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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 the 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. Currently, 23 PVOs participate in LEPP, alongside 31 USAID Missions and three U.S. Embassies.

Over the last 32 years, LEPP has leveraged more than 700 million dollars' worth of federal surplus property to help build and strengthen the local capacity in over 40 countries. LEPP is managed by USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA)/American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA).

**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

In FY 2019, LEPP successfully transferred over 43 million dollars' worth of surplus property to 18 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.

These essential items have an immense impact on the people and communities utilizing the donations. This past year, generators transferred through LEPP were utilized in emergency aid programs working to rehabilitate communities impacted by natural disasters. LEPP donations of medical supplies and equipment to 28 public hospitals in underserved areas in Guatemala helped increase access to health care to remote populations. In addition, schools and technical training centers in Jamaica received state of the art dental chairs and equipment to build the capacity of local talent. Overall, the outcome of these property donations creates healthy and productive communities, jobs and independence which in turn lifts people out of poverty and contributes to economic growth.

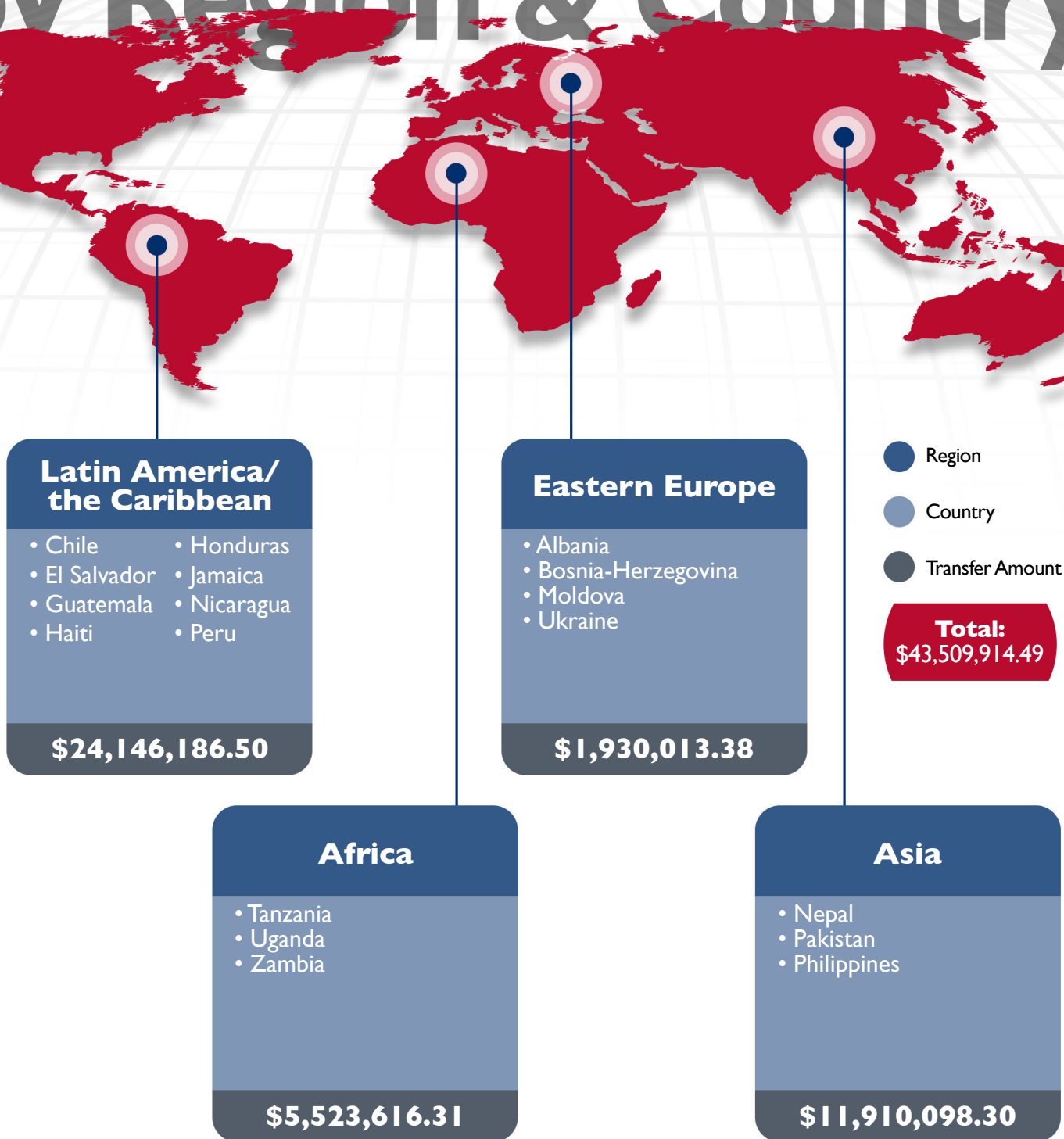
Federal surplus property worth \$24,146,187 was transferred to Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Peru. Latin America and the Caribbean continues to receive the highest quantity of donations due to proximity to U.S. ports and affordability of shipping. Asia received \$11,910,098 of surplus property which benefited Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines. Eastern Europe received surplus property amounting to \$1,930,013 which benefited underserved populations in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Moldova, and Ukraine. Africa received \$5,523,616 of surplus property, transferred to Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

In FY 2019, LEPP team members coordinated outreach, monitoring & evaluation site visits with partner organizations; Deseret International Foundation in the Philippines; Mission Without Borders in Moldova; Food For The Poor, Inc. and Americas Relief Team, Inc. in South Florida (for more details, refer to page 8).

In anticipation for the next application cycle, which is slated for 2020, LEPP team members presented during the USAID ASHA conference to solicit interest in the program. In addition, LEPP hosted an introductory webinar where an overview of the program and eligibility criteria were discussed to engage interested NGOs.



# Property Transfers by Region & Country



### LEPP FY 2019 Order Value Report by PVO, Region & Country

PVO/Mission	Region	Order Value	Country	Order Value	
<b>Deseret International Foundation</b>	LAC	\$2,946,308.36	Chile	\$6,705,552.64	<b>Total</b> \$20,672,086.97
		\$3,413,733.30	Haiti		
		\$345,510.98	Peru		
	Asia	\$768,787.39	Pakistan	\$10,721,194.56	
		\$9,952,407.17	Philippines		
	Africa	\$3,245,339.77	Tanzania	\$3,245,339.77	
<b>World Help</b>	LAC	\$12,242,246.25	Guatemala	\$13,991,988.58	<b>Total</b> \$17,459,168.86
		\$97,860.00	Honduras		
		\$1,651,882.33	Nicaragua		
	Asia	\$1,188,903.74	Nepal	\$1,188,903.74	
	Africa	\$1,063,296.29	Uganda	\$2,278,276.54	
		\$1,214,980.25	Zambia		
<b>Food For The Poor</b>	LAC	\$358,928.80	El Salvador	\$2,625,695.35	<b>Total</b> \$2,625,695.35
		\$953,801.86	Guatemala		
		\$881,812.66	Haiti		
		\$431,152.03	Jamaica		
<b>USAID Honduras</b>	LAC	\$822,949.93	Honduras	\$822,949.93	<b>Total</b> \$822,949.93
<b>Mission Without Borders</b>	Eastern Europe/Eurasia	\$387,324.56	Albania	\$1,930,013.38	<b>Total</b> \$1,930,013.38
		\$353,638.49	Bosnia-Herzegovina		
		\$587,107.09	Moldova		
		\$601,943.24	Ukraine		
<b>FY 2019 Total Value of Transfers</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,509,914.49</b>

### LEPP Property Totals by Region for FY 2019



Europe - **4%**  
\$1,930,013.38



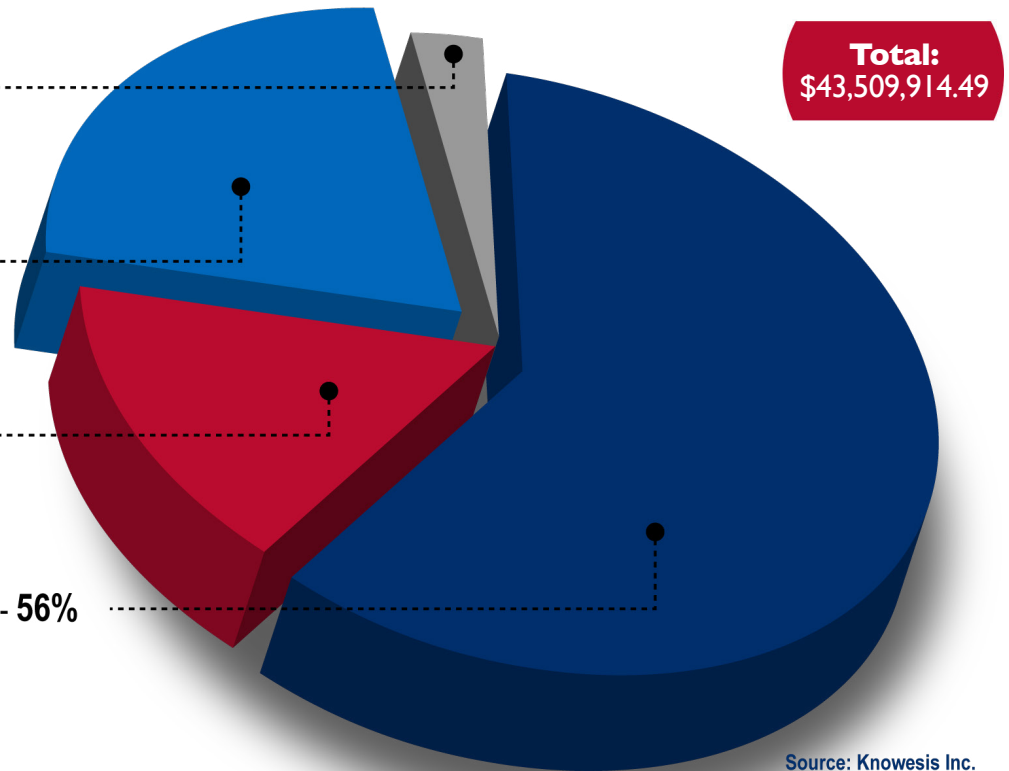
Asia - **27%**  
\$11,910,098.30



Africa - **13%**  
\$5,523,616.31



Latin America/Caribbean - **56%**  
\$24,146,186.50



Source: Knowesis Inc.

## LEPP PVO Partners

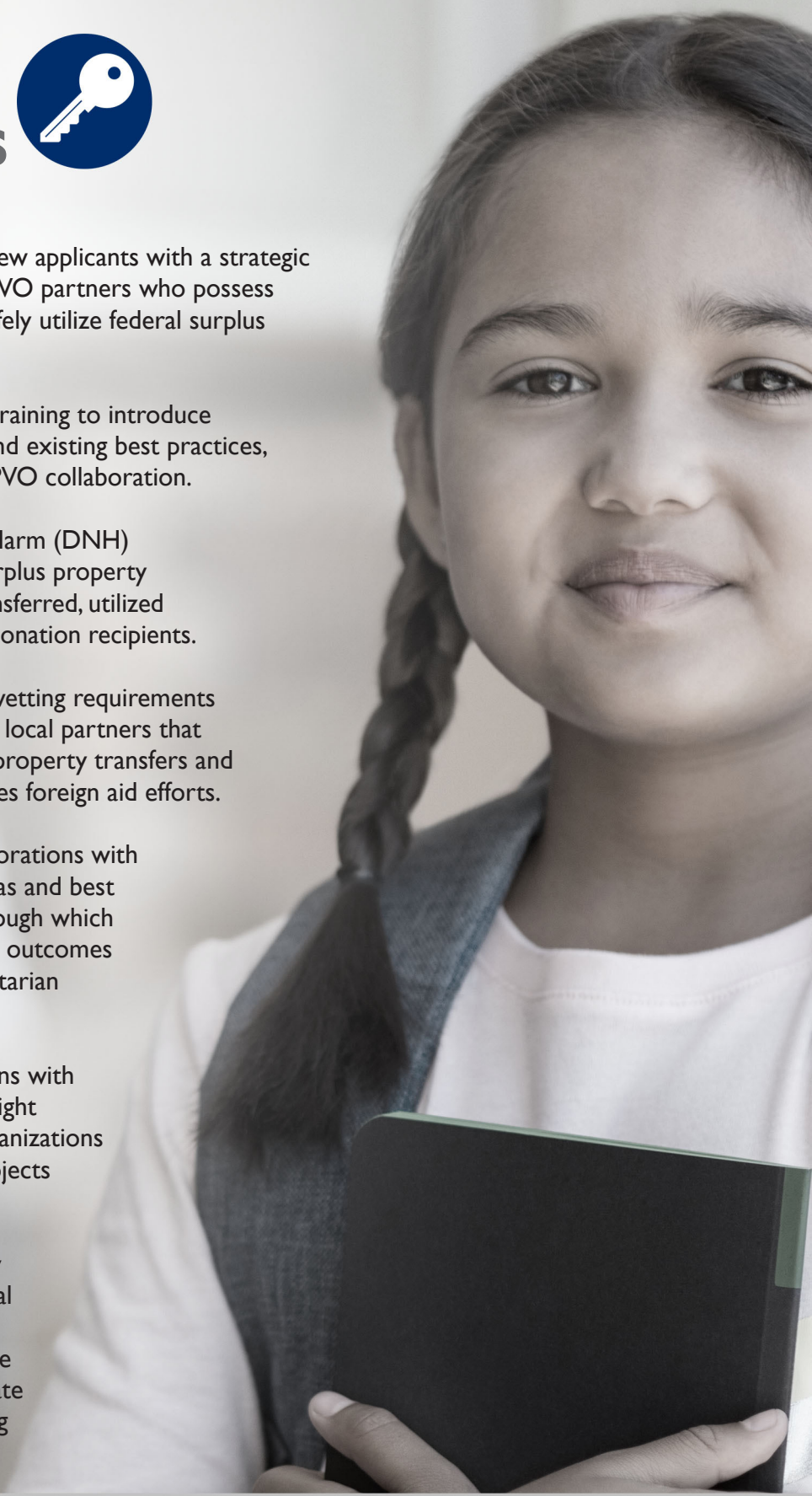


- ADRA International
- Children's Hunger Fund (CHF)
- Christian Relief Services (CRS)
- Deseret International Foundation
- Food For the Poor Inc. (FFP)
- Globus Relief
- Helping Hands for Relief and Development (HHRD)
- Imani House Inc.
- International Medical Equipment Collaborative (IMEC)
- Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF)
- Mission Without Borders (MWB)
- Operation Smile
- Outreach Aid to the Americas, Inc.
- Pan American Development Foundation (PADF)
- Project C.U.R.E.
- Salesian Missions
- Seeding Labs
- ShareCircle
- Stop Hunger Now (SHN)
- US Foundation of the University of the Valley of Guatemala (USFUVG)
- United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC)
- World Help
- World Hope International

### FY 2020 Key Priority Areas



- LEPP will hold a program solicitation for new applicants with a strategic focus on increasing the number of active PVO partners who possess the capacity to successfully transfer and safely utilize federal surplus property.
- LEPP will host an in-person PVO partner training to introduce newcomers to the program, rollout new and existing best practices, engage in active discussions, and facilitate PVO collaboration.
- LEPP will begin 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 program partners and donation recipients.
- LEPP will rollout PVO in-country partner vetting requirements and guidelines that are aimed at identifying local partners that have the capacity to properly utilize LEPP property transfers and uphold the global image of the United States foreign aid efforts.
- LEPP will work on building effective collaborations with ASHA by facilitating active exchange of ideas and best practices and identifying opportunities through which LEPP PVOs can leverage ASHA to increase outcomes of their overseas development and humanitarian aid programs.
- 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 among internal and external stakeholders by undertaking 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 Strengthens Program Outcomes Through Outreach, Monitoring & Evaluation Field Visits to LEPP Partners

This fiscal year, the LEPP team undertook outreach and monitoring & evaluation (M&E) site visits to partner organizations and their overseas programs that utilize federal surplus property. With an emphasis on M&E and in light of the Do No Harm (DNH) requirements that will be rolled out to partners in FY 2020, the LEPP team traveled to the Philippines to evaluate the condition of surgical equipment and supplies that were transferred by LEPP partner organization Deseret International Foundation.

The LEPP team toured clinics operated by Desert's in-country partner, Mabuhay Deseret Foundation, including the Craniofacial Center for Cleft Lip/Palate Surgery, Tondo Hermosa Eye Center, and Mabuhay House for Patients and Orthopedic Casting Clinic, as well as the Culion General Hospital. During the site visit, the LEPP team provided training to USAID/Philippines senior staff and health and education program officers on in-country partner vetting guidelines and the execution of the 607 Determination. The team was able to determine the proper utilization of the surplus property and witness the impact the donations have made in increasing access to affordable health care for the surrounding populations.

Another M&E site visit undertaken in FY 2019 was to rural Moldova and the humanitarian aid programs implemented by LEPP partner organization Mission Without Borders. LEPP visited families whose livelihoods and living conditions were adversely affected by the political and socio-economic crisis in the rural communities of Crasnaseni and Straseni. Hundreds of families have received LEPP donations of school desks, chairs, household furniture, washing machines, and everyday consumables. These transfers have enabled schools to educate more children, create conducive learning environments and improve living conditions of hundreds of families.

Also, the LEPP team visited the offices of Food For The Poor, Inc. (FFP) and Americas Relief Team, Inc. (ART) in Florida to discuss LEPP outreach and knowledge-management initiatives that are aimed at increasing the visibility of LEPP and building strong partnerships with stakeholders. Discussions focused on the impact federal property donations are making in the lives of beneficiary communities in El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica and Nicaragua (property procured via FFP); Antigua and Barbuda (property procured via ART). In addition, challenges and opportunities of obtaining funding for organizations that identify as faith-based non-profits were also raised during the visit.

With the transition of LEPP to DCHA/ASHA, there are significant partnership opportunities that can be explored by LEPP PVOs. The site visits undertaken in FY 2019 helped emphasize the common humanitarian aid objectives shared by these two USAID programs, presenting viable options for LEPP PVOs to leverage ASHA to enhance program outcomes of their overseas health and education programs.



Americas Relief Team, Inc. staff and LEPP team members at ART headquarters in Miami, Florida. Left to right: Teo Babun, Ninoska Sorroza, Yelphine Mendez, Raymond Jennings, Nadia Chowdhury, Sumaya Davila, Sofia Desta.



Food For The Poor, Inc. staff and LEPP team members at FFP headquarters in Coconut Creek, Florida. Left to right: Mark Khouri, Nadia Chowdhury, Sofia Desta, Raymond Jennings, Maria Santamarina.



Mabuhay Deseret Foundation staff, LEPP team members, and patients at the Mabuhay House in Manila, Philippines. Upper row, left to right – Aaron Lock, Trevora Saunders, Chibale Wills.



### Program Highlights:

#### LEPP Donations are Utilized in Disaster Relief Efforts

LEPP federal surplus property transfers are utilized within programs that provide life-saving assistance and infrastructure to rehabilitate communities affected by natural and man-made disasters.

Thousands of people in the Caribbean are still feeling the after-effects of hurricane Dorian, Maria, and Irma. In FY 2019, LEPP's partner humanitarian organization Americas Relief Team, Inc. (ART) transferred 9,200 pairs of orthopedic shoes to the islands of Antigua and Barbuda to benefit the elderly and people with disabilities. Diesel generators were also donated to provide emergency assistance to communities affected by hurricane Dorian. To this day, fuel-efficient generators transferred through LEPP continue to provide electric power in schools, fire stations, hospitals, shelter-homes, police stations, and youth centers in Antigua/Barbuda and Dominica, where communities are still rebuilding to recover from hurricanes Maria and Irma that hit in 2017.

ART has been able to increase the impact of its programs by utilizing LEPP property donations to strengthen networks of local partners in the region. In collaboration with the U.S. Caribbean Strong Relief Fund, the Red Cross and other local organizations on the islands, disaster relief efforts have directly impacted the lives of approximately 12,000 hurricane victims on the islands.

U.S. PVOs have used LEPP to not only access physical capital but also to leverage the donations to manage, coordinate and train local disaster management agencies to improve their capacity to respond to future emergencies. LEPP PVO partners are working hard on initiatives that improve food security, empower women and strengthen the resilience of vulnerable populations. As a result, communities are better prepared to proactively respond to future disasters in the region.



Distribution of orthopedic shoes donated through LEPP and ART was coordinated through the Red Cross of Antigua and Barbuda, the Ministry of Health, the Disability Association, and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).



Generators were transferred by LEPP partner organization ART and donated to the Red Cross in Barbuda to aid in the emergency aid and relief efforts.

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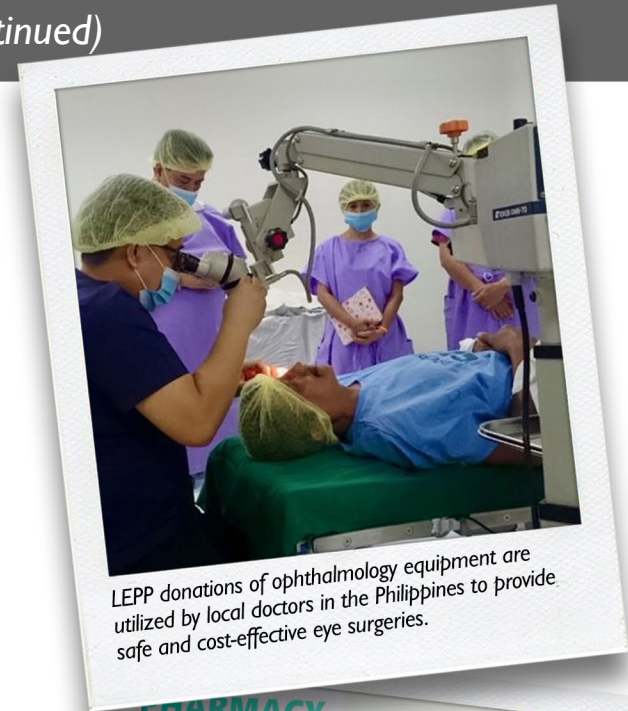
### LEPP Transfers of Medical Equipment Support Programs that Provide Health Care to Underserved Communities

LEPP continues to impact populations in developing countries by providing scarce medical, dental and ophthalmology equipment and supplies to institutions that bring affordable health services to low income populations residing in areas with limited access to care and treatment.

One example is the Culion General Hospital that is located on the remote island of Culion in the Philippines. Although the hospital is secluded, it houses a surgery center, an eye clinic, an intensive care unit, and an emergency room. The eye clinic has benefited from LEPP transfers of ophthalmological equipment through the humanitarian aid organization Mabuhay Deseret Foundation. As a result, doctors in Culion are now able to perform vision corrections in a matter of minutes on residents of the island as well as patients who travel two to three hours by boat to the island to have eye surgeries.

The general hospital serves approximately 20,000 low-income people and provides subsidized (and in some cases free) health care to the public. LEPP donations help the hospital to continue serving populations residing on the Culion Island as well as the 41 surrounding islands - benefiting patients who otherwise need to undertake long, and often costly, journeys to Manila to receive quality health care.

Another hospital that received donations of medical equipment, supplies and consumables from LEPP is the Kiboga General Hospital in Uganda. The hospital is severely underfunded and operates with antiquated equipment. LEPP donations through partner organization World Help have enabled the hospital to provide life-saving services to over 49,300 people who rely on the hospital as the only health care provider in the surrounding area.



LEPP donations of ophthalmology equipment are utilized by local doctors in the Philippines to provide safe and cost-effective eye surgeries.



LEPP donations of medical equipment were transferred through the humanitarian aid organization World Help to Kiboga hospital in Uganda. These transfers are estimated to impact 49,311 lives!

## Program Highlights:

### LEPP Transfers of Medical Equipment...

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LEPP transfers have also enabled Food For The Poor's Our Lady of the Poor Clinic in Kingston, Jamaica, to provide HIV testing, dental, vision, and hearing examinations and treatment. This government-subsidized clinic utilizes LEPP donations of an industrial-size water autoclave unit and gynecological equipment to serve 7,300 patients in six communities outside of Kingston's city limits where healthcare is not easily accessible. Due to low-income populations residing in the area, oftentimes these treatments are provided at no cost to patients. Thanks to LEPP donations, the center has also opened a free pap-smear clinic, the first of its kind in the community.

Additionally, LEPP donations of surgical kits, hospital beds, vital sign monitors, generators, incubators, radiant warmers, and laboratory supplies were transferred by LEPP's partner organization World Help to 28 public hospitals in underserved areas in Guatemala. Today, these donations are utilized to perform life-saving treatments and provide viable and affordable options to patients.

Also, LEPP provides access to physical capital that is not available or too costly in local markets of many developing nations, decreasing the financial burden on local institutions who are faced with the daily challenge of allocating limited funds to address many competing needs. For instance, the Peninsula Medical Center in the Bataa region of the Philippines would have paid on the local market approximately 50% more of the dollar value of the autoclave sterilizers and hospital beds that it received through LEPP's partner organization Deseret International Foundation. Consequently, the health center invested every dollar saved to improve health care services and provide training to its health professionals.

Furthermore, tents, generators and portable medical equipment acquired through LEPP and its partner organization World Help are utilized to provide mobile healthcare and offer flexible options for reaching vulnerable communities in rural areas in Nigeria and Uganda. Similarly, dental equipment were transferred by Food for the Poor, Inc. to a mobile clinic in rural Haiti. Instead of facing the daunting journey of traveling for hours for medical treatment, people in these rural communities now have local access to mobile health centers and dialysis clinics.



LEPP donations of dental equipment were transferred through partner organization Food for the Poor, Inc. to a clinic in the rural community of Onaville in Haiti. The clinic provides dental care and treatment at affordable rates – for example, charging approximately \$1.60 for a consultation.



Before the surgery, I could only see shadows and everything was dark. Now, I can appreciate all the beauty in this world" says Titilayo. Titilayo received a cataract surgery in Nigeria by local doctors utilizing medical equipment accessed through Deseret Foundation. She can now once again lead a productive life.

### Program Highlights:

#### Medical Equipment Donations Help Children Stay Healthy and in School

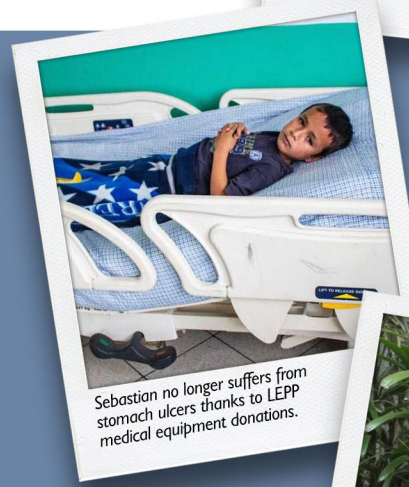
LEPP donations of dental equipment and supplies were transferred to a clinic in Zacapa, Guatemala, so that children like Carla (*pictured right*) can receive free dental care to stay healthy and in school.

Similarly, donations of hospital beds help hundreds of patients like 8-year-old Sebastian (*pictured right*) who has been suffering from chronic stomach ulcers. After receiving the necessary medical treatment, Sebastian is now back in school, enjoying time with his friends and family.

Carla and Sebastian were able to receive health care within their local communities as a result of medical equipment donations through LEPP partner humanitarian aid organization World Help.



LEPP donations help children like Carla receive free dental treatment.



Sebastian no longer suffers from stomach ulcers thanks to LEPP medical equipment donations.



Ma is fully recovered from her surgery and back in school.

Ma is seven-years-old and was born with a clubfoot, but her family could not afford surgery - not even a visit to a doctor. Although Ma loves school, her clubfoot made her a target at school where she struggled with teasing and stares. Ma received a reconstructive surgery and an Iowa brace to help prevent the recurrence of clubfoot. This was provided at no cost to her family. (*Ma pictured third from the top*).

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“We want to be handsome,” exclaimed Delmarth and Denmarth. The twins have been waiting for their Cheiloplasty surgeries for a long time. “This surgery will change their lives forever.... and will remind our boys of the love we have for them. Our journey to treatment and recovery has not been easy, but we never expected this gift,” said the twins’ mother.

These surgeries were made possible as a result of medical equipment donations through LEPP partner humanitarian aid organization Deseret International Foundation.



Delmarth and Denmarth before surgery.



The twins after surgery.

## Program Highlights:

### LEPP Donations are Used in Programs that Provide Training and Build the Capacity of the Local Workforce

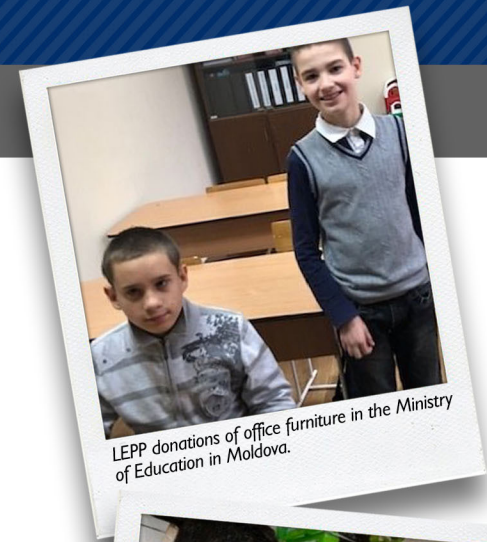
LEPP donations are utilized in programs that work to improve the welfare of developing nations by strengthening local efforts to improve critical thinking, encourage innovation and build technical skills. This means that more people can continue with their education, find better jobs to provide for their families and support local economies, reducing the need for foreign aid over time.

In partnership with Mission Without Borders, LEPP furnished a learning center for school-aged children in Cantemir, a town in rural Moldova, where children often live in poor conditions and lack basic furnishings and spaces for studying. Today, students are able to do their homework at the center where they also receive free academic tutoring, have access to a library and a safe space to interact with their peers.

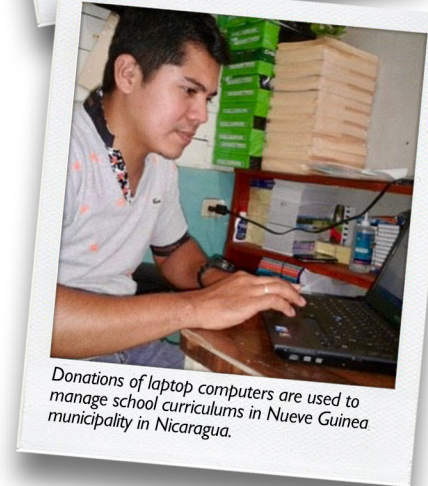
The College of Oral Health Sciences, University Health Technology School in Kingston, Jamaica, received state of the art dental chairs and medical equipment through LEPP in partnership with Food For The Poor, Inc. As a result of these donations, the medical faculty now provides quality dentistry services to the surrounding rural communities every week by setting up health fairs. By participating in these fairs, dentistry students gain invaluable skills on mobile health care provision as well as the opportunity to engage with the beneficiary communities to obtain first-hand information on local public health needs. These LEPP transfers have helped the college to expand dental services at an affordable cost (including free dental service clinics days), teach more students and support the country's objective of retaining local talent to serve the surrounding communities.

Moreover, donations of laptops to Nicaragua's school municipalities are used to coordinate the curriculum of over 10,000 students, while desktop computers are used to build computing skills of school-age children in 130 schools in El Salvador. In addition, laboratory equipment transfers are utilized in forestry and agricultural management projects in Guatemala that teach communities in the southwestern highlands about water-borne illnesses and watershed management. Also, research equipment and supplies are used in programs that work in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to eliminate tropical diseases such as onchocerciasis and malaria.

Encouraged by the donations of medical equipment and consumables, local doctors in Guatemala, Nigeria, the Philippines, Tanzania, and Uganda volunteer their time and expertise and work with public hospitals that provide substantial discounts for the use of their facilities. The result is a network of health service systems that perform life-changing surgeries in local settings, retain local health professionals and strengthen the country's self-reliance on local health facilities.



LEPP donations of office furniture in the Ministry of Education in Moldova.



Donations of laptop computers are used to manage school curriculums in Nueve Guinea municipality in Nicaragua.

## Program Highlights:

### LEPP Supports U.S. Public Diplomacy Efforts by Providing Donations on Behalf of the American People to Communities in Need

LEPP is instrumental in communicating the generosity of the American people to communities around the world, thereby supporting the United States Government's global public diplomacy efforts. LEPP can be viewed as a cross-cutting program that can be used to augment and support varied USG development and humanitarian aid efforts in areas of health, education and training and capacity building. This unique aspect of LEPP makes it a natural platform to highlight public diplomacy efforts for its PVO Partners and USAID Missions.

Goodwill gained as a result of federal surplus property donations to developing nations has helped LEPP partner humanitarian organizations to build productive and collaborative relationships with host-country government institutions, the private sector, and civil societies. This in turn strengthens the relationship between the people of the United States and the developing nations where LEPP programming is implemented.



A wall mural at the Deseret Cranio Facial Center in Manila depicts the Philippines and U.S. flags to highlight the partnership between the two nations, and acknowledges the donations of medical equipment from the American people to the people of the Philippines.

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