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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.

Over the last 31 years, LEPP has leveraged more than half a billion dollar's worth of federal surplus property to help build and strengthen the local capacity in over 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

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

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# Year in Review

Fiscal Year 2018 was a highly productive year for LEPP. The program successfully transferred close to 52 million dollars' worth of surplus property to 19 developing countries. The items transferred included school furnishings, clothing, laptops, as well as ophthalmology, laboratory and medical equipment.

Federal surplus property worth \$33,847,392 was transferred to Latin America and the Caribbean, which continues to receive the highest quantity of donations due to the affordability of shipping and access to the U.S. ports. Asia received \$10,558,026 worth of property, predominantly transferred to Manila in the Philippines. Eastern Europe received \$1,546,694 to benefit populations residing in rural areas in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Moldova and Ukraine. Due to LEPP PVO partners' increased health partnerships in Uganda and Tanzania, Africa was the recipient of much needed medical, dental and ophthalmology equipment and consumables which totaled \$5,973,168.

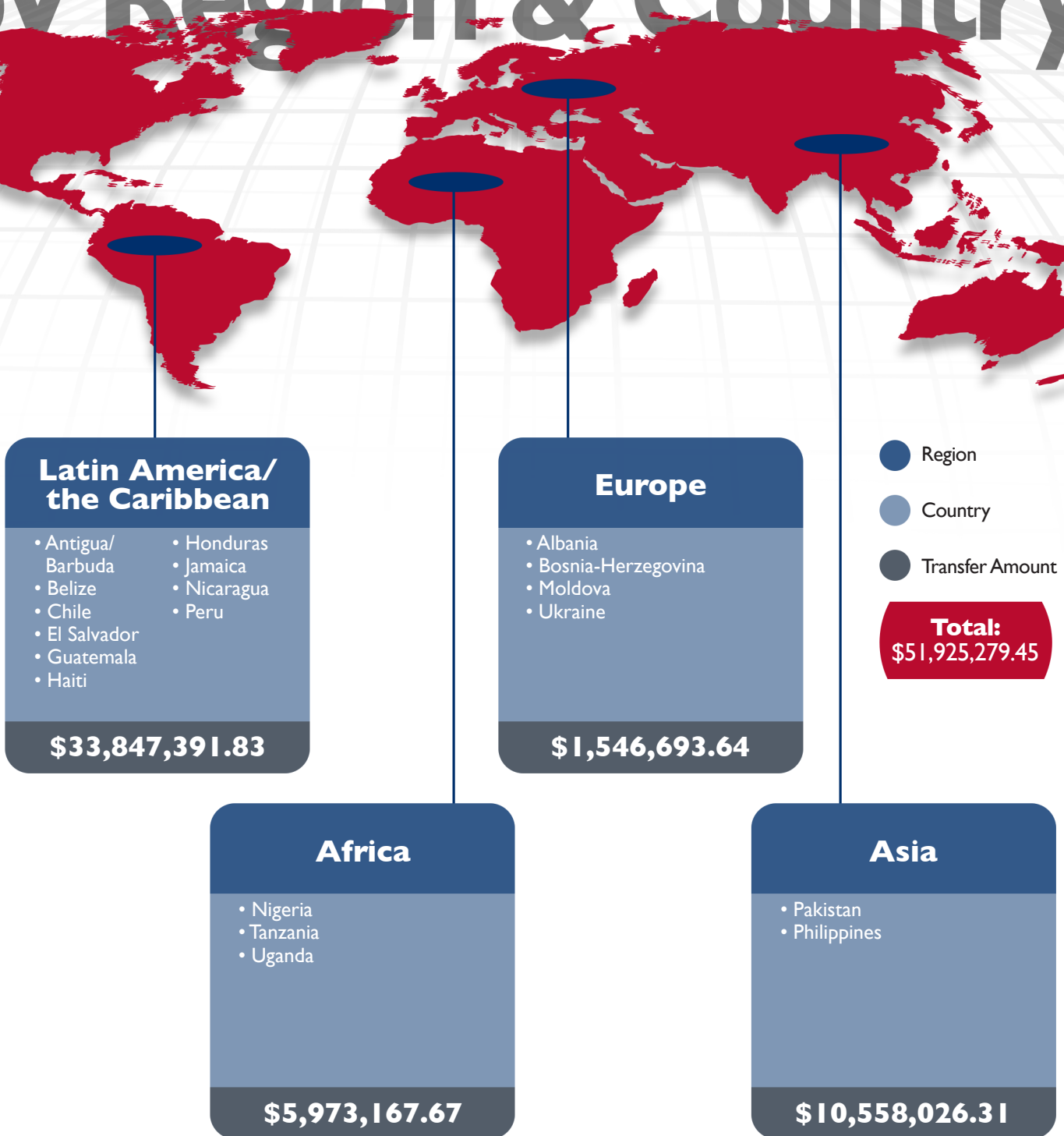
In FY 2018, LEPP team members visited several donation recipient countries and provided training to foreign service staff working in the USAID's health and education program offices in Chile and Jamaica.

To measure the effectiveness of the program, LEPP performed monitoring and evaluation site visits with various program partners. Partners who joined LEPP in the field in FY 2018 included Deseret International Foundation, Food For The Poor, Inc. and Americas Relief Team, Inc. The monitoring and evaluation site visits took place in Chile, Jamaica and the Caribbean countries of Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica and St. Lucia. While in the Caribbean, LEPP team members participated in a Port Resiliency Training with Americas Relief Team, Antigua & Barbuda Red Cross, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) and other local stakeholders. The purpose of the training was to bridge the communications gap amongst emergency responders and to facilitate a more collaborative response to natural disasters. As a result, LEPP is better prepared to proactively respond to future disaster relief needs in the region.

Moreover, LEPP was successful in finalizing the Do No Harm (DNH) requirement guidelines which will protect the welfare and interest of individuals receiving services from surplus equipment donated through the program. This requirement will also protect local enterprises and hold program partners to a higher level of documentation and accountability.

In conclusion, in FY 2018 LEPP transitioned from USAID's Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment (E3)/ Office of Local Sustainability and integrated with the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA)/American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA).

# Property Transfers by Region & Country



### LEPP FY 2018 Order Value Report by PVO, Region & Country

PVO/Mission	Region	Order Value	Country	Order Value	Total
<b>World Help</b>	LAC	\$24,745,197.64	Guatemala	\$19,699,739.83	<b>Total</b> \$26,707,210.97
	Africa	\$1,962,013.33	Honduras	\$5,045,457.81	
			Uganda	\$1,962,013.33	
<b>Desert International</b>	Asia	\$10,558,026.31	Pakistan	\$758,362.99	<b>Total</b> \$20,591,057.91
	Africa	\$4,011,154.34	Philippines	\$9,799,663.32	
			Nigeria	\$398,714.69	
			Tanzania	\$3,612,439.65	
	LAC	\$6,021,877.26	Chile	\$4,028,238.25	
			Haiti	\$1,471,677.39	
<b>Food for the Poor</b>	LAC	\$1,963,565.07	Peru	\$521,961.62	<b>Total</b> \$1,963,565.07
			El Salvador	\$394,858.00	
			Guatemala	\$96,422.40	
			Haiti	\$863,666.59	
			Honduras	\$1,105,215.51	
			Jamaica	\$300,144.90	
<b>Mission Without Borders</b>	Europe and Eurasia	\$1,546,693.64	Nicaragua	\$197,951.67	<b>Total</b> \$1,546,693.64
			Albania	\$319,570.03	
			Bosnia-Herzegovina	\$174,920.29	
			Moldova	\$506,660.69	
<b>USAID Honduras</b>	LAC	\$500,079.45	Ukraine	\$545,542.63	<b>Total</b> \$500,079.45
<b>Americas Relief Team</b>	LAC	\$481,884.00	Honduras	\$500,079.45	<b>Total</b> \$481,884.00
<b>Stop Hunger Now</b>	LAC	\$78,624.46	Antigua/Barbuda	\$481,884.00	<b>Total</b> \$78,624.46
			Haiti	\$18,227.04	
<b>Salesian Missions</b>	LAC	\$56,163.95	Nicaragua	\$60,397.42	<b>Total</b> \$56,163.95
			El Salvador	\$56,163.95	
<b>FY 2018 Total Value of Transfers</b>					<b>Total</b> \$51,925,279.45

## LEPP Property Totals by Region for FY 2018



Europe - 3%  
\$ 1,546,693.64



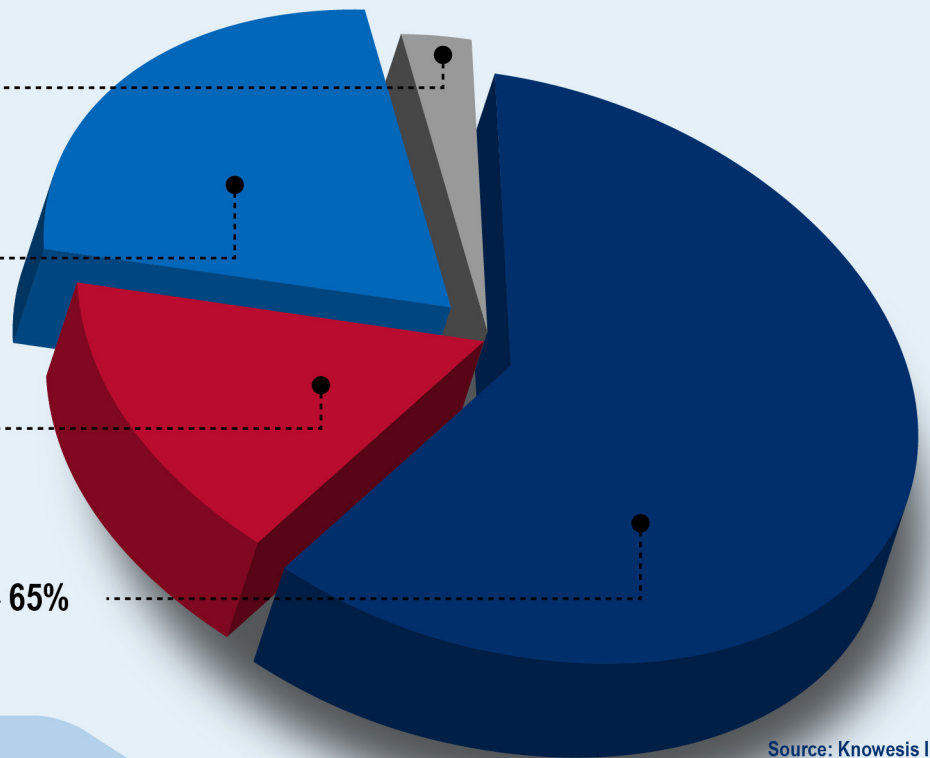
Asia - 20%  
\$ 10,558,026.31



Africa - 12%  
\$ 5,973,167.67



Latin America/Caribbean - 65%  
\$ 33,847,391.83



Total Value FY2018:  
**\$ 51,925,279.45**

Source: Knowsis Inc.

### LEPP PVO Partners

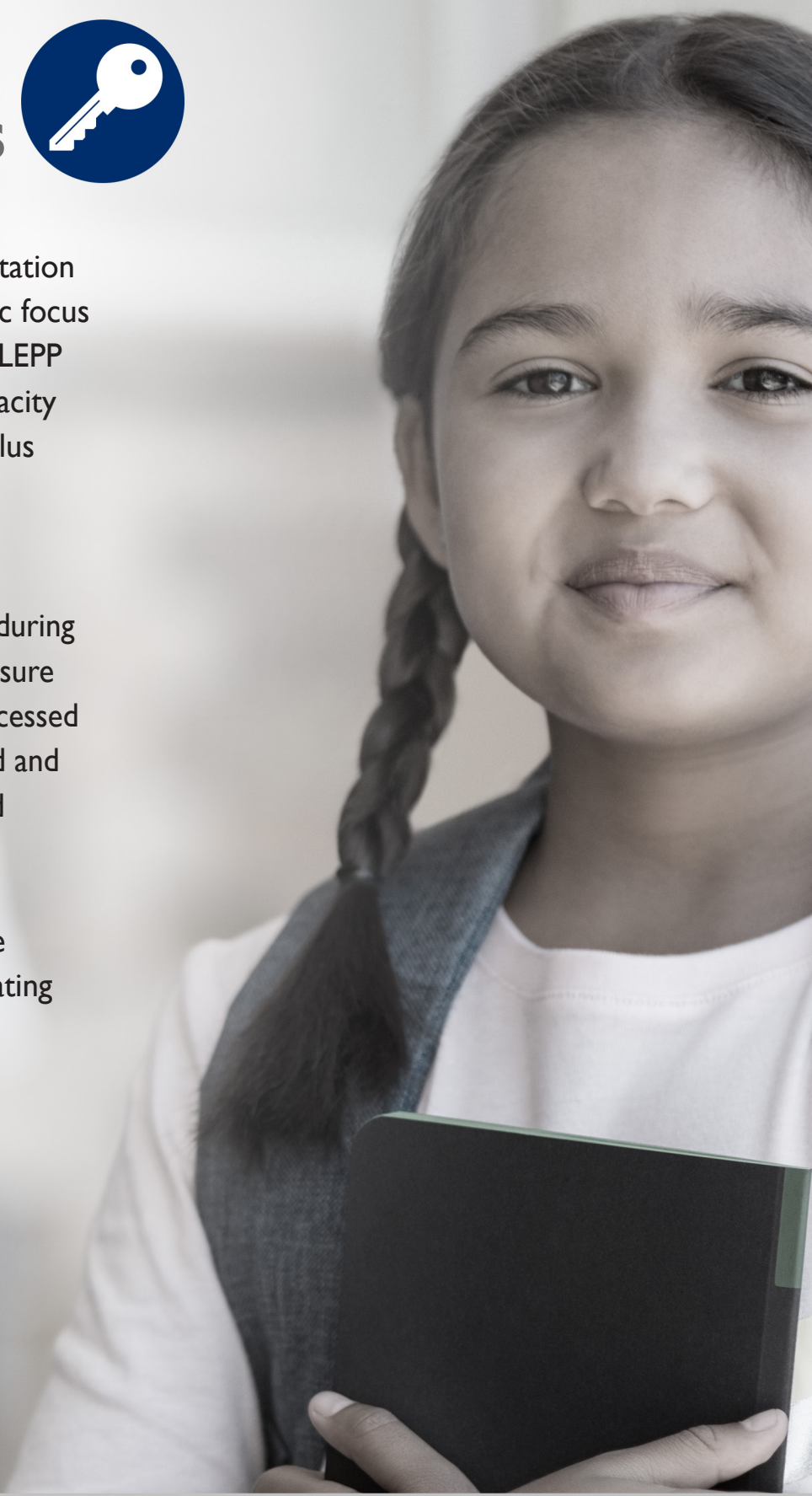


- ADRA International
- America's Relief Team, Inc. (ART)
- Children's Hunger Fund (CHF)
- Christian Relief Services (CRS)
- Deseret International Foundation
- Food For the Poor, Inc. (FFP)
- Globus Relief
- Helping Hands for Relief and Development (HHRD)
- Imani House Inc.
- International Medical Equipment Collaborative (IMEC)
- Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF)
- Mission Without Borders (MWB)
- Operation Smile
- 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 2019 Key Priority Areas



- LEPP will conduct a program solicitation for new applicants with the strategic focus on increasing the number of active LEPP PVO partners who possess the capacity to successfully transfer federal surplus property.
- LEPP will begin implementing the Do No Harm (DNH) requirements during the upcoming application cycle to ensure that the federal surplus property accessed through the program is safely utilized and disposed of by program partners and donation recipients.
- LEPP will continue building effective collaborations with ASHA by facilitating active exchange of ideas and best practices.
- LEPP will continue to increase the visibility of the program among internal and external stakeholders through outreach and communications initiatives that highlight the program's accomplishments.



## Program Highlights:

### Providing Access to Scarce Physical Capital



LEPP provides access to resources that are not readily available to many institutions in developing nations. LEPP property donations make a significant impact on health care services in developing countries. For instance, donated ophthalmology equipment is helping to eliminate avoidable blindness by providing affordable and quality eye care to underserved communities in the Philippines. The donations enable local doctors to perform over 3,000 free surgeries a year to correct medical conditions such as cataracts, crossed eyes, burn contractures, club-feet, as well as cleft-lip and palate.

LEPP property donations are also used to augment the operations of three of the busiest hospitals in Guatemala: San Juan de Dios National Hospital, Jalapa National Hospital and Chiquimula Regional Hospital. The three hospitals were consistently over capacity, serving at least 2,800 patients each day. Aided by the U.S. humanitarian organization World Help, these hospitals were provided with beds, lab supplies, dialysis units, anesthesia units, and surgical lights; enabling doctors and nurses to administer better treatment and accurate diagnosis in a safer environment for both patients and health-care providers. Today, San Juan de Dios National Hospital provides dialysis treatment to 50 people each day and is one of only three places in the entire country where patients can receive dialysis, which is one of the most significant medical needs in Guatemala.

In addition, LEPP donations have furnished a new eye surgery center in Dodoma, Tanzania, which opened this past summer. The center is the only hospital that offers fully comprehensive eye services in the entire Dodoma region which is home to over two million people. An industrial size water autoclave unit was transferred through LEPP to a health clinic in Kingston, Jamaica, that serves 7,000 patients per year and reaches six communities outside of the city limits where healthcare is not easily accessible. The clinic also received gynecology medical consumables which now support the free pap-smear clinic, the first of its kind in the community. What's more, a portable ultrasound machine was transferred to the Francisco Morazán Health Center in Nicaragua that serves more than 70,000 residents of Managua. Before this donation, the health center did not have an ultrasound machine. With proper training, doctors can now provide accurate diagnostics and better care and treatment to thousands of patients.



LEPP donations of infant warmers and incubators save the lives of thousands of infants in Guatemala each year.



U.S. humanitarian aid organizations sort and test LEPP property donations in holding and distribution warehouses - such as this World Help distribution warehouse in Guatemala.



Desktop and laptop computers are provided to schools in El Salvador.



## Program Highlights:

### Contributing to the USG's Efforts of Building Strong, Productive and Self-reliant Communities



Laptops donated through LEPP are utilized by project staff working on education programs that promote and strengthen leadership skills among youth in El-Salvador.

LEPP supports capacity building programs that contribute to the USG's objectives to strengthen the outcomes of local systems and improve the welfare of developing nations; building effective and long-term partnerships to reduce the need for foreign aid over time.

LEPP contributes to education initiatives by transferring school related materials and supplies to developing nations. These donations are utilized in programs that work to strengthen local efforts to improve critical thinking, encourage innovation, build technical skills and empower girls to pursue science careers. This past year, dozens of laptops were transferred through LEPP to 10 education municipalities in Nicaragua. Today, these laptops coordinate the education of more than 11,000 students and 525 teachers. Utilized by 10 coordinators and 24 technicians, the laptops help in the preparation of academic curriculums, demographic and statistical reports and training materials.

Also, donations of more than 6,000 computer units to 130 schools in El Salvador are used to build computing skills of school-age children, preparing adolescents for a competitive higher education and better employment opportunities in the future. This means that more people can continue with their education, find better jobs to provide for their families and support local economies.

A dentistry school in Kingston, Jamaica, received dental chairs and equipment donations through LEPP, enabling the college to teach more students and support the country's objective of retaining local talent to serve the surrounding communities. Moreover, local doctors in the Philippines utilize LEPP donations of surgical equipment, 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 are also utilized in forestry, environmental and agricultural management programs in Guatemala. Laboratory equipment and supplies are used in projects that educate communities residing in Guatemala's southwestern highlands about water-borne illnesses and watershed management.

## Program Highlights:

### Supporting Disaster Relief Efforts



Federal surplus property transfers support programs that provide life-saving assistance and infrastructure to rehabilitate communities affected by natural and man-made disasters. As part of the USG humanitarian aid efforts, physical capital donations accessed through LEPP were sent to Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica and St. Lucia. Diesel engine generators, freezers, tents, blankets, beds, cots, sheets, and everyday utensils - valued at approximately \$820,000, were transferred to aid the islands' communities affected by the recent natural disasters and humanitarian crisis.

Donations of 18 diesel generators to restore electric power in schools, hospitals, shelter-homes, police and fire stations devastated by the Hurricanes Irma and Maria were provided to 14 local organizations in Antigua & Barbuda and Dominica.

The Dominican Airport Fire Service received a generator at a critical time during the disaster relief and rehabilitation efforts, making a major impact on the daily functions of the station that provides housing to the U.S. military and international aid workers. Utilizing donations of fuel-efficient generators, a home for the elderly in Dominica was able to provide shelter to 30 individuals after the hurricane - which is double the home's normal occupancy, and a youth-center is saving money on fuel expenses and redirecting the funds towards education and training programs.

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. 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 in Dominica and Antigua & Barbuda.



*Mobile power generators donated through LEPP were transferred to aid communities affected by the recent natural disasters and humanitarian crisis in Dominica, Antigua & Barbuda.*

## Program Highlights:

### Supporting Sustainable, Creative, Smart and Flexible Development Initiatives



LEPP is aligned to support USAID's partnerships by facilitating access to surplus property for a diverse group of PVOs engaged in overseas development and humanitarian assistance.

Tents, generators and portable medical equipment acquired through LEPP are used to provide mobile healthcare and offer viable options for treating vulnerable communities in rural areas in Guatemala and Uganda. Instead of facing the daunting journey of traveling hours for medical treatment, people in rural communities now have local access to mobile health centers, hospitals and dialysis clinics.

Laboratory equipment transferred through LEPP 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 in Guatemala. Moreover, local doctors in the Philippines are utilizing medical equipment donations to perform life-changing eye surgeries. By performing these critical surgeries, the surgeons are building expertise and strengthening the nation's self-reliance on local health facilities and personnel. These programs not only provide vulnerable and underserved communities access to health care but also help to mitigate migration by providing access to essential services domestically.

LEPP's PVO partner organization World Help has used federal surplus property to empower local communities in Guatemala to develop, manage and operate an aquaculture system that provides families with food and sustainable source of income through the sale of farm-raised tilapia. This initiative has improved the livelihood and the nutritional health of disadvantaged households and was successfully replicated in many other regions of the country.



LEPP property donations are used in the development and humanitarian aid programs that are planned and managed by local institutions to better address local needs.



Tents, generators and portable medical equipment acquired through LEPP are used to offer flexible and viable options for treating isolated and vulnerable communities in rural, mountainous and remote areas.



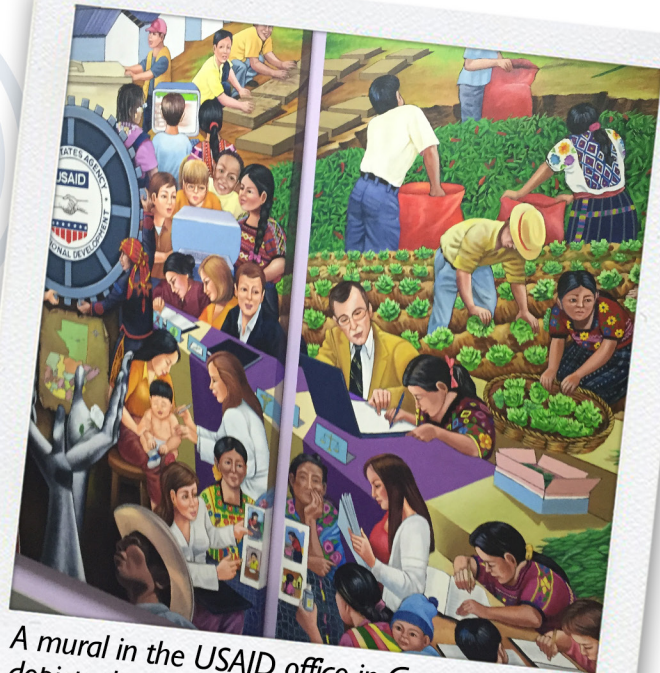
## Program Highlights:

### Fostering Local Goodwill to Augment USG Development and Humanitarian Aid Efforts



Goodwill gained as a result of federal surplus property donations to developing nations has helped U.S. humanitarian organizations to build productive and collaborative relationships with host-country government institutions, the private sector and civil societies.

**“LEPP has been instrumental in communicating the generosity of the American people to communities around the world, thereby supporting USAID’s international public diplomacy efforts.”**



*A mural in the USAID office in Guatemala depicts the Agency’s work to promote a path to self-reliance and resilience in developing nations.*

Local stakeholders who are actively engaged in the planning and implementation process of aid programs are better positioned to help communities attain domestic economic growth. LEPP partners such as World Help, Deseret International Foundation, Americas Relief Team, Inc., Food For The Poor, Inc. and Stop Hunger Now, have formed strong collaborations with local partners resulting in more effective, visible and sustainable program outcomes. By providing essential equipment, materials and supplies, LEPP partners have enabled local organizations to use their limited finances to address other competing development needs - such as training local professionals and renovating schools and health facilities.

## Success Stories:



Trisha is completely healed and can now walk, jump and play like any other 11-year-old. All because she received a timely operation using surgical equipment donated through LEPP to correct the clubfoot on her left leg.

“Because of your kind donations, Trisha is now a completely changed girl,” said Trisha’s mom, Clara. A single mother of two, Clara works hard to make ends meet, but permanent jobs are hard to come by in Camarines Sur, a small coastal province in the Philippines. As a result, Clara was unable to save enough money to pay for Trisha’s treatment and knew that even if she did, the proper medical care needed for her daughter would be difficult to find. When Clara learned about the medical services provided at the Mabuhay Deseret Foundation from her sister-in-law, she immediately brought Trisha to the foundation’s orthopedic center in Manila, with just enough money to cover their transportation.

At absolutely no cost to her mother, Trisha was treated by local doctors who were able to fully correct her club-foot by utilizing the scarce and urgently needed surgical equipment and supplies donated through LEPP.

“We have never experienced a more loving and compassionate treatment and care,” added Clara. Today, Trisha is back at home with her 14-year-old brother. She is happy, healthy and back in school.



*Trisha recovering after her surgery at the Mabuhay Deseret Foundation.*



*Trisha with her mom, Clara, completely healed after her operation.*

## Success Stories:



Marielos Choc is a 29-year-old mother living in an impoverished village in rural Guatemala. She works alongside her husband in the fields but struggles to provide for their five children. This year has been especially hard. Due to failed crops, Marielos was unable to provide food for her family.

As a result, the youngest of Marielos's children became severely malnourished. She brought her child to a local clinic in her area that has received essential medical equipment and supplies through LEPP and the humanitarian organization World Help. Marielos was able to receive the proper care and treatment for her child, "I am pleased to get immediate help for my child. The clinic even gave my baby a heated blanket." Supplies as simple as a blanket made an impact on the young mother, showing the strength and importance of LEPP donations.



*Marielos with her child at a local clinic that received medical equipment and supplies through LEPP.*



*Jorge is now completely cured of his ear infections thanks to the donations of ophthalmoscopes through LEPP.*

For a long time, 11-year-old Jorge Luis suffered from acute ear infections. His family worried that he might lose his hearing at such a young age but did not have the resources to access or afford the necessary treatment.

Fortunately, the free clinic in Jorge's home village in Guatemala recently received new ophthalmoscopes through LEPP and the humanitarian organization World Help. This donation allowed local doctors to examine and diagnose Jorge's condition accurately. Today, Jorge is free from his ear infections and can participate in his classroom lessons with ease.

## Success Stories:



This past year, dozens of laptops were donated through LEPP in partnership with the humanitarian organization Food for the Poor, Inc. The laptops were donated to 10 education municipalities in Nicaragua. Today, these laptops support and coordinate the educational goals of more than 11,000 students. “These laptops are essential to strengthen the work we do every day to bring education to our Nicaraguan children,” said Vicenta López, Director of the La Salle coordination office.

Utilized by 10 coordinators and 24 technicians, the laptops are used in the preparation of academic curriculums, demographic and statistical reports, as well as training materials. “These technological tools have increased the quality and efficiency of our work, enabling us to coordinate and support 525 teachers and 11,053 students,” said Benito Javier León Téllez, who works for the Municipality of Nueva Guinea. “Our school enrollment and management for the 2018/19 school year has been made so much easier,” he added.



*Education coordinator, Benito Javier León Téllez uses the donated laptops to manage school enrollments.*



*Education coordinator, Vicenta Alexandra López uses the laptops donated through LEPP to support teachers and students in Nicaragua.*