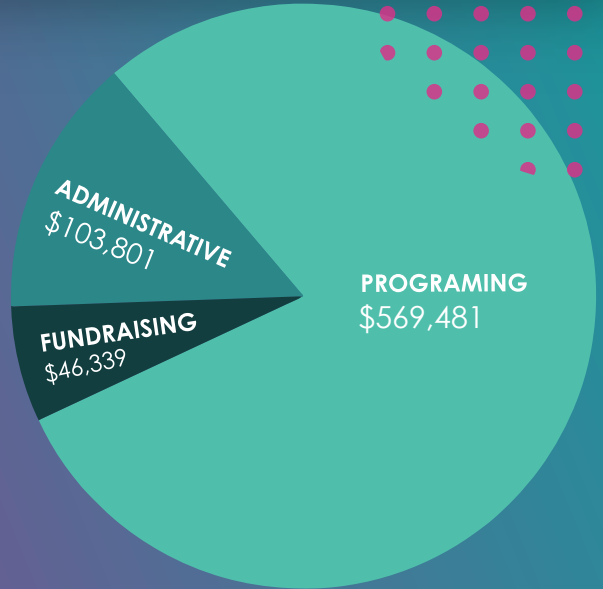
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DONOR TYPE	NUMBER OF DONORS
Individuals	1194
Facebook	545
RallyUp	35
Religious Organizations	17
Foundations & Trusts	19
Organizations	47
Grants	14
Total:	1871

Revenue: 719,028

Expenses: 719,621

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