

USAID/LEPP

Limited Excess Property Program



AFRICA

17%

3,926,565

ASIA

46%

10,969,239

EASTERN
EUROPE

1%

148,766

LATIN AMERICA/
CARIBBEAN

36%

9,443,512

30% of Federal Surplus Property Transfers in the First Three Quarters of FY 2020 were Procured During the COVID-19 Pandemic

In the three quarters of FY 2020 (October 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020), the Limited Excess Property Program (LEPP) successfully transferred 24,037,918.29 dollars' worth of surplus property to 12 countries where USAID provides aid and development assistance. The property transferred included generators, laptops, school furnishings, medical consumables, as well as ophthalmology, laboratory, and dental equipment. Approximately 30% of these transfers were made during the COVID-19 pandemic between March 1 and June 30. LEPP partner organizations that are faith-based accounted for approximately 28% of the federal surplus property donations during this period.

- Latin America & the Caribbean - federal surplus property worth \$8,750,716 was transferred to the Bahamas, Chile, Guatemala, Haiti and Peru.
- Asia - federal surplus property worth \$11,099,008 was transferred to the Philippines.
- Africa - federal surplus property worth \$4,003,418 was transferred to Kenya and Tanzania.
- Eastern Europe - federal surplus property worth \$115,694 was transferred to Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Moldova, and Ukraine.

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How LEPP property donations have benefited communities in Nepal, Nicaragua, Tanzania, Uganda & the Philippines.



Third Quarter LEPP Property Transfer Highlights

A variety of items valued at 24 million dollars were requisitioned and processed through LEPP in the three quarters of FY 2020 (October 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020). Most of the property was earmarked for regional hospitals and health care centers that serve remote populations in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America.

LEPP in partnership with Mission Without Borders processed \$100,000 worth of household furniture to be transferred to orphanages and children's homes in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Moldova. Among other items, LEPP's partner World Help processed two Mobile C-Arm X Ray machines totaling \$185,076, two ultrasound machines totaling \$112,514, and hospital lights worth \$84,275 for use in hospitals in Guatemala. World Help also procured a Hand Mentor Pro-robotic device valued at a total of \$1,179,000. The hand mentor uses a pneumatic artificial muscle to facilitate movement in patients experiencing paralysis or paresis. These items will be sent to Guatemala to provide upper limb rehabilitation assistance to patients.

In addition, LEPP in partnership with CharityVision processed medical and surgical supplies such as gastroscopes, laryngoscopes, defibrillators, sutures, surgical staples, and disposable surgical items. Nearly \$1,419,000 worth of medical equipment will be utilized in medical facilities throughout the Philippines. Tanzania will receive medical property such as an Ophthalmic Refractor worth \$214,753.48, dental instruments worth \$100,000, and other medical supplies valued at \$155,466. Dental instruments and supplies worth \$104,947 were procured for use in hospitals and clinics in Chile.

LEPP Holds a Successful 2020 Application Cycle

LEPP successfully kicked off the 2020 application cycle in April. Out of 31 organizations that submitted applications, 22 were selected by the LEPP review panel to participate in phase two of the application process. Following this vetting of conditionally approved PVOs, 16 organizations have been selected to participate in LEPP.

Prior to transferring property overseas, PVOs must obtain a signed 607 Determination for each country in which they plan to transfer surplus property. To that end, LEPP held a 607-Determination training on September 16, 2020.

607 Determination is needed to ascertain that:

- There is a need for the property described in the quantity requested and that such property is suitable for the purpose requested;
- The designated end-user is responsible, able to effectively utilize and maintain such property; and,
- The residual value, serviceability, and appearance of such property would not reflect unfavorably on the image of the United States and would justify the costs of packing, crating, handling, transportation and other accessorial costs and that the residual value at least equals the total of these costs.

After receiving a signed 607 determination from a USAID mission and participating in a mandatory PVO partner training, PVOs may begin the process of procuring federal surplus property through LEPP.



LEPP Ophthalmology Equipment Donations Help Provide Life-Changing Treatments to Underserved Communities

Marcela Lana and her husband are farmers in Toledo, in the province of Cebu, the Philippines. When Marcela's husband suffered from a stroke that left him mute, she resolved to stay strong to take care of him. It was not until 2017 that she started noticing her vision getting blurry. Marcela went to a local ophthalmologist in her hometown and was diagnosed with cataracts on both eyes. She was told that her cataracts can be surgically treated for a full recovery of her sight, but that it would cost her 60,000 pesos (approx. 1,200 USD). Because Marcela and her husband found it impossible to raise the money for the surgery, she made the hard decision to live with her cataracts, hoping that it will not worsen over time.

But in early 2018, Marcela's eyesight got worse. Her vision became so cloudy that she could only make out the outline of people and items. She found it almost impossible to go about her daily activities such as cooking, cleaning and getting dressed. She got burnt when she tried to cook. Slowly, Marcela lost her independence.

Marcela realized that she would need to get treatment; otherwise, she will not be able to take care of her disabled husband who relied on her.

She asked her daughter to look for financial aid programs in hospitals in her hometown and the surrounding areas. They were referred to Cebu Velez General Hospital, where screening and surgical services are provided by the Mabuhay Deseret Foundation; a non-profit organization that provides thousands of free and subsidized operations every year to correct medical conditions such as cleft lip/palate, cataracts, crossed eyes, club foot, and burn contractions for underserved communities in the Philippines. Local doctors in Cebu Velez perform surgeries utilizing ophthalmology equipment donated through LEPP and partner organization CharityVision. Marcela learned that she can get surgery at the Foundation at no cost to her family - this brought her immense relief and hope.

Marcela received two successful cataract surgeries on her eyes. She says that one of the first things she did after she regained her sight was to visit her friends and family - to finally be able to see their faces, take care of her husband and go about her day independently, has changed her life tremendously. All thanks to medical equipment and supply donations that were made possible through the partnership between LEPP and CharityVision.



Donations of Generators Bring Relief to Vulnerable Families in the Bahamas

The devastation left by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas in 2019 is estimated at \$3.4 billion; with 67 people losing their lives, 282 missing, and 29,472 affected by the loss of their homes and assets.

Humanitarian aid estimated at \$93,408 was transferred to aid vulnerable families in the Bahamas by LEPP's partner Outreach Aid to the Americas (OAA)/Americas Relief Team (ART). Four large portable generators were donated and transferred to the National Emergency Management Agency of the Bahamas (NEMA), and are presently utilized in community kitchens, shelters, and recovery centers that aid 8,000 hurricane victims who are still in the process of rehabilitation.

LEPP's partner OAA/ART has used federal surplus donations not only as emergency aid, but also to leverage the donations to manage, coordinate, and train local disaster management agencies. As a result, communities are better prepared to proactively respond to future disasters in the region

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. As a result, LEPP's partnership with faith-based organizations such as OAA/ART is crucial in supporting global development efforts through the provision of scarce physical capital needed to address grass-roots development challenges.



LEPP Donation Support Global Efforts to Mitigate the COVID-19 Pandemic

As countries strive to deal with the public health and socio-economic impact caused by COVID-19, there is an urgent need for physical capital, especially for medical equipment, supplies, and consumables. Over the last four months, property donations were transferred through LEPP's partner organization World Help to Guatemala, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Uganda, and Zambia to assist in the global efforts to mitigate the pandemic. In Nicaragua, medical supplies and consumables were distributed to regional hospitals to aid communities affected by COVID-19 and presently benefit 25,730 people. In May of 2020, personal protective equipment (PPE) valued at \$750,000 was provided to medical workers in Uganda's regional hospitals by World Help. These donations were described by the Uganda Ministry of Health as the largest medical donation since COVID-19 was first detected in March of 2020 in the country.

Physical capital such as vital sign monitors, ventilators, EKGs, sterilizers, aspirators, and hospital beds that were initially procured through LEPP to aid regional and rural hospitals and health centers, are now being utilized to fight the pandemic. Every donation counts, simple items such as hygiene kits are critical for protecting health care professionals and first responders and have also been distributed through World Help to vulnerable communities impacted by a shortage of water, electricity power and disruptions in supply-chain. These simple measures protect communities and save lives.

LEPP Donations Distributed to Hospitals & Schools in Rural Nepal

LEPP transfers of vital sign monitors, ventilators, EKGs, sterilizers, laryngoscopes, aspirators, bladder scanners, exam tables, stretchers, and crutches were distributed by LEPP's partner World Help to three hospitals - the Gunjaman Singh, Lamjung, and Chaujahari hospitals in Nepal. These property transfers are expected to benefit 67,000 people.

World Help also distributed 10,000 hygienic kits and books to school children in the Chitwan and Rukum districts of Nepal. The hygiene kits will help in the districts' efforts to keep school children healthy and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.



In gratitude of receiving these donations, Hemanta Shreshta, Administrator of Lamjung District Hospital expressed immense thanks and said " because of your donations of medical equipment, we can now provide more health care services to people affected by the pandemic in rural Nepal. Together we are making a difference in the field of health and education".



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Asha Maya Pariyar (above), from Gaunsahar, was happy to receive this walker donated through LEPP's partner humanitarian aid organization World Help. After a long stay in the Lamjung hospital, Asha, 63, was finally able to get back on her feet and make concrete progress towards her recovery.



A patient with suspected COVID-19 (above) is treated by a doctor in the isolation ward of Gunjaman Singh hospital aided by a vital signs monitor donated by World Help through LEPP.