

2023 WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR MIDWIVES FOR HAITI.

The illegitimacy of the Haitian government, continued supply chain disruptions, extreme violence and weaponized sexual assault took a giant toll on every organization working in Haiti. Over 200,000 people were displaced from Port Au Prince, trying to escape the continued gang disruptions, and many of them have landed in the Central Plateau. We welcome them, and continue to try and find creative means to stretch our resources to care for the women and babies affected by the upheaval.

Inflation continues to be out of control. Prices have doubled in the past year and in the cases of some foodstuffs, tripled. Haiti is on the brink of famine, according to the World Health Organization, with almost 70% of the population being food insecure.

Yet there were also huge steps forward for Midwives for Haiti, including the procurement of a grant from the W.K Kellogg Foundation to open a maternal waiting home, and another from Mothers at Risk, to fund salaries of four midwives in our planned Bokbonik birth center.

WE ARE PROUD TO REPORT THAT EVEN IN THE MIDST OF SUCH TURMOIL, WE PROVIDED 13,700 PATIENT CONTACTS ACROSS ALL PROGRAMS!



NADENE BRUNK EADS SCHOOL

The Nadene Brunk Eads School congratulates Class I2, who finished their studies in May of this year! MFH has now graduated 218 students. These graduates work in 69 health centers and clinics throughout Haiti, and represent 33% of all trained birth attendants (midwives, gynecologists, maternal-fetal medicine specialists) working in Haiti today (UNFPA).



MATWON OUTREACH

We continue to support these local traditional birth attendants in making their out-of-facility births as safe as possible. Matwons attend almost 60% of all deliveries in Haiti, and are a vital part of the informal healthcare system. Each month, MFH holds continuing education sessions for matwons. This year, we held 11 workshops, with 410 total attendees. Through the support of our donor family, we provided 779 clean delivery kits, and provided technical assistance when requested.



HOSPITAL STE THERESE

In June of 2023, Midwives for Haiti stepped back from our work at Ste Therese Hospital, in order to concentrate on our core mandate, technical training and rural direct service delivery. However, in the first half of the year, whilst we were still an active presence at the hospital, our students and staff caught 229I babies at Ste Therese.



COMMUNITY CLINICS

By the end of 2023, MFH expanded to ten community clinics, located throughout the Central Plateau. We conducted 7390 pre and postnatal visits. Our family planning program continues and our midwives placed 220 Jadelle contraceptive implants. 928 women attended four or more prenatal appointments, 71% of our total patients.



CARRIE WORTHAM BIRTH CENTER-FOMBRUN

2023 brought about the fulfillment of a long time dream at MFH, our own custom built birth center! After fundraising for almost 4 years, we were finally able to contract our very own facility on land donated by the community of Fombrun. Our grand opening in May featured dignitaries from the healthcare community, and our Head Midwife Miss Nelta wasted no time in getting to work. From June-December, the birth center welcomed 61 babies safely into this world, and provided 2395 prenatal and postpartum appointments.



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