

# Delivering Health and Hope

## MIDYEAR REPORT 2016

“Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.” (Helen Keller)  
“Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity.” (Hippocrates)

The opportunity for healing for people around the world comes in the form of medical relief from Canada through Health Partners International of Canada. We can overcome suffering and sickness thanks to the help of Canadians like you.

I was in Zimbabwe earlier this year and was astonished to learn about the chronic lack of medicine. Did you know that people there only have access to about 15% of the medicine they need?

The situation is similar in many countries. We have reached about 600,000 people so far this year with life-saving treatment! But there are still many communities waiting for medicine. Will you consider helping in the solution?



Denis St-Amour  
President

**Expecting \$500,000,000 in Medical Relief Milestone before October 1**



### This summer we need funding to:

Help meet medical needs in Ecuador during recovery efforts (\$15,000 needed to send 1 container)

Help vulnerable communities served by Food For The Poor (\$45,000 needed to send 4 containers)

Help Cuban seniors access needed medical supplies (\$15,000 to send 1 container)

Equip medical teams going to communities in need (\$1,175/Humanitarian Medical Kit and \$29,375 for 25 kits)

### Emergency medical relief for Ecuador

Once again Canada's healthcare industry and HPIC's donors rallied to support people living in the aftermath of a natural disaster. A deadly and destructive earthquake struck Ecuador April 16 and the offers to help were steady through the spring.

Over \$2 million of essential medicines were airlifted "We are very grateful for this marvellous donation," said Isabel Valdez de Escala of the Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil, HPIC's on-the-ground partner.

The major donor of medicine was Apotex, donating \$1.7 million worth of medicines. Other donors included Allergan, AstraZeneca, Bayer, Covidien, Euro-Pharm, GlaxoSmithKline, Henry Schein, Johnson & Johnson, LEO Pharma, Paladin, Pfizer, Pharmascience, Sandoz Canada, Teva and Vita Health.

**Sponsors of the relief:** Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association, CHP Canada, Innovative Medicines Canada, individual donors across Canada

## New Government-funded project for women and children in Haiti

SHOW (Strengthening Health Outcomes for Women and Children) is a multi-year Canadian government-funded project that aims to improve the health of women, adolescent girls, mothers, newborns and children in under-served communities.

HPIC is proud to partner with Plan Canada, one of the world's largest international development agencies, to support the Haiti component of this project.

HPIC will be assessing needs and providing much-needed medicines to Haiti. Our goal is to provide \$700K of donated essential medicines.

### Q: Is donated medicine important in humanitarian work?

A: Yes! Quality donated medicine can be more effective than sending money to buy locally. (Local manufacturing and supply not always consistent) And at times, donated medicine (also referred to as gift-in-kind donation) literally means the difference between life and death.

Medicines:

- stop infections from spreading and killing,
- contain an epidemic,
- bring pain relief.

### What does a Humanitarian Medical Kit cost HPIC?

HPIC releases a kit, packed with essential medicines and medical supplies, to a Canadian volunteer for a minimum donation of \$575. However, the actual cost per kit to HPIC is \$1,175, meaning the balance of \$600 must be fundraised.

Each kit can treat about 250 people.

This donation goal for one kit is ideal for an office, group of friends, church, community group.

**Health and hope does come in a kit. And you can deliver one with your donation to HPIC! [www.hpicanada.ca/donate](http://www.hpicanada.ca/donate)**



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These children are waiting to see Dr. Sonilal Pancham who travelled to rural Guyana in February with a team from MATE/FCC on a medical mission with 3 Humanitarian Medical Kits. The team treated 1,000 patients, more than half were children. “Here they lack many of the important medicines, such as vitamins and pain relief,” Dr. Pancham wrote in his report. “Thank you very much.”



A makeshift clinic set up by David Miclash and a team with Alongside International. They brought two Humanitarian Medical Kits in February to Uganda, enough medicine to treat about 500 people.