



International Medical Corps pharmacy technicians Vallon Adnow (left) and Jacquet Duner assisted in the pharmaceutical donation process to Aquin hospital.

FAST FACTS

- On August 14, a devastating earthquake struck Haiti, leaving more than 650,000 people in need of emergency humanitarian assistance.
- As of December, nearly 500,000 people were reached with assistance in the earthquake-affected regions.
- International Medical Corps has provided healthcare services to nearly 6,000 patients, WASH services to more than 7,000 and protection services to more than 1,000.

On August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti's Tiburon Peninsula, causing 2,248 deaths and injuring more than 12,760 people. According to OCHA's *Haiti: Earthquake Situation Report—Final*, the Haitian government and humanitarian partners provided assistance to 457,800 people with food, water, non-food item kits, healthcare and protection. Despite the ongoing fuel crisis and gang violence, humanitarian organizations remained resilient in delivering aid. As part of ongoing coordinated recovery work, Haitian authorities are guiding efforts to focus on temporary shelter, livelihoods, education and basic health services. Additional areas of support will be integrated into the plan. With response efforts transitioning to reconstruction, aid organizations are looking to facilitate ownership of programs to Haitian communities.

International Medical Corps Response

As part of its transition strategy, International Medical Corps has provided staff support to Aquin hospital to facilitate care in the local health system, strengthening health systems and providing surge support with a team of one midwife, two doctors, six nurses and one pharmacy technician. In addition to clinical support, the team will provide health sensitization and education. Future plans for hospital support include on-the-job training, supervision of clinical, technical and reporting staff, and assistance with management of severe hospital cases.

After the closure of International Medical Corps' emergency medical team (EMT) Type 1 medical services, referrals and overall caseload for gender-based violence (GBV) consultations decreased in November. Outreach officers conducted door-to-door awareness raising to ensure the community was aware that the Center for Women and Girls was continuing its programming until December 20.

At the end of November, the Center for Women and Girls marked the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence (GBV) with mural painting, film screening, outdoor games and the distribution of dignity kits. During the celebration, a panel of speakers—including the Aquin Mayor, local police and the hospital director—shared remarks. An adolescent member of the women's and girls' safe space (WGSS) shared the importance of the Center in her life.

GBV response officers continue to receive supportive supervision and mentorship, to ensure that quality services are being provided to survivors. To ensure continuity of services after demobilization of the EMT, the team erected a dedicated GBV consultation tent next to the WGSS.

In collaboration with UNFPA, International Medical Corps facilitated case-management training for Les Cayes and Aquin-based NGOs between November 30 and December 4. International Medical Corps and UNFPA are discussing how to best support further capacity-building for these NGOs. The GBV team also began training International Medical Corps' medical team on caring for child survivors of sexual violence, focusing on survivor-friendly attitudes. This training will continue in December and include additional NGO participants identified from the UNFPA/International Medical Corps case-management training.

After the demobilization of the EMT, the mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) team completed the integration of International Medical Corps' mental health support at Aquin hospital. The team's MHPSS coordinator supervises staff previously trained by International Medical Corps on mhGAP (two doctors and two nurses) while they manage select priority mental, neurological and substance-use (MNS) conditions, such as depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and epilepsy. In addition to individual psychosocial support, the MHPSS team has provided group psychosocial support sessions on topics including stress management and relaxation techniques, problem management, gender stereotypes and mental health perceptions, and alcohol and drug abuse in youth.

The water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) team continues to conduct hygiene promotion messaging to patients, caregivers and bystanders for 30 minutes during the morning hours, now providing it at Aquin Hospital. To date, 7,033 people have participated in hygiene promotion conducted at the EMT, Aquin hospital and in surrounding communities. During the demobilization of the EMT, the WASH team worked with the logistics team to deliver donated items to Aquin hospital and to Haiti's national water and sanitation agency (DINEPA). The WASH team also completed the installation of a water system at the MHPSS center of the Ecole Nationale Mixte d'Aquin.



The WASH team cleans and disinfects all items to be donated to the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP).

Haiti Earthquake EMT Type I Response				
Health services delivered	Health consultations: 5,892	GBV consultations: 51		Psychosocial support consultations: 579
Medical volunteers deployed	Doctors: 6	Nurses: 15	Nurse Midwives: 3	Pharmacists: 5
Persons trained	Health: 139	Gender-based violence: 264	Psychological first aid: 111	Waste management: 19
Community members reached	Health talks for patients and family: 3,150	GBV activities for women and girls: 812	MHPSS sensitization outreach: 2,732	WASH hygiene promotion: 7,033