LEPP Successfully Transferred Over 43 Million Dollars’ Worth of Surplus Property in FY 2019

In FY 2019, LEPP successfully transferred 43,509,737 dollars’ worth of surplus property to 14 countries where USAID provides aid and development assistance. The property transferred included generators, laptops, medical supplies, ophthalmology, laboratory and dental equipment. LEPP partner organizations that are faith-based accounted for approximately 50% of the federal surplus property transfers in the fiscal year. In addition, property worth $10,814,688 was transferred during the first quarter of FY 2020 from October 1 to December 31, 2019.

- Latin America & the Caribbean - federal surplus property worth $27,613,190 was transferred to Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, and Peru.
- Asia - federal surplus property worth $10,721,195 was transferred to Pakistan, and the Philippines.
- Africa - federal surplus property worth $3,245,340 was transferred to Tanzania.
- Eastern Europe - federal surplus property worth $1,930,013 was transferred to Albania, Bosnia–Herzegovina, Moldova, and Ukraine.

Currently, 23 PVOs participate in LEPP, alongside 31 USAID Missions and three U.S. Embassies. LEPP is managed by USAID’s Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA)/American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA).

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Kiboga General Hospital in Rural Uganda Reaches More Patients With Improved Diagnostics and Treatment Thanks to LEPP Donations of Medical Equipment

Kiboga General Hospital is located approximately 100 miles from the capital of Uganda, Kampala. The hospital serves six surrounding districts and provides free and subsidized surgical, imaging, immunization, maternity and family planning services. With 210 bed-capacity, the hospital is severely underfunded and overcrowded and is operating with outdated equipment. For instance, there are no x-ray machines in the surrounding three districts, and Kiboga General Hospital bears the burden of providing this much needed diagnostic service.

To improve the diagnosis and treatment of prevalent chronic, communicable and non-communicable diseases (hepatitis B, HIV, cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart disease), Kiboga General Hospital needed to obtain diagnostic equipment for its laboratory and hospital beds to increase its patient intake. To address this challenge laboratory equipment, hospital beds, surgical, and other medical supplies and consumables were transferred to the hospital through LEPP partner organization World Help. Today, as a result of these donations, the hospital is able to provide life-saving services to nearly 50,000 people who rely on the hospital as the only health care provider in the surrounding area.

One patient who benefited from these LEPP donations was Ruth (pictured above). Ruth was having trouble seeing and hearing. Due to the lack of diagnostic medical equipment, doctors at the hospital were unable to provide her with treatment. The only option for the hospital was to send Ruth to an urban medical facility 100 miles away in Kampala. But that journey was too taxing for Ruth, both physically and financially. However, thanks to the recent medical equipment donations through LEPP and World Help, Ruth was able to come back to Kiboga General Hospital and receive treatment to correct her vision, hearing, and recover in familiar surroundings close to home.

This is just one example of how donations of medical equipment and consumables from the American people save lives and contribute to the development of rural health systems in developing nations.
LEPP Donations Help People in Rural Haiti Gain Access to Affordable Health Care

LEPP donations of dental equipment were transferred by partner organization Food for the Poor, Inc. to Bethesda Community Health Center in a rural community of Onaville, Haiti. Most people in Onaville do not prioritize oral health because the majority of clinics are either inaccessible or too expensive. Most residents only seek treatment after symptoms worsen. Left untreated, many of these conditions become chronic.

Bethesda Community Health Center was built right after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, spearheaded by health professionals working in remote areas to address urgent health care needs of displaced communities. In partnership with Food for the Poor Inc. and other generous donors, the center was established to provide a permanent space to treat acute and chronic diseases for populations residing in Onaville and the surrounding communities.

François Leclerc (pictured getting treatment above), 31, came to the center from his small home-town in Canaan, a community located 10 kilometers from the Bethesda Community Health Center. It was his very first visit to the dentist. “Growing up, going to the dentist was viewed as an unnecessary expense and a luxury by my parents - lately, I have been in so much pain, I could not eat, I could not even touch my face,” said François.

Aided by the dental equipment donated through LEPP and Food For the Poor Inc., François received the appropriate care and treatment at the health center. “The clinic is very affordable, I paid 150 gourdes [approx. $1.60], for a consultation,” he added.

LEPP Donations are Utilized in Life-Changing Surgeries, Helping People Lead Productive Lives

Ana Cristina Gutierrez works as a cake decorator in her father’s small bakery in her hometown of Daet, Philippines. She has lived with strabismus crossed eyes her whole life which worsened as she got older. At the age of 25, Ana supports her two younger siblings with their school expenses. “I’ve always wanted to find a job with better pay, but I’m constantly rejected because of my eyes— even after an exceptional job interview, I’m never offered a job,” said Ana.

Ana learned about the medical services provided at the Mabuhay Deseret Foundation from her uncle, who told her that screenings will be done by ophthalmologists in her province of Camarines Norte. The foundation has received modern ophthalmic surgical equipment and supplies through LEPP and the U.S. humanitarian organization Deseret International.

The doctors told Ana that her strabismus can be corrected with surgery. At absolutely no cost to her, Ana received two surgeries by trained local doctors utilizing the surgical equipment and supplies donated by the American people. “I immediately saw results after my first surgery. This experience has been more than I have ever hoped for. I’m thankful beyond words,” said Ana.

Today, Ana works as a patient coordinator in her home province of Daet. “Having this kind of job, I’m not only able to support my family but also have a great opportunity to give back to my community by helping people receive life-changing medical interventions,” she commented.
LEPP Supports Faith-Based & Community Organizations by Providing Access to Physical Capital Needed for Aid and Development Assistance

USAID believes that working in partnership with faith-based and community stakeholders is critical in developing and sustaining productive and resilient communities around the world. USAID provides faith-based community groups access to resources to help guide them through the partnership process and provides information about new grant opportunities within the agency.

In support of this Agency mission, physical property accessed through LEPP is successfully leveraged by the program’s faith-based partner organizations to augment their humanitarian aid and development work overseas. In FY 2019, faith-based organizations contributed substantially to LEPP’s success.

LEPP will continue to strategically strengthen program collaborations with its faith-based partners and highlight the impact of federal surplus property donations on humanitarian and development projects undertaken by such organizations.

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