The difference you make!
QUARTERLY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
SPRING 2016

Disaster Response and Refugee Healthcare

Fleeing from war, violence, and natural disasters, refugees around the world are forced to live with little or no access to shelter, health care, protection, sanitation facilities, or nutrition. With your support, Medical Teams now works in refugee settlements and through several partners to provide expert care to these vulnerable populations.

LEBANON
1,543 patients
Received critical health services.
504 children
Received dental care.
62 informal settlements served
Expanded from 32 since Fall 2015.

UGANDA
438,655 refugees and community members
Received critical health services.
0 mothers
Died in childbirth.
98% of mothers
Gave birth in a medical facility.

GREECE
8,782 refugees supported
Support included refugee hygiene kits, baby kits, winter jackets and gloves, and food assistance.

Healthy Children and Safe Motherhood

Our community health programs educate both communities and health facilities so participants are empowered to address their own health needs. One of our 14 maternal and child health projects is in Boën, Haiti.

Goals in Boën:
1 Improve health for mothers and newborns.
2 Reduce impact of diarrhea in children under two.
3 Reduce morbidity due to hypertension.

In the month of January:
33 mother counselors trained to advise mothers on "danger signs in newborn."
12 church leaders trained to promote proper hygiene practices.
153 households visited by mother counselors to pass on maternal and child health training.

Volunteer Highlight
JANUARY - APRIL

25 TEAMS

Income
FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET vs. YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL (OCT - APR)

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DEPLOYED TO THESE COUNTRIES:
UGANDA • LIBERIA • GUATEMALA • THAILAND
CAMBODIA • HAITI • HONDURAS • DR CONGO
ROMANIA • TURKEY

U.S. OFFICES VOLUNTEER HOURS:
13,628
The primary goal of our Mobile Dental program is to provide free or low-cost dental care to people of all ages who are living near or below the federal poverty line and are uninsured or have no viable alternatives for dental care. The Mobile Dental program removes two of the primary obstacles to care: cost and accessible location. Your gifts have provided the services below:

Since January 2015, Greece has witnessed an unprecedented influx of refugees and migrants leaving areas where war and poverty are prevalent. As the situation has continued to evolve and expand, our Greek partner, IOCC/Apostoli, has built on their local knowledge, experience and vast network of relationships to meet the ever-growing needs. Recently, Medical Teams shipped a container to Crete containing exam tables, orthopedic supplies, needles, bandages, gauze and gloves. Your support made this possible, covering the $10,000-$12,000 cost of shipping each container.

*Includes participants in group oral health instruction.

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**Staff Highlight**

**Dr. Joanne St. Louis**  
**Haiti Country Manager**

**WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND?**

I am a native Haitian and received my training as a medical doctor at the University of the State of Haiti. I then earned a degree in public health and health promotion at Henri Poincaré in Nancy, France. I began my work in a remote village in southern Haiti, growing the community outreach program of a small clinic run by an Episcopalian mission. After that, I got married and worked as a volunteer doctor in a small health center where my husband was working. I also worked with Plan Haiti as a health advisor. I joined Medical Teams in 2013.

**WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?**

For as long as I can remember, I’ve been passionate about community based primary health care. I am especially passionate about improving access to health services for women and children.

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.**

I am married to Kens St. Louis. We have two young boys, Rehu and Cedric. We are both Sunday School teachers and are involved in family ministry with the association we founded in 2009.

**WHERE DO YOU SEE HOPE BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF MEDICAL TEAMS?**

Our program works in remote places where people are not receiving any support from the public system. We are able to ignite change by working side by side with the communities. It is encouraging to witness women being empowered and to see women who were very shy and couldn’t even talk in front of a group of their peers now able to share health messages in front of 200 people.

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**We are grateful for you!**

On behalf of the people we serve, thank you. You are responsible for transforming lives around the world. Mothers are having safer births, babies are surviving illness, and refugees are receiving health and hope in desperate situations. Our work would not be possible without friends like you. Thank you!