



Project Medishare for Haiti, Inc.

Empowering Haitians to Succeed

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After the Haiti earthquake in January 2010, the American Red Cross partnered with Project Medishare and continued their support for over two years by contributing over \$8 million towards the operation of Hospital Bernard Mevs/Project Medishare Critical Care Trauma and Rehabilitation Program in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. As previously reported by Project Medishare, "Without the American Red Cross support, there was no other hospital in Haiti to treat critically ill and injured patients. In addition to funding the staff, the American Red Cross grant covered supplies like medications and equipment that were necessary to operate this unique facility. Special programs and facilities including pediatric and newborn Intensive Care Units were non-existent prior to the earthquake and prior to the invaluable support from the American Red Cross."

American Red Cross funding allowed Project Medishare and Hospital Bernard Mevs to provide trauma and critical care to thousands of Haitians, but equally important was the training of hundreds of Haitian physicians, nurses and allied health professionals. Today, the all Haitian Team provides 24/7 staffing to the only critical care and trauma hospital in Haiti. The American Red Cross \$8 million investment is evolving into creation of a National Critical Care and Trauma Hospital and System for emergency medical services and disaster response.

In October 2010, immediately following the outbreak of cholera, this partnership was extended to bring lifesaving medical supplies donated by Project Medishare on flights chartered by the American Red Cross. Without the quick and effective response by our American Red Cross partners, many more lives would have tragically been lost to cholera.

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