



medi for help
Annual Report 2020



A smile for Haiti

A year under the sign of the pandemic

The corona pandemic was no exception in Haiti and hits the poorest the hardest.

But there was also concern about the staff on site.

Thanks to the support of our partners, protective clothing and masks could be procured quickly.

Development 2020



Workshop operations interrupted for the first time

For the first time in 11 years, the gates of the medi for help workshop had to be closed for several weeks.

The first corona infections were detected at the end of February. The risk of the virus spreading rapidly is particularly high in Haiti.

Many people cannot comply with the exit restrictions because they would otherwise have no income.

Because of pre-existing chronic diseases such as malnutrition, infections (tuberculosis etc.), the course of the disease is much more severe than it is with us.

To protect the patients and our team, the orthopedic workshop was closed. The focus shifted to the establishment of a Covid-19 center.



Development 2020

Covid-19 Center

So far, the Hôpital Albert Schweitzer (HAS) has treated almost 100 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 9 deaths.

Because of the quality of medical care at HAS and experience with the cholera epidemic (hospitalization of over 7,100 cholera patients), the hospital was named a Covid-19 center by the Haitian government.

The former cholera center outside the hospital has been converted to accommodate corona infected patients.

In order to limit contact and possible transmission of the virus, all suspected cases are referred to the center for evaluation and treatment.



Development 2020



Covid-19 Emergency Response Plan

A COVID-19 emergency response plan was activated in early March to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus.

The emergency response included the following measures:

- Treatment and Testing
- Community Education and Containment
- Hand-Washing Stations
- Surface Disinfectants and Sanitizer
- Oxygen Therapy



Development 2020



Relocation of the supply region

The care of leg amputee patients in Port au Prince has continued to establish itself.

For example, our workshop there, which was built with partners in 2012/13 and handed over to the St. Vincent's Center for children with disabilities, has taken on new care and aftercare.

This means that the patients no longer have to travel the long, arduous journey to Deschapelles



Development 2020



New focus of care

The medi workshop concentrates now more on the region around the Hôpital Albert Schweitzer (HAS)



Development 2020

Increase in accidents with children

Serious accidents with children reach the HAS every day.

Motorized traffic is increasing. Precautions like helmets ... are missing.

With over 4,000 hospitalizations and 12,500 outpatient treatments per year, pediatrics is the largest department in the hospital.

As the number of accidents continues to increase, an expansion of trauma surgery is planned.

The team at the medi for help workshop must adjust to these changes.



Development 2020

Material Supply

A container with orthopedic components for the medi Lab in Deschapelles has arrived in Haiti despite all the odds.

Thanks to a generous donation from Össur, it is still possible to maintain the prosthetic leg supply over a long period of time.





Lead Practitioner

Fabiola Jean Pierre

... CPO from Leogane

Working for medi for help for 5 years.

As a wife and mother, with her orthopedic technician training in Haiti and the management of the medi for help workshop, Fabiola took on a new position that was not taken for granted until then.

We are proud to have successfully completed this change with her.



Team 2020

Fabiola Jean Pierre
Roseline Charlumau Louis
Alix Paul
Cira Oladin

As hospitals and health facilities had to close last year due to political unrest across the country, our team on site was able to take care of new patients and provide follow-up care for many Haitians in 2020 despite the pandemic.

We are proud and grateful that our employees are so loyal and motivated in their cause.

Development 2020



medi for help USA FACULTÉ DES SCIENCES DE RÉHABILITATION DE LÉOGANE (FSRL)

Wound care training at FSRL pivoted to virtual format.

Third consecutive year of wound care lecture completed for the Haitian Physical and Occupational Therapy University class.

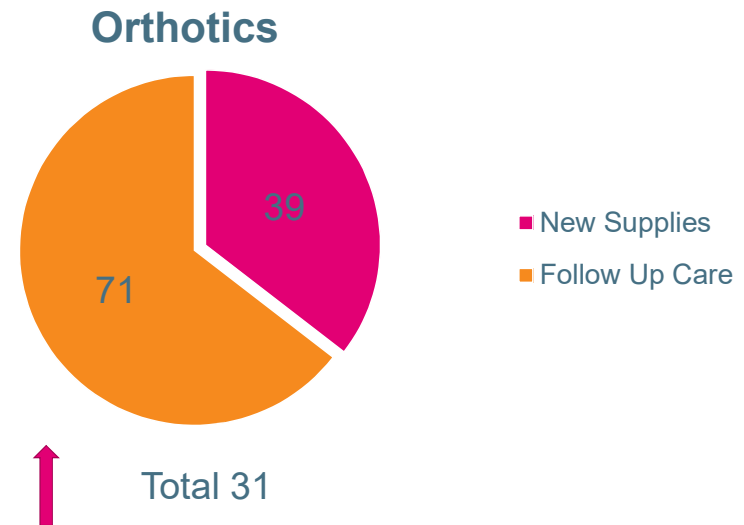
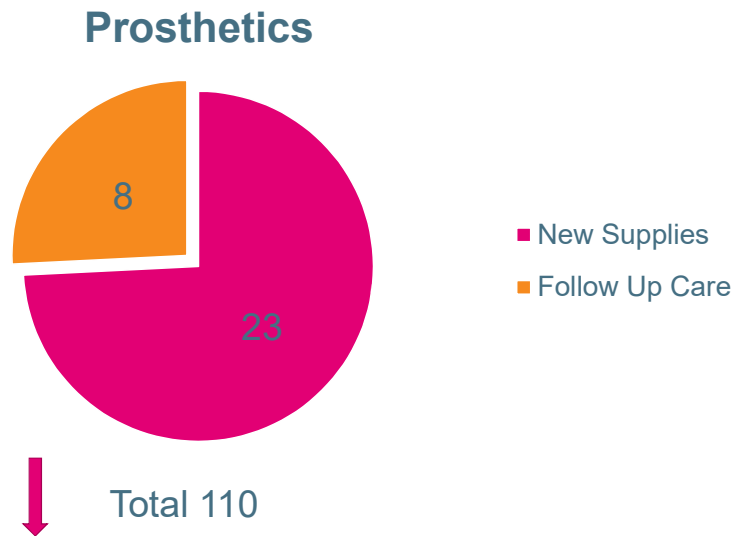
Completed 15 hours of classroom virtual training on basic wound care principles

Completed by medi USA's Bryan Groleau COTA/L, CLT-LANA, CLWT, WCC, LLE

Supported locally by recent graduate physical therapist

Operative Results 2020

141 Patient Supplies



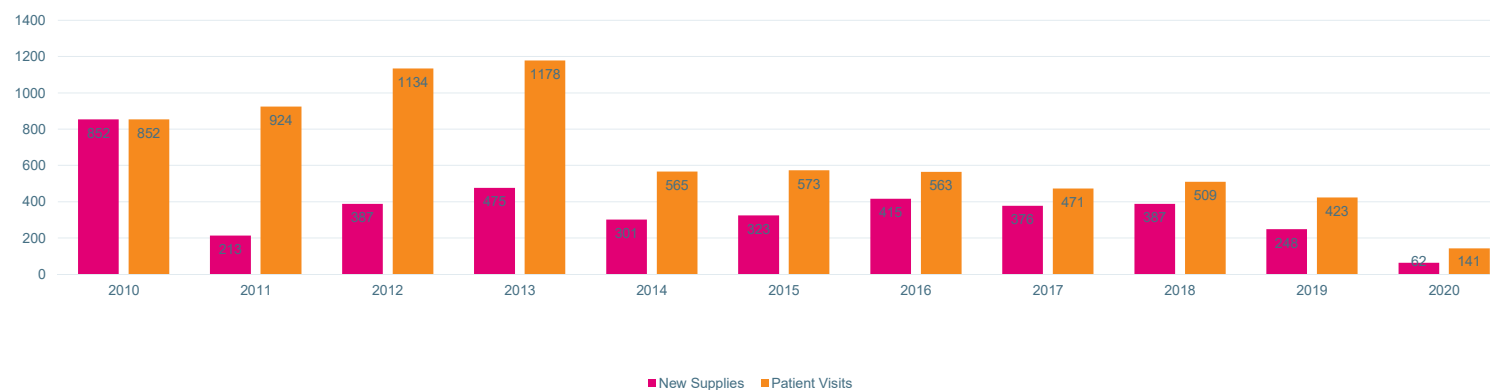
The demand for orthotic care has increased considerably in proportion. Our outstanding Haitian technicians are trained and the change of the focus from care to post-traumatic joint injuries is a goal for the near future so that a complete care can be offered here as well.

Operative Results 2010 - 2020



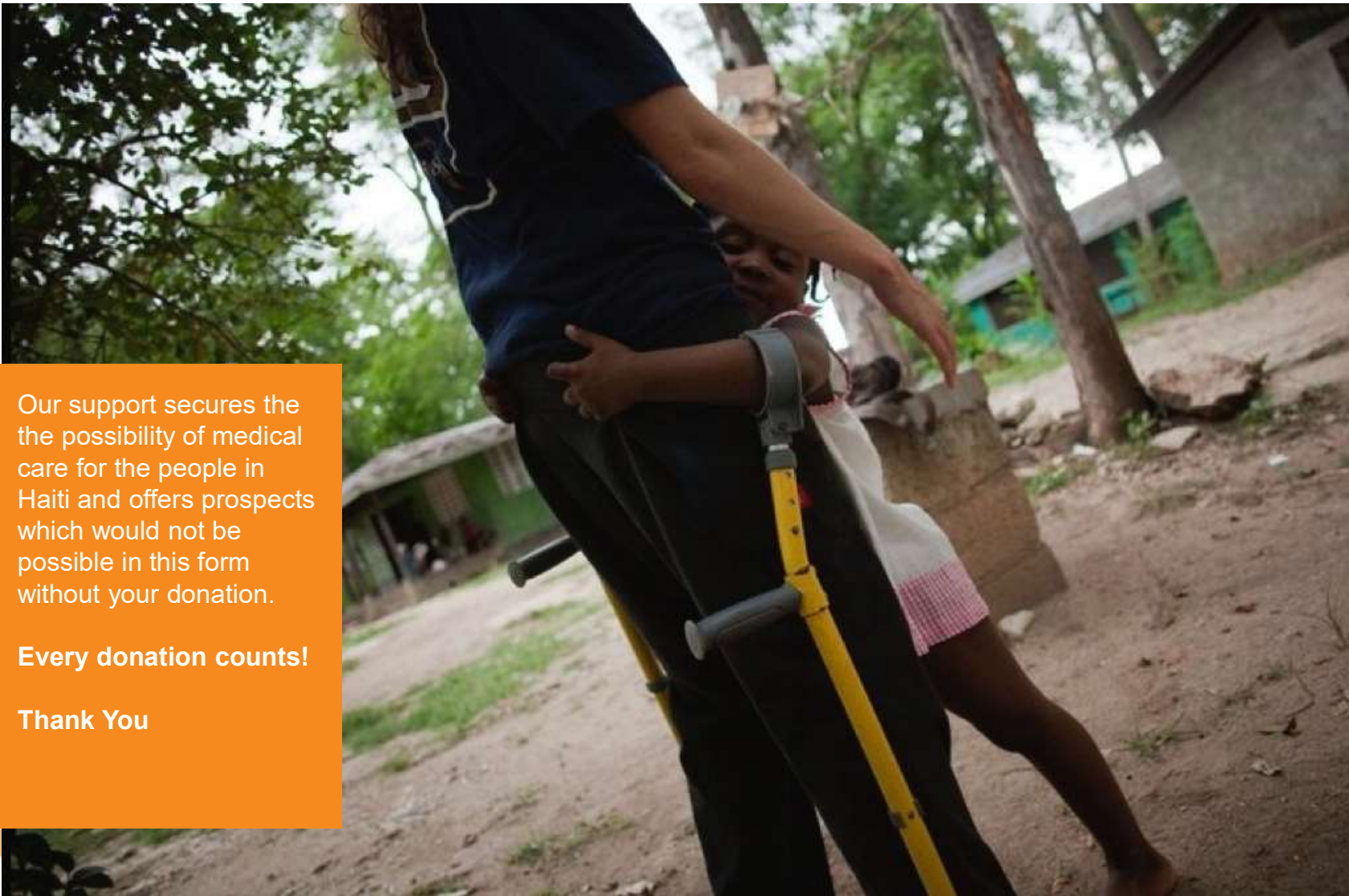
Total 4.039 New Supplies

Total 7.333 Patient Visits



A country does not come to rest

This year too, the supply trend reflects the difficulties Haiti must contend with. In addition to the politically motivated street fights of recent years and the corona pandemic that has now arisen, the success of our efforts to set up an orthopedic supply in Port au Prince in 2013 and to hand it over to St. Vincent is becoming increasingly clear.

A photograph of a person wearing a yellow and grey medical brace, standing outdoors in a rural setting. The person is wearing a dark blue t-shirt and dark pants. The background shows trees and a simple building.

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