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Limited Excess Property Program (LEPP)

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USAID/LEPP Background

Under Section 607 of the Foreign Assistance Act (FAA) of 1961, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has special authority to provide approved Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) access to the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) Disposition Services excess property programs.

The Limited Excess Property Program (LEPP) was established in 1987 by USAID as an innovative and cost-effective strategy to transfer millions of dollars' worth of new and used U.S. Government (USG) surplus property to PVOs and USAID Missions to supplement their development and humanitarian projects overseas.

LEPP provides access to federal surplus property on behalf of the American people to communities in developing nations. Furthermore, the program promotes sustainable and locally driven development through productive partnerships with host governments and local institutions. In fiscal year (FY) 2021, 16 PVOs participated in LEPP, alongside 25 USAID Missions.

In the last three decades, LEPP has leveraged close to \$1 billion worth of federal surplus property to help build and strengthen local institutions in USAID partner countries. LEPP partners utilize physical capital donations to respond to local needs ranging from disaster response to capacity-building in over 70 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and Latin America.

LEPP is managed by USAID's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA), which is part of the Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation's Local, Faith, and Transformative Partnerships (LFT) Hub.

On behalf of the American people, LEPP partners with U.S. humanitarian aid organizations to transfer federal surplus property donations to communities in developing nations.

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Year in Review

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, LEPP Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) supported partner countries in their COVID-19 response, overcame logistical challenges, and successfully transferred over \$37 million worth of surplus property to 21 countries where USAID provides humanitarian aid, disaster relief, and development assistance. The property transferred included medical and dental commodities, generators, hygiene supplies, computers, communication devices, and lab equipment. Faith-based partner organizations accounted for approximately 51% of these transfers. The surplus property donated continues to support global health systems strengthening, humanitarian assistance, and educational programs.

In partnership with USAID Missions, General Services Administration (GSA), the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and PVOs, LEPP continues to optimize federal resources and leverage property to support health and education needs in our partner countries. Our program has provided \$37,131,470 worth of vital medical and dental equipment, computers, hygiene supplies, and personal protection equipment (PPE) to 21 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The PPE has been beneficial to countries with inadequate medical supplies and has supported hospitals and clinics with providing protection to their staff and patients.

A breakdown by region indicates federal surplus property worth \$10,988,389 supported regions in Latin America and the Caribbean. Recipients included El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Peru. Asia received \$11,918,228 worth of surplus property which benefited rural communities in Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines. Eastern Europe received \$269,018 worth of excess property for families in need in Albania, Moldova, and Ukraine. Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Niger, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Zambia received \$13,955,834. Africa was the largest recipient of federal surplus property in FY 21.

This past spring, LEPP hosted a virtual, mandatory training to onboard new and returning PVOs to the program. Over 40 participants attended the two-day training. PVOs were comprised of eight returning partners and eight new organizations, seven of which are also ASHA award recipients. Additionally, interagency colleagues presented from the GSA, DLA, Department of Defense, and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency. Their trainings provided invaluable information on federal transportation assistance programs ([Denton](#) and [Funded Transportation](#)), how to use GSAXcess, and how to access surplus property from holding locations. Collaboratively, these interagency partners assist our PVOs with leveraging excess government property to provide aid in international regions where resources are scarce. LEPP partners continue to demonstrate good will by creatively recycling USG property to solve development challenges.

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Property Transfers by Region & Country



LEPP FY 2021 Order Value Report by PVO, Region & Country

PVO/Mission	Region	Order Value	Country	Order Value	Total
CharityVision International	LAC	\$1,489,631.68	Haiti	\$1,735,261.15	\$13,281,910.53
		\$245,629.47	Peru		
	Asia	\$1,198,036.66	Pakistan	\$8,842,237.40	
		\$7,644,200.74	Philippines		
	Africa	\$82,180.90	Ghana	\$2,704,411.98	
\$2,622,231.08		Tanzania			
Cure International	Asia	\$46,926.34	Philippines	\$46,926.34	\$366,211.35
	Africa	\$113,194.41	Ethiopia	\$298,682.51	
		\$10,051.25	Kenya		
		\$10,551.25	Niger		
Food For The Poor	LAC	\$261,160.07	El Salvador	\$1,278,086.99	\$1,278,086.99
		\$576,002.92	Guatemala		
		\$125,924.00	Haiti		
		\$315,000.00	Jamaica		
HealeyIRF	Africa	\$18,475.00	Sierra Leone	\$18,475.00	\$18,475.00
Mission Without Borders	Eastern Europe	\$58,368.00	Albania	\$269,018.00	\$269,018.00
		\$92,232.00	Moldova		
		\$118,418.00	Ukraine		
OneWorld Health	LAC	\$28,568.00	Honduras	\$33,568.00	\$33,568.00
		\$5,000.00	Nicaragua		
St. Luke's Health Care Foundation	Africa	\$1,684.00	Ethiopia	\$1,684.00	\$1,684.00
World Help	Asia	\$3,029,064.24	Nepal	\$3,029,064.24	\$21,882,515.71
	LAC	\$5,499,045.35	Guatemala	\$7,489,656.89	
		\$451,816.44	Honduras		
		\$1,990,611.54	Nicaragua		
	Africa	\$2,912,856.27	Burundi	\$10,911,978.14	
\$415,479.49		Tanzania			
		\$7,583,642.38	Zambia		

Total Numbers: \$37,131,469.58

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LEPP Property Totals by Region for FY 2021



Asia - **32%**
\$11,918,227.98



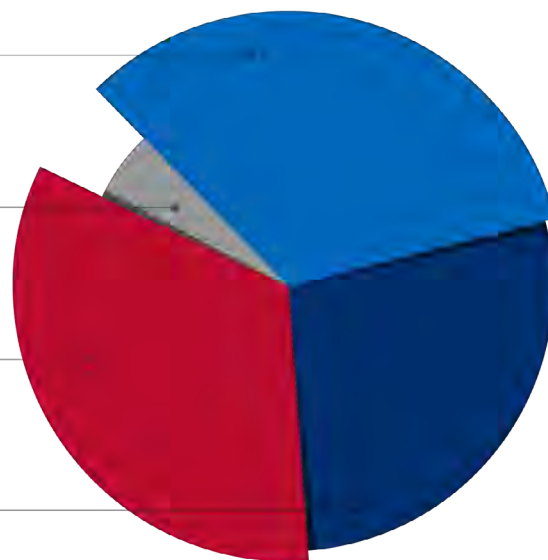
Eastern Europe - **1%**
\$269,018.00



Africa - **37%**
\$13,955,834.13



Latin America/Caribbean - **30%**
\$10,988,389.47



Total Numbers: **\$37,131,469.58**

LEPP Impact

Below is key data that demonstrates the impact LEPP has had in supporting communities in need in FY 21. Data also indicates where our PVO Partners and their programs align with USAID priorities.*

- 11 out of 16 LEPP PVO Partners (69%) consider themselves to be faith-based.
- 26 of LEPP PVOs' 54 in-country partners (48%) consider themselves to be faith-based.
- 36 out of 67 programs/projects (54%) were implemented by faith-based in-country partners using federal surplus property.
- Nearly 2.5 million people have been served across the 67 programs/projects that utilize federal surplus property.
- 28 out of 67 programs/projects (42%) focus on women, children, and gender equity.
- 40 out of 67 programs/projects (60%) engage local stakeholders in the planning and implementation process of aid programs.
- 10 out of 67 programs/projects (15%) support agricultural or other projects.

*Aside from the number of PVO Partners who are faith-based, all data represents only those PVO Partners in FY 21 who ordered, transferred, and/or implemented federal surplus property in their programs as of September 2021.

LEPP PVO Partners

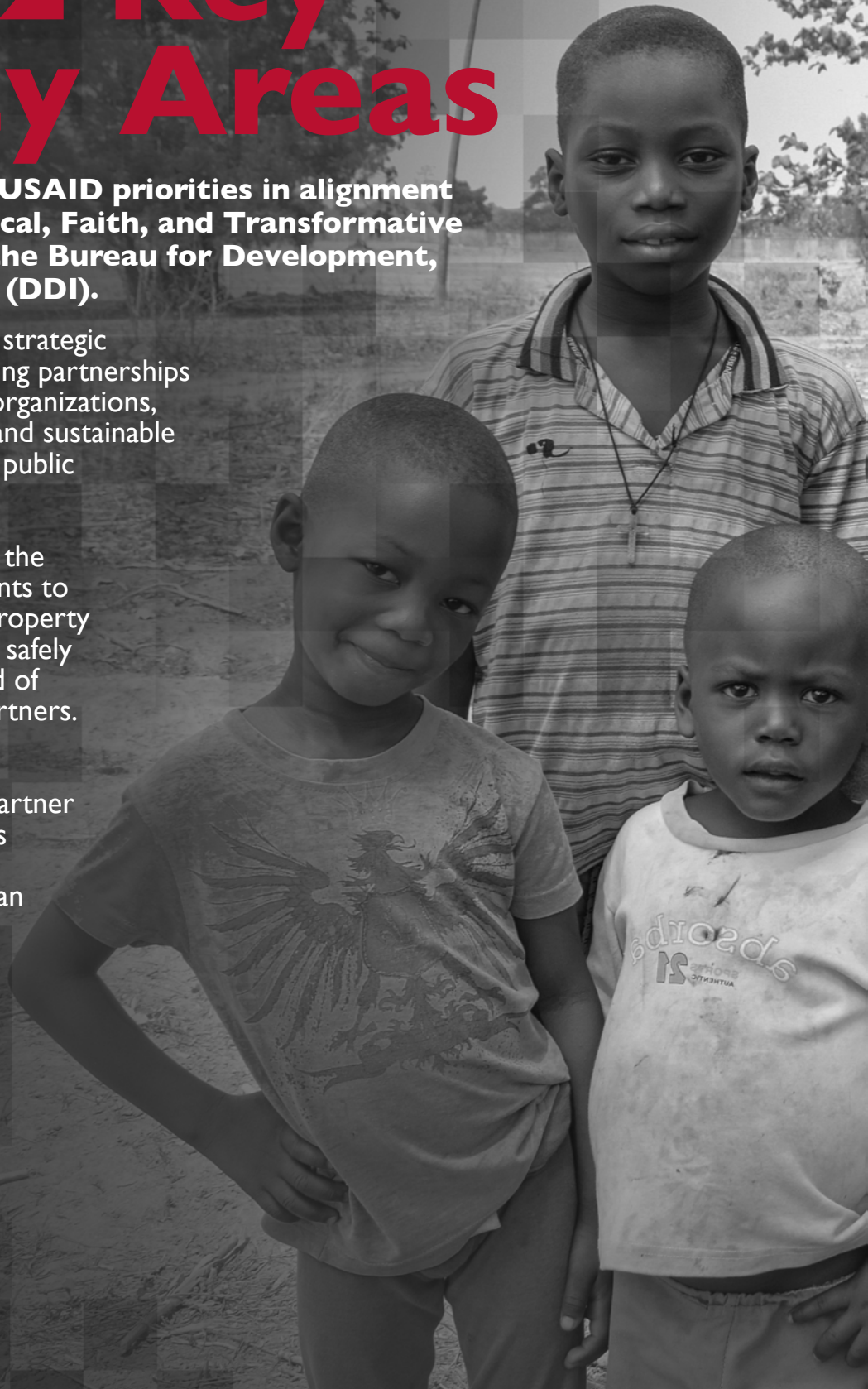
- CharityVision International
- CURE International **
- Food For The Poor, Inc. (FFTP) **
- Honduras Compassion Partners(HCP)
- Healey International Relief Foundation (HealeyIRF) **
- Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD) **
- HopeXchange, Inc. **
- Mission Without Borders Germany **
- OneWorld Health (OWH)
- Outreach Aid to the Americas/Americas Relief Team (OAA/ART) **
- Salesian Missions **
- St. Luke's Health Care Foundation **
- The Grant Foundation/HAS
- The Luke Commission Swaziland (TLC) **
- United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC)
- World Help **

**Denotes Faith Based Organization

FY 2022 Key Priority Areas

LEPP continues to support USAID priorities in alignment with the newly launched Local, Faith, and Transformative Partnerships (LFT) Hub in the Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation (DDI).

- LEPP will support the LFT Hub's strategic priority areas that include fostering partnerships with nontraditional and diverse organizations, promoting strong local capacity and sustainable development, and enhancing U.S. public diplomacy.
- LEPP will continue implementing the Do No Harm (DNH) requirements to ensure that the federal surplus property accessed through the program is safely transferred, utilized, and disposed of by PVOs and their in-country partners.
- LEPP will strengthen program collaborations with faith-based partner organizations and highlight LEPP's contribution in supporting such organizations in their humanitarian and development projects overseas.
- LEPP will continue to increase the visibility of the program amongst internal and external stakeholders by performing outreach and communications initiatives that highlight the program's accomplishments as well as create content that is aligned with the overarching Agency communications messaging.



Program Highlights:

LEPP transfers of medical equipment support programs that provide health care to underserved communities

LEPP continues to impact populations in developing countries by providing scarce medical, dental, and ophthalmic equipment and supplies to institutions that bring affordable health care services to low-income populations. Many of the communities served are located in areas with limited access to preventative care and medical treatment.

One example is the State University of Haiti Hospital, “Hopital de l’universite d’Etat d’Haiti” (HUEH), located in Port Au Prince. The hospital serves low-income communities, and many community residents must travel long distances to access the health care HUEH provides. CharityVision, in partnership with LEPP, donated an anesthesia machine to the HUEH residency program which allows doctors to perform cataract surgery on young children. Adults rarely require anesthesia for surgery whereas children require anesthesia because they tend to be more anxious and less likely to remain still during surgical procedures. Before the LEPP donation, HUEH had gone for nearly a year without a functional anesthesia machine, during which time its doctors were unable to perform nearly 200 surgeries ranging from eye to trauma surgeries. Now, the hospital has the equipment it needs to provide services to both children and adults. Dr. Mike Maingrette of HUEH said, “Thanks to these [anesthesia] machines, we have been able to operate on people of all ages: little babies, children, and adults. This machine helps with surgeries like cataract, glaucoma, and even traumatic wound surgeries.”

HUEH has had a residency program since 2014 and currently has 11 residents. Most of the residents will remain at the hospital and continue to provide services to the community once their residencies are completed.

Additionally, CharityVision Tanzania, in collaboration with LEPP’s partner CharityVision International, has benefited from LEPP transfers of ophthalmic and dental equipment for use in several hospitals throughout Tanzania. Many of the beneficiaries reside in areas with limited access to preventative care and medical treatment which could contribute to negative health outcomes in their communities. Here are some of the hospitals that received donations through LEPP and the impact it has had in the lives of so many.

Kamanga Hospital

Kamanga Hospital is located in Mwanza, a port city on the shore of Lake Victoria in northern Tanzania. The hospital serves over 10,000 patients per year, reaching remote areas in Shinyanga and Simuyu. Through LEPP, the hospital received an anesthesia machine, an operating table, a checkup table, an operating generator, and 10 monitors. Before receiving donations through LEPP, Kamanga Hospital was limited to prescribing eyeglasses to patients as they lacked the necessary equipment to perform cataract or other ophthalmic surgeries. Thanks to property donated through LEPP, Kamanga Hospital now has a fully functioning operating room and was able to hire an ophthalmologist to provide surgical services to those in need.

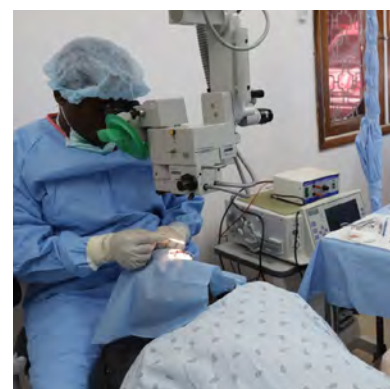


Residents at the State University of Haiti (HUEH) residency program. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.

“Thanks to these anesthesia machines, we have been able to operate on people of all ages: little babies, children, and adults.”
– Dr. Mike Maingrette, State University of Haiti Hospital



Cataract surgery being performed on a child at the State University of Haiti Hospital. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.



Patient lying on an operating table donated by LEPP to receive surgery at Kamanga Hospital. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.

Program Highlights:

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Morogoro Hospital

Morogoro Hospital is a general regional hospital in the Morogoro Region of Tanzania. It serves 1,000,000 patients per year in Gairo, Kilombero, Kilosa, Mvomero, Ulanga, and the Morogoro Township. In the past, Morogoro Hospital lacked the equipment necessary to provide advanced dental treatment to its patients. The hospital had to refer both private and government patients to other hospitals for treatment, resulting in a loss of revenue. With dental equipment donated through LEPP, Morogoro Hospital can now provide patients with the advanced dental treatment they need.



Morogoro Hospital patient resting in a dental chair donated by LEPP to receive much-needed dental care. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.

Medewell Hospital

Medewell Hospital is located in the Kibaha District of the Pwani Region of Tanzania. The hospital serves 10,000 patients per year in the Pwani Regions, Bagamoyo, Kibaha, Kiluvya, Milandizi, Tumbi, Kibamba, and the outskirts regions of Dar es Salaam. The hospital received an autorefractor through LEPP, which is a machine that automatically determines the correct lens prescriptions for patients. Before receiving the autorefractor, the hospital had to use other equipment that resulted in less accurate prescriptions for patients and a waste of lenses. With the donations made through LEPP, Medewell is now able to provide patients with the accurate lens prescriptions they need.



Patient having an eye exam at Medewell Hospital with the use of an autorefractor donated by LEPP. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.

Ilembula Hospital

Ilembula hospital is located in the city of Ilembula and serves 10,000 patients per year in the Ilembula Township, Njombe, Mafinga, Makambako, Tukuyu, Mufindi, Kidugula, Chunya, Chimala, and the outskirts of Mbeya. The hospital received an operating microscope through LEPP to replace the old, unreliable operating microscope the hospital had previously used. With the old microscope, it was difficult for doctors to detect premature cataracts, so patients were told to return in six months when the cataract matured. As cataracts mature, symptoms become worse and can sometimes lead to blindness. With the new microscope, doctors can detect premature cataracts and provide the necessary cataract treatments for patients that can help prevent blindness.



Doctor at Ilembula Hospital using a microscope donated by LEPP to perform eye surgery on a patient. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.

Program Highlights:

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LEPP provides access to scarce physical capital

LEPP provides access to resources that are not readily available or affordable to many institutions in developing countries working in the areas of health, agriculture, and education.

For instance, examination tables donated through LEPP are improving the safety and quality of care for the Juan Pablo II Children's Hospital in Mixco, Guatemala (Hospital Materno Infantil Juan Pablo II), which has been providing medical services in Guatemala since 1985. The country's only pediatric hospital provides health care services to children and adolescents from birth to 17 years of age in more than 20 pediatric specialties as well as to women in the areas of gynecology and obstetrics. The Juan Pablo II Children's Hospital receives patients from all departments within Guatemala, providing quality medical care to more than 125,000 patients a year.

Juan Pablo II was in sore need of new examination tables as the tables they had were old and badly deteriorated. Thanks to Food For The Poor (FFTP) and a generous donation from LEPP, that's exactly what they received—21 fully automated, height-adjustable new examination tables, to be exact. The new exam tables have improved patient care throughout the hospital, including its pediatric outpatient and specialty clinics, maternity and pediatric emergency rooms, and the lab. In addition, the LEPP donation has helped the hospital fulfill its COVID-19 requirements and meet the heightened patient demands due to the pandemic.

Dr. María Elena Agustín said the new examination tables have been a great benefit to the hospital, helping physicians to improve the safety, comfort, and quality of care to all patients. These exam tables also reduce the risk of patients falling when getting on or off the table, which especially benefits those patients with disabilities and activity limitations.

Ana Celeste Tejax Yantuche is a patient at the Children's Hospital who has been receiving care during her pregnancy. When she began her consultations, the hospital was using the old exam tables, but now doctors are using the new exam tables to provide her care. According to Ana, the difference was very noticeable. "I feel more comfortable and safer with the new examination tables," she said. Not only does Ana feel safer, but she no longer needs to use wooden bleachers to climb onto the exam table since the new tables can be adjusted automatically to accommodate a patient's height.

One health care facility has been able to open its doors for the very first time, thanks to federal surplus property made available through LEPP—Claire Vision Haiti, a new CharityVision partner clinic located in Jacmel. Donated equipment to help the start-up clinic included vital signs monitors, slit lamps, patient chairs, an optical coherence tomography machine, and much more. The clinic uses this equipment in its daily activities to provide underserved patients with quality vision care. The equipment is also used in the clinic's "Vision for All" program, a visual health training and screening program that trains nurses to deliver primary eye care and make referrals to eye doctors. Said Dr. Ritza Eugene at Claire Vision who is often referred patients by the nurses in the program, "Thanks to our partnerships, we are able to have an increase of our surgical output. We can help more people who have problems with their vision." Claire Vision has an amazing team of nurses who work alongside Dr. Eugene to serve the surrounding populations, many of which are low-income and unable to afford vision care. Fifty percent of people who suffer from blindness in the Caribbean reside in Haiti. About 1.1% of the population is blind and 3.91% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment. Since Claire Vision received equipment through LEPP in May 2021, they have been able to serve over 1,000 patients. Seventy of those patients needed surgery and about 200 of them needed eyeglasses.

"Thanks to our partnerships, we are able to have an increase of our surgical output. We can help more people who have problems with their vision."
– Dr. Eugene, Claire Vision

Finally, federal surplus property made available through LEPP continues to be used to support partner countries in their response to COVID-19. World Help, in partnership with LEPP, donated equipment to the Chiquimula Hospital (Hospital Nacional Carlos Manuel Arana Osorio) in Guatemala, which serves more than 100,000 people in the city of Chiquimula and the surrounding region. Equipment included exam tables, surgical lights, beds, and various equipment in the neonatal intensive care unit, such as infant warmers and incubators. Currently, all medical equipment World Help is mobilizing for Guatemala via LEPP is being prioritized to facilities treating COVID-19 patients.



Dr. Agustín examining patient Ana Celeste using an exam table made possible through LEPP. Photo courtesy of Caritas.



Post-op patients after they have received cataract surgery at Claire Vision. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.



An incubator in use at Chiquimula Hospital, made possible by LEPP donations. Photo courtesy of World Help.

Program Highlights:

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LEPP provides federal surplus property to programs that support women and gender equity

Empowering women and closing gender gaps is essential to the socioeconomic growth of developing countries. USAID is committed to advancing the status of women and girls around the world, but progress cannot be sustained without women's equal access to opportunities. LEPP supports USAID's priorities by providing federal surplus property to programs that support women and gender equity.

One such program is the Post-Graduate Residency Program in Pediatrics at the Juan Pablo II Children's Hospital in Mixco, Guatemala. Since 1985, Caritas Archdiocese of Guatemala (Caritas), the primary relief and development agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Guatemala City, has owned and operated Juan Pablo II Children's Hospital, the country's only pediatric hospital. Food For The Poor, in partnership with LEPP, has supplied federal surplus property and equipment to several departments within the Children's Hospital, including incubators and thermal modules that are critical in the treatment of infants and premature newborns. Other federal surplus property donated to the Children's Hospital includes ultrasound machines, oximeters, ophthalmic/optometric supplies, a bladder scanner, a bronchoscope, exam tables, blood pressure monitors, electrocardiographs, blood bank freezers, incubators, a pulmonary function analyzer, dental equipment, and 125 computers.

In addition to being a treatment facility, the Juan Pablo II Children's Hospital is known as one of the few institutions in Guatemala where women receive the training they need to excel in their chosen fields and spur their upward mobility. Since 1994, the Children's Hospital has had a Post-Graduate Residency Program in collaboration with Rafael Landivar University, which provides medical training to Guatemalan and Central American residents. Seventy-nine percent of the doctors who are currently attending the hospital's post-graduate program are women, and in the past 24 years, 69% of the pediatricians who have graduated from the program have been women. Women graduates go on to serve as leading pediatricians and policymakers throughout Guatemala, creating a cadre of experts who understand the importance of gender equity and who promote it throughout Central America. Since 1988, the Juan Pablo II Children's Hospital has also provided medical education to nurse's assistants through its School of Nursing Assistants Program Monsignor Arnold Poll. Eighty-nine percent of the current student body in this program are women and over the last 29 years, 88% of the program's graduates have been women. Furthermore, women play a significant role in the operation and administration of the Children's Hospital. Women professionals and specialists at Juan Pablo II include chemical biologists, traumatologists, business administrators, auditors, researchers, orthodontists, pediatricians, gynecologists, ophthalmologists, and more. In May 2019, Caritas conducted a gender analysis, which revealed that the organization is clearly committed to gender equity, women's empowerment, and promoting policies that reduce the socio-political and economic gap between men and women. According to the Department of Human Resources at Caritas, of the 399-total number of Caritas staff, 234 are women, comprising 59% of the total employee workforce population. Segregating the analysis into two main groups of Caritas employees, the Children's Hospital employs 329 employees, of whom 200 are women, comprising 61% of the hospital staff. In addition, Caritas (the umbrella organization) employs a total of 70 employees, of whom 34 are women, comprising 49% of the staff. Among leadership positions at the Children's Hospital, 100% of management and administration positions are held by women, including the positions of hospital director, hospital co-director, and hospital administrator. Finally, of the total number of hospital coordinators, 73% are women.

In Guatemala, where women make up 51% of the population but men have historically controlled the political, economic, and social resources, Juan Pablo II Children's Hospital is working to close the gender gap — with the help of federal surplus property provided through LEPP.



Dr. Atz, Assistant Director of the Juan Pablo II Children's Hospital. Photo courtesy of Caritas.



Dr. Blanco Carazo examining a patient. Photo courtesy of Caritas.



Dr. Vanessa Estrada, gynecologist, examining a pregnant patient using a LEPP donated exam table. Photo courtesy of Caritas.

Success Stories:

Edgar Mulenga — Lusaka, Zambia and Jane Hamweenda — Zambia’s Southern Province

Twenty-eight-year-old Edgar Mulenga is from a densely populated shanty compound in Lusaka, Zambia that has limited access to resources. He struggles to provide for his family and access general medical care.

Seventy-eight-year-old Jane Hamweenda is from an impoverished village in Zambia’s Southern Province. She suffers from hypertension, headaches, and chest pains.

Providing for the elderly in these communities is a challenge, leaving most to rely on their families for care.

Edgar and Jane are both benefitting from surplus property made possible through World Help in partnership with LEPP. Property included exam tables and stretchers donated to the Chikankata Mission Hospital, a referral hospital for the whole of Southern Province, and the Sikanze Police Clinic in Lusaka. Chikankata Mission Hospital serves a population of about 2 million and Sikanze Police Clinic serves about 5,000 people.



Edgar Mulenga being examined at a rural clinic on an exam table made possible by LEPP. Photo courtesy of World Help.

Ginnia David — Jacmel, Haiti

Twenty-nine-year-old Ginnia David from Jacmel, Haiti has been blind for 11 years. As a result, she has been forced to drop out of school and depend on others to take care of her. Ginnia was advised to visit ClaireVision Haiti, a CharityVision partner clinic located in Jacmel. During her consult, she was told she had cataracts in both eyes and required surgery to see. Though Ginnia was hesitant, she decided to proceed with the surgery. Ginnia had cataract surgery on her left eye in June and on her right eye in August. The day after Ginnia’s first surgery, she was

“I feel very happy. I have been blind for 11 years and now I can see. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the process. Today is a great day!”

– Ginnia David



Ginnia before and after cataract surgery with federal surplus property made possible through LEPP. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.

overjoyed to be able to see the face of her caretaker for the very first time. Ginnia’s family and the Claire Vision team were grateful to LEPP for donating the federal surplus property that enabled her to have the surgeries she needed. Ginnia no longer depends on others to take care of her; now she can get a job and chart a fresh, new course in life. Dr Ritza Eugene of ClaireVision asked Ginnia if she was happy. She responded, “I feel very happy. I have been blind for 11 years and now I can see. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the process. Today is a great day!”

Success Stories:

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Ana María Molina Reyes — Guatemala

Fifteen-year-old Ana María Molina Reyes was born with Hallux Valgus Bilateral, a condition that causes her feet to grow crooked. In a bilateral hallux valgus deformity, the big toe – almost always in conjunction with splayfoot – angles inward toward the other toes so that a deviation from the normal alignment of the big toe develops. This causes a growing and painful, inflamed protrusion in the metatarsophalangeal joint. In addition to causing her pain, this condition made Ana María feel self-conscious and insecure, which interfered with her social development at school. Ana tried to participate in physical education and sports but doing so caused her a great deal of pain. Often, she would sit sadly in the bleachers while her classmates played soccer. Her condition could only be remedied through surgery. Ana María's mother, María Isabel Reyes, has worked at the Juan Pablo II Children's Hospital for over 26 years and dreamed that one day her daughter could be operated on by one of the hospital's specialists. When Dr. Celia Cristina Mazariegos returned to the Children's Hospital from her specialization in Pediatric Traumatology, María Isabel brought Ana María in for a consultation as her daughter's pain had become unbearable. Dr. Mazariegos used an exam table donated by Food For The Poor in partnership with LEPP during her consultation and determined that Ana María was ready for surgery. "I had one of the most important moments in my life when the nurse confirmed the date for my daughter's operation. I knew that her life would change forever," said María Isabel. "God puts angels on the earth to see its wonders. My daughter will walk and run, thanks to LEPP, and this will give her more security and opportunities in life." Ana María was happy about something more fashion-forward, "Thanks to the help from the LEPP program and the Children's Hospital, I will now be able to wear my favorite sandals."

Abrish — Abbottabad, Pakistan

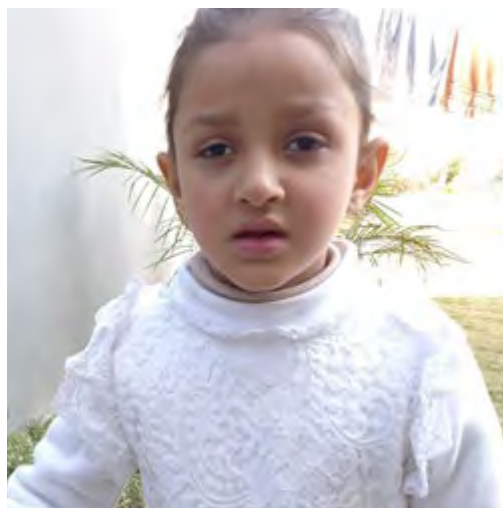
Six-year-old Abrish lives in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Having congenital cataracts in both her eyes makes it impossible for her to live the life of a normal first-grader. Abrish's parents noticed their little girl was having difficulties walking, seeing, and doing everyday activities. She could not read or even play with her friends, which made her parents extremely sad and anxious. Abrish's parents learned about Mehboob CharityVision-Pakistan Eye Hospital, a CharityVision partner clinic. LEPP donations of federal surplus property provided the equipment the doctors needed to operate on both of Abrish's eyes. The surgeries restored Abrish's vision, and she is now able to see the world. There will be many "firsts" for Abrish – reading, colors, and the faces of family and friends. Her family is grateful for Mehboob CharityVision-Pakistan and LEPP for making this happen. Abrish says she is so happy she can now see and is thrilled to be able to pursue her dream of becoming a lawyer when she grows up.

"I had one of the most important moments in my life when the nurse confirmed the date for my daughter's operation. I knew that her life would change forever."
– María Isabel

"Thanks to the help from the LEPP program and the Children's Hospital, I will now be able to wear my favorite sandals."
– Ana Maria Isabel



Ana María Molina and her mother María Isabel at the Children's Hospital. Photo courtesy of Caritas.



Six-year-old Abrish is seeing the world for the first time, thanks to cataract surgery made possible by Mehboob CharityVision in partnership with LEPP. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.

PVO Spotlights:

Partnerships are at the core of USAID's work. LEPP believes in the importance of building strong partnerships with our PVOs as together we make an impact on the beneficiary communities we work with. As our PVO Partners continually strive to impact the world by offering disaster relief, humanitarian aid, and emergency preparedness where needed, we want to highlight the good work they are doing as well as the good people who are doing the work.

Therefore, in FY 21, we started a new PVO Spotlight section in our quarterly newsletter and have so far featured three of our PVO Partners — World Help, CharityVision, and Food For The Poor. In this section, we learned more about our Partners' challenges, successes, and what inspires them as they work every day to develop programs that create sustainability in underserved communities. Our featured PVO Partners also provided some tried-and-true tips on how to use federal surplus property to successfully support their programs. Here are just a few excerpts from LEPP's FY 21 PVO Spotlights.



*Josh Brewer, Director of Aid and Relief, World Help.
Photo courtesy of World Help.*

World Help — Featuring Josh Brewer, Director of Aid and Relief

Q: World Help is one of our longest-standing PVO Partners. We appreciate your partnership! Can you tell us a little about your program and your role?

A: World Help's Gifts-in-Kind (GIK) program was established in 1993 with some of its first container-shipments going to aid equipment- and supply-deficient hospitals in rural Russia after the collapse of the Soviet Iron Curtain. Throughout the program's nearly 30-year lifespan, World Help has been able to mobilize over 650 40 ft. containers of relief aid to more than 20 countries. Donations are valued at nearly \$250 million and have impacted over 20,000,000 people.

Q: What have the programs/organizations/institutions been able to accomplish with property donated through LEPP?

A: Many of the health care facilities we target and assist are severely marginalized, either due to limited resources, being under-staffed, corruption, or other circumstances. By providing equipment and supplies, at no cost, these facilities can re-appropriate resources to other areas, such as offering better services or hiring more doctors. This totally transforms the effectiveness and efficiency of the facilities, resulting in better care for patients and more lives saved. Over the past 10 years, World Help with LEPP's support, has mobilized more than \$75 million in equipment and supplies to the field in more than 100 shipping containers, providing hundreds of thousands of people with the help they need.

Q: What is most gratifying about working with World Help and partnering with LEPP?

A: I want my life to mean something. Ever since I was a kid, I have had a desire to help people. At World Help, our mission is to help people and we do that every day, especially those who are vulnerable and cannot help themselves. Knowing that what I do every day plays a role in accomplishing that mission, well, I couldn't ask for more.

PVO Spotlights:

CharityVision — Featuring Aaron Lock, Director of Operations

Q: Can you tell me how long CharityVision International has been partnering with LEPP?

A: CharityVision International (CVI) has partnered with LEPP since 2014. In that time, we have distributed over \$50 million worth of LEPP resources on more than 20 container shipments to eight approved countries.

Q: Can you tell us a little about your program and your role?

A: There are 2.2 billion people suffering from visual impairment of which 123 million people could have corrected vision with a simple pair of eyeglasses. An additional 65 million people require cataract surgery. CharityVision believes sight is imperative to a fulfilling and sustainable life. Everyone deserves to see. By restoring sight, we restore lives. Our model creates sustainable solutions in eye care and empowers local health professionals. In 2019, our partners restored sight to 142,000 people in 26 countries. My role as Director of Operations is to collaborate with the Programs team and our in-country directors around the world to understand the medical resource needs of our partners and our eye surgery centers.

Q: What have programs/organizations/institutions been able to accomplish with property donations made available through LEPP?

A: Since 2014, CharityVision, in collaboration with local ophthalmologists, has established three new eye surgery centers in Haiti and in 2021 we will open a fourth eye surgery center. Each year, we perform on average 4,300 eye surgeries in Haiti and distribute 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses. We have trained ophthalmic nurses to screen underserved and rural populations resulting in 58 screenings. Our Haitian eye surgery centers are fully self-sustainable and are having a tremendous impact on eye care across the country. This was all made possible because of LEPP. Our eye surgery centers have state-of-the-art surgical and examination equipment and offer previously unavailable or hard to find services. It is truly a remarkable accomplishment.

Q: What is most gratifying about working with CharityVision and partnering with LEPP?

A: CharityVision has established itself as a leader in the humanitarian eye care sector. Our model is distinguished by our focus on local health care solutions, and we are constantly witnessing outstanding outcomes in the delivery of eye care services. In 2019, we restored sight to 142,000 people. We have found that the gift of sight is not limited to the individual undergoing surgery; it is a gift that changes families and even communities.



Aaron Lock, Director of Operations, CharityVision
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PVO Spotlights:

Food For The Poor — Featuring Luz Oyola, Government Programs Manager

Q: Food for the Poor is one of our longest-standing PVO Partners. Twenty-six years! We appreciate your partnership. Can you tell us a little about your program and your role?

A: Food For The Poor (FFTP) is a U.S. registered, faith-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to improve the health, economic, and social conditions for millions of poor people in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Founded in 1982, FFTP is today one of the largest, most effective, and efficient of U.S. nonprofits, and is highly rated by numerous charity watchdog organizations, including the Chronicle of Philanthropy and the Better Business Bureau. FFTP operates in 17 LAC countries where in the past 39 years it has provided more than \$17 billion in aid. As the Government Programs Manager, I manage the implementation and reporting of USAID's federal grant programs, specifically LEPP, Ocean Freight Reimbursement (OFR), and the International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP). I also foster and maintain positive relations with our in-country partners, Government agencies, international agencies, and others.

Q: What have the programs/organizations/institutions been able to accomplish as a result of property donations made available through LEPP?

A: FFTP's overall strategy is to build in-country organizational capacity to foster sustainable development and advance human dignity through partnerships and investments that save lives, reduce poverty, and strengthen democratic governance throughout the LAC region.

In partnership with LEPP, FFTP has used federal surplus equipment and supplies to outfit hospitals, clinics, group homes, infant feeding centers, vocational facilities, and schools. In doing so, FFTP and its in-country partners have increased the impact of their development projects in the communities they serve and helped vulnerable people throughout the LAC region emerge from humanitarian crisis and progress beyond assistance.

Q: I'm sure your work is extremely rewarding but also has its challenges. Can you give me an example of a challenge you've faced in your work and how you've overcome it?

A: The work I do at FFTP is extremely rewarding but, as you mention, it also has its challenges. Perhaps the greatest challenge I have faced is hearing the heartbreaking stories directly from my in-country partners regarding food insecurity, health disparities, poverty, and inequality among the communities we serve. While it is not possible to solve all these issues, it has helped me to focus on the many impact stories we receive from our partners. As Mother Teresa once said, "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

The LEPP Team appreciates our featured PVO Partners taking the time to help us learn more about their programs and passions. We look forward to many more years of partnering with our PVOs to continue to serve underserved communities. Stay tuned for more PVO Spotlights in FY 22!



Luz Oyola, Government Programs Manager, Food For The Poor



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