

MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH IN HAITI



Haitian mom and baby, Haitian Red Cross-Canadian Red Cross MNCH Program (South-East Haiti).

COUNTRY BACKGROUND:

Total population (2012):
10 174 000

Probability of dying under
five years, per 1 000 live
births (2012): 76

Maternal Mortality Ratio,
per 100 000 live births (2011): 350

OVERVIEW:

The Canadian Red Cross, with the Haitian Red Cross, Canadian health partners and the Government of Haiti, is implementing an integrated health program in the south east department of Haiti. The program improves the availability and use of quality services for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH), as well as strengthens the resilience of communities in terms of community-based health and first aid.

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ACTIVITIES

The Haitian Red Cross partners of the integrated health program are working with communities and the Ministry of Health (MoH) to:

- Train Red Cross volunteers in effective health promotion and disease prevention messaging within communities in order to reduce the incidence of disease.
- Reconstruct the Saint-Michel hospital in Jacmel and rehabilitate four clinic dispensaries into health centers, as well as provide basic medical and non-medical equipment, contributing to increased equity of access to health services for women and children.
- Reconstruct latrines to increase access to better quality facilities for women and children.
- Train administrative, medical and technical staff, specifically relating to pregnant women and delivery, newborns and children.
- Support in planning, organization and follow up of health services and health information systems, related to MNCH.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Through the implementation of the integrated health program, it is expected that:

- Access and availability of MNCH services is improved.
- Quality of health services provided by the departmental hospital and other targeted health institutions is improved, in particular for MNCH.
- Health practices in communities are improved in the targeted areas, in particular for elements related to MNCH.
- MoH at the departmental level is strengthened for various functions: planning, management, epidemiological surveillance as well as prevention/promotion, in particular for MNCH.

The financial support of Canadians for MNCH programming is critical in achieving these significant results. [Help us save lives today.](#)