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## Limited Excess Property Program





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Dr. Jazzmin Sorriano examining pediatric patient at the Juan Pablo II Children's Hospital in Mixco, Guatemala.  
Photo by Waleska Medina, Caritas Communications Dept.

The Limited Excess Property Program (LEPP) provides Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) access to federal surplus property to support their humanitarian and development projects abroad. LEPP utilizes an innovative model of recovery and reuse to support a variety of development projects that promote sustainability in developing countries. 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.

# Fourth Quarter LEPP Property Transfer Highlights

A variety of items valued at \$2,533,798 were requisitioned and processed through LEPP in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2021. Most of the property was earmarked for regional hospitals and health care centers that serve remote populations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

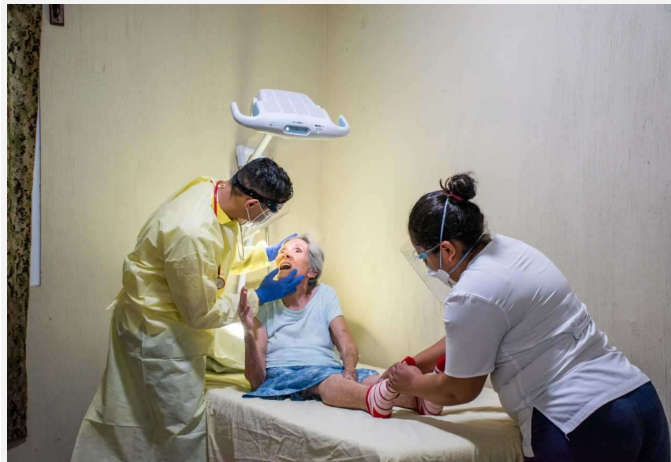
- **Healey International Relief Foundation (IRF)**, in partnership with LEPP, processed its very first order of \$18,475 worth of folding tables; lateral files; metal file cabinets, file charts, and flatbed carts; stackable and stuffed chairs; and wheelchairs to be disbursed to Sierra Leone. Most items will be used to improve the administrative operations and health strengthening efforts of HealeyIRF's in-country partners Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone (CHASL) and Caritas Freetown. CHASL has a membership of 42 faith-based health facilities across Sierra Leone with Caritas Freetown managing four of those facilities. The focus for this first order will be on selected facilities located in Freetown and the surrounding communities, which serve approximately 5,500 patients.
- **Missions Without Borders**, in partnership with LEPP, processed orders of furniture worth \$50,000 that will be disbursed to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Ukraine. Twenty-five thousand dollars' worth of orders will be disbursed to Bosnia-Herzegovina and \$25,000 worth of orders will be disbursed to Ukraine. Furniture sets will be donated to the organization's F2F (Family to Family) program which supports families in need. The furniture will benefit 82 families.
- **CURE International**, in partnership with LEPP, processed an order of anesthesia vaporizers worth more than \$13,648 to be disbursed to Zambia. The anesthesia vaporizers will be sent to the Beit CURE Children's Hospital, a pediatric teaching hospital in Zambia that provides quality care to children with disabilities. The hospital specializes in orthopedic surgery; reconstructive plastic surgery; ear, nose, and throat (ENT) disorders; and audiology. There are an estimated 450,000 children with treatable disabilities in Zambia.
- **CharityVision**, in partnership with LEPP, processed an order of ophthalmic instrument stands worth \$58,950 to be disbursed to Pakistan. The ophthalmic equipment will be used to support a new eye surgery center CharityVision is establishing in Channan, Kharian in Gujrat, Punjab Province. In addition, CharityVision processed an order of phoropters worth more than \$28,351 to be disbursed to Peru. The phoropters will be used in new eye surgery centers the organization is establishing in the cities of Cusco and Lima.

# World Help and LEPP Partner to Provide Vital Medical Equipment and Donations to Underserved Communities

World Help continues to serve dozens of vulnerable communities by supporting under-resourced hospitals and health care facilities in over nine countries, including Guatemala, Honduras, Nepal, and Zambia. With federal surplus property donations made available through LEPP, many of these facilities can now treat patients with vital medical equipment and supplies they would not otherwise have access to. Furthermore, LEPP donations allow rural clinics and hospitals to free up monetary resources that would have been used to purchase or lease new medical equipment and reallocate those resources to other initiatives, such as expanding or enhancing patient care. Here are some of the health care facilities that received donations through LEPP and the impact they have made in the lives of so many.

## Guatemala

World Help in partnership with LEPP donated over \$264,000 worth of federal surplus property to Guatemala. Donations were allocated to St. Luke's Hospital & Kelley's House Special Needs Center in Rio, Hondo, Zacapa, Guatemala and included hospital/surgical lights, exam chairs, sharps containers, and ace bandages.



### Auracilia Oliva

Seventy-six-year-old Auracilia Oliva is benefitting from the hospital/surgical light donation. As an elderly woman living in an under-served community, having a good source of light for Auracilia's routine check-ups helps ensure she receives the quality care she needs. "...They have very good equipment and the [surgical light] helps our little room to be very illuminated," said Auracilia.

Auracilia Oliva receives a routine check-up with the use of a hospital surgical light made available through LEPP. Photo courtesy of World Help.



### Patricia Maldonado

St. Luke's Hospital uses the hospital chair donations to accommodate mothers whose children are in the hospital's care. Patricia's young daughter is in poor health with symptoms of malnutrition. Mothers who bring their children to health care facilities in the area are often subjected to having their children treated on tables or chairs that are in poor condition. Many times, the mother must sleep on the floor or wait on the street while her child is receiving care. Thanks to donations from World Help in partnership with LEPP, Patricia can rest comfortably in a hospital chair while her daughter receives the care she needs.

Photo courtesy of World Help.



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## Honduras

World Help in partnership with LEPP donated over \$363,000 worth of federal surplus property to Honduras. Donations were allocated to communities affected by hurricanes Eta and Iota in San Pedro Sula and included exam tables, hospital patient chairs, surgical sinks, rehabilitation devices, face masks, and clothing.



### Oscar Manuel Rivera Zavala

Thirty-two-year-old Oscar Manuel Rivera Zavala is unemployed and suffers from high blood pressure. He is being treated at a rural health clinic in Lima, San Pedro Sula, as he is unable to afford a private facility. The clinic received hospital patient chairs through World Help in partnership with LEPP which will be used to enhance patient care throughout the facility. “The job that doctors, nurses, and everyone here does is amazing,” said Oscar. “Your [World Help and LEPP’s] help allows them to give us the best medical attention. I’ve been feeling so much better since they have been treating me.”

Oscar Manuel waits for care in a hospital chair made available through LEPP. Photo courtesy of World Help.



### Mauro Edilberto Fuentes Murillo

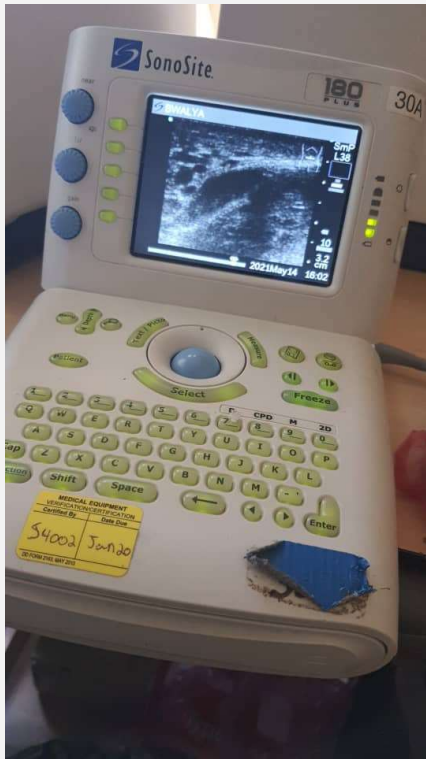
Sixty-four-year-old Mauro Edilberto Fuentes Murillo lives in a small community on the outskirts of Lima, San Pedro Sula. He suffers from hyperglycemia and believes he has been exposed to COVID-19. As hurricanes Eta and Iota have washed out the smallest clinics in the area, it has been difficult accessing medical care during the pandemic. Mauro is grateful for the support from World Help and federal surplus property donations. “If it wasn’t for this clinic, the help they provide, and all the help from organizations like World Help and LEPP, I might not even be alive,” he said.

Mauro Edilberto waits for care at a small clinic in San Pedro Sula supported with federal surplus property donations. Photo courtesy of World Help.

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## Zambia

World Help in partnership with LEPP donated over \$460,000 worth of federal surplus property to Zambia. Donations were allocated to the Shampande Clinic in the Chomba District of Lusaka, Zambia as well as various other facilities in Zambia and included ultrasound machines, suction pumps, hospital lights, exam chairs, surgical tables, ace bandages, and X-ray apparatus.



Portable ultrasound machines and suction pumps provided through LEPP are being used to serve patients in need in rural Zambia.

Photos courtesy of World Help.



## **Surgical Sterilizer Donation from USAID/LEPP Helps Hospital in Jamaica Save Time, Money, and Lives**

The Linstead Public Hospital in St. Catherine, Jamaica.  
Photo by Linstead Public Hospital personnel.

Sterilizers are critical in the medical profession because they ensure that medical and surgical instruments do not transmit infectious pathogens to patients. After being without a surgical sterilizer for what seemed like an eternity, the Linstead Public Hospital finally received their very own, thanks to Food For The Poor (FFTP) and a generous donation from USAID/LEPP.

The Linstead Public Hospital is located in the parish of St. Catherine, Jamaica. A Type C facility, the Linstead Public Hospital serves a general population of over 200,000 people residing in the five parishes of St. Catherine, St. Andrew, St. Ann, St. Mary, and Clarendon. The hospital receives referrals from 10 Health Centers within the zone as well as from other facilities in neighboring communities. The institution aims to provide reliable, affordable, high-quality health care for its patients by offering minor surgical, medical, pediatric, obstetric, psychiatric, and support services. Linstead Public Hospital's high standard of care is maintained through dedicated administrative and support staff.

Critical to the provision of safe health care, is compliance with the standard Infection Prevention and Control measures in all aspects of patient care. This requires using sterile equipment for all procedures; therefore, a central sterilization department with a functioning sterilizer within the facility is paramount. Not only does the absence of a sterilizer drastically reduce the efficacy of a facility's health care delivery due to possible risk of cross infection epidemics, but it also increases operational cost to the institution, and subsequently the clients, as equipment sterilization must be outsourced at a cost to facilitate service delivery.

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Sister Claudine Douglas Cole, Nurse Manager at Linstead Public Hospital standing next to the surgical sterilizer.

Photo by Linstead Public Hospital personnel.

Sister Claudine Douglas-Cole, Nurse Manager at Linstead Public Hospital, shared that receiving the sterilizer made a world of difference. “We didn’t have a sterilizer for several months and that was a difficult period. Thanks to FFTP and LEPP, we are in a much better position. For us, the sterilizer is used to prepare sets for dressing, suturing, and delivery, as well as to sterilize gauze and cotton that are used in sterile procedures. Since the sterilizer we had stopped working, we were without one for a few months, until FFTP came to our rescue.”

So, how did Linstead Public Hospital function without a surgical sterilizer? Douglas-Cole explains.

“During the several months when we were without a sterilizer, we had to send items to the Spanish Town Hospital to be sterilized. These included drums (containers that hold items to be sterilized), gauze, cotton, and sets (a combination of instruments to be used for specific procedures). It was a very difficult time because when we sent supplies to be sterilized, they were not always returned to us in a timely manner and many days we would run out of sterilized items.”



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Patient Care Assistant, Kaye McLeod preparing drums and sets for sterilization.

Photo by Linstead Public Hospital personnel.

The surgical sterilizer is usually used once or twice per day, though the number of times it is used may vary depending on the number of procedures being done. “We want to ensure that patients who visit for any form of surgical procedure leave knowing that they did not contract an infection during their time with us. On an average, we see approximately 300 patients per month who require the use of sterilized equipment. So, having a surgical sterilizer of our own is very important to us,” said Douglas-Cole.

How would Linstead Public Hospital have obtained a surgical sterilizer if FFTP in partnership with LEPP did not step in and assist? Douglas-Cole explains that the standard procedure would be to get quotes from three different companies which would then be sent off for purchasing orders. This, plus the procurement process, can take anywhere from months to years. If the supplier demands cash for the equipment and the hospital does not have the cash to pay, it could make acquiring the necessary equipment even more difficult.

Douglas-Cole thanked the donors on behalf of the Linstead Public Hospital and the Health Centers in the parish for helping circumvent that lengthy process in obtaining this vital equipment, “The sterilizer is well appreciated, and it has been very useful. I want to say thanks to FFTP and USAID/LEPP. Because of you, we will continue to maintain our high standards.”

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