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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 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) 2022, 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) Initiative, 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

In fiscal year 2022 (FY 22) LEPP successfully transferred over \$32 million worth of federal surplus property to 17 countries where USAID provides humanitarian aid, disaster relief, and development assistance. The property transferred included medical, dental, and lab equipment; hygiene supplies; personal protection equipment (PPE); computers and cellular phones; and clothing items. Faith-based partner organizations accounted for approximately 72 percent of these transfers. The surplus property donated supports global health systems strengthening, humanitarian assistance, and educational programs.

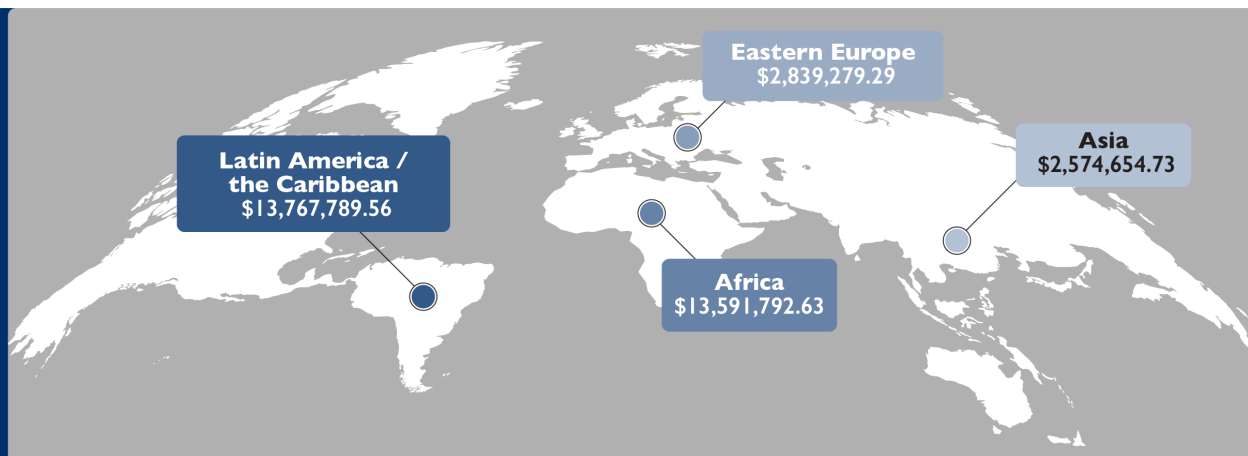
In partnership with USAID Missions, General Services Administration (GSA), the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and PVOs, LEPP continues to optimize federal resources and leverage property to support health and education needs in our partner countries throughout Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean. A breakdown by region indicates federal surplus property worth \$13,767,790 supported regions in Latin America and the Caribbean. Recipients included El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, and Peru. Asia received \$2,574,655 worth of surplus property which benefited rural communities in Pakistan and the Philippines. Eastern Europe received \$2,839,279 worth of medical equipment for distribution to Ukraine. Burundi, Ethiopia, Eswatini, Ghana, Kenya, Niger, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia received \$13,591,793 worth of surplus property. Latin America and the Caribbean was the largest recipient of federal surplus property in FY 22.

Essential equipment and supplies transferred through LEPP have an immense impact on communities in need. This past year, medical supplies and equipment were distributed to regional hospitals and village clinics providing treatment for victims of Russia's war against Ukraine. Equipment included ECG (electrocardiograph) devices, stretchers, hospital beds, and surgical instruments and supplies. Many hospitals in Ukraine have been damaged and destroyed during the war, and the property transferred through LEPP has helped fill a dire need. In El Salvador, transport beds made available through LEPP are being used in a program that provides free medical treatment to children with cancer. Currently, the nonprofit organization has an average of more than 1,000 patients in treatment and remission. In addition, a start-up eye clinic in Haiti was able to open its doors for the first time using medical equipment made available through LEPP. The only eye clinic in southeast Haiti adequately equipped to serve the department and surrounding areas, the clinic also conducts a health training and screening program using LEPP donations.

Property transferred through LEPP continues to support programs that help underserved communities, strengthen local institutions, and promote sustainable development around the world. Finally, in the spring of FY 22, LEPP participated in the Annual American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA)/LEPP Partners Meeting. Approximately 135 active partners, missions, and USAID colleagues came together virtually to learn more about ASHA and LEPP activities around the globe. The Meeting was an opportunity for partners to build connections, engage with ASHA and LEPP staff, and discuss American ideas and practices while learning from featured speakers and participating in workshops and other interactive sessions.

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Property Transfers by Region



LEPP FY 2022 Order Value Report by PVO, Region & Country

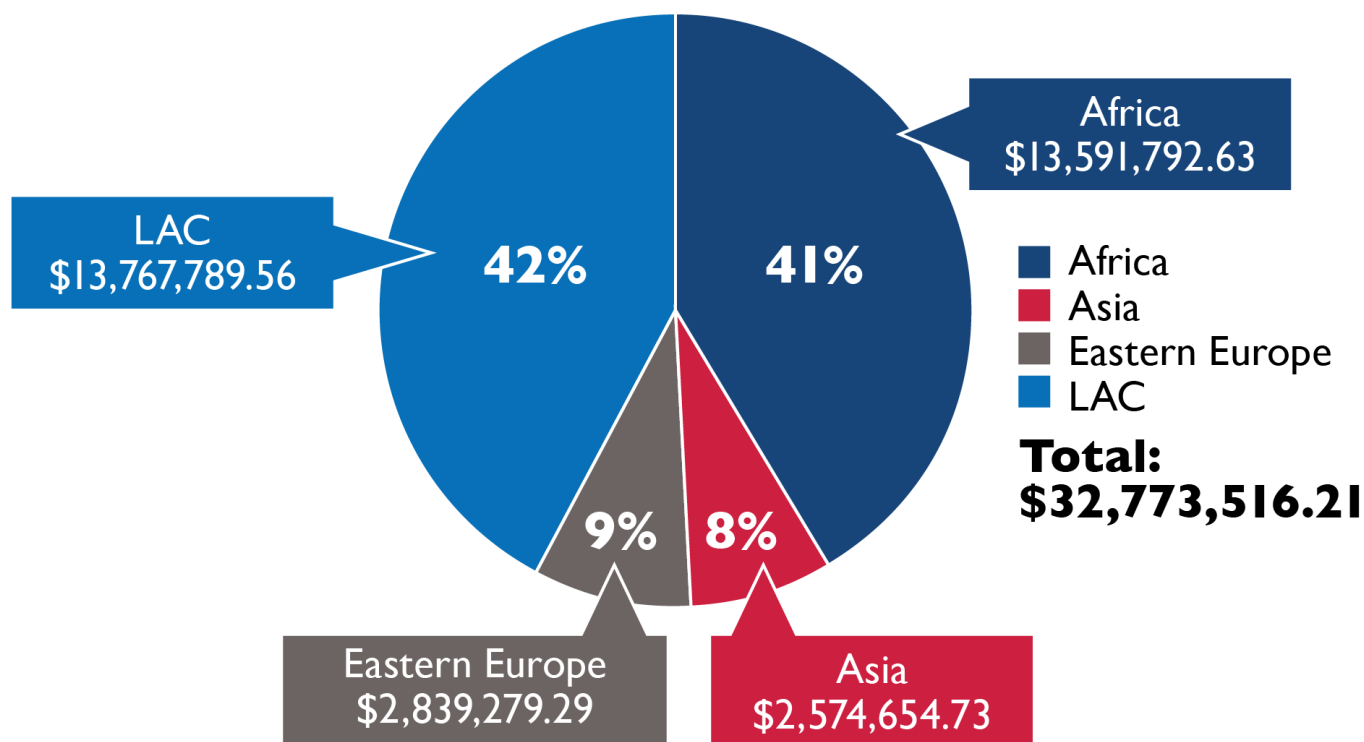
PVO/Mission	Region	Order Value	Country	Order Value	Total
CharityVision International	LAC	\$95,564.00	Peru	\$95,564.00	\$4,121,370.59
	Asia	\$98,480.73	Pakistan	\$2,434,386.10	
		\$2,335,905.37	Philippines		
	Africa	\$386,625.40	Ghana	\$1,591,420.49	
\$1,204,795.09		Tanzania			
Cure International	Asia	\$140,268.63	Philippines	\$140,268.63	\$899,648.41
	Africa	\$187,747.02	Ethiopia	\$378,935.27	
		\$180,538.27	Kenya		
		\$199,906.24	Niger		
\$191,188.25	Zambia				
Food For The Poor	LAC	\$205,509.60	El Salvador	\$1,100,693.67	\$1,100,693.67
		\$771,214.07	Guatemala		
		\$123,970.00	Jamaica		
St. Luke's Health Care Foundation	Africa	\$989,474.99	Ethiopia	\$989,474.99	\$989,474.99
The Luke Commission (TLC)	Africa	\$695,732.97	Eswatini	\$695,732.97	\$695,732.97
United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC)	Eastern Europe	\$2,839,279.29	Ukraine	\$2,839,279.29	\$2,839,279.29
USAID Honduras	LAC	\$24,182.28	Honduras	\$24,182.28	\$24,182.28
World Help	LAC	\$10,250,315.67	Guatemala	\$2,297,033.94	\$22,103,134.01
		\$1,208,272.48	Honduras		
		\$1,088,761.46	Peru		
	Africa	\$945,447.45	Burundi	\$8,610,336.95	
		\$1,744,295.99	Rwanda		
		\$744,715.97	Tanzania		
		\$6,121,324.99	Zambia		

Total Numbers: **\$32,773,516.21**

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LEPP Property Totals by Region for FY 2022



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 **

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LEPP Impact

The data presented below demonstrates the impact of the LEPP program in supporting communities in need in FY 22. 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.
- 53 out of 110 programs/projects (48%) were implemented by faith-based in-country partners using federal surplus property.
- More than 2.6 million people have been served across the 110 programs/projects that utilize federal surplus property.
- 65 out of 110 programs/projects (59%) focus on women, children, and gender equity.
- 90 out of 110 programs/projects (82%) engage local stakeholders in the planning and implementation process of aid programs.
- 18 out of 110 programs/projects (16%) support agricultural projects.

**Aside from the number of PVO Partners who are faith-based, all data represents only those PVO Partners in FY 22 who ordered, transferred, and/or implemented federal surplus property in their programs as of September 2022. Due to circumstances surrounding Russia's war against Ukraine, United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC) was unable to provide impact data for FY 22.*

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FY 2023 Key Priority Areas

LEPP continues to support USAID priorities in alignment with the 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 hold a program solicitation for new applicants with a strategic focus on increasing the number of active PVO partners who can successfully transfer and safely utilize federal surplus property.
- LEPP will coordinate training for newly selected PVO Partners.
- 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.

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Program Highlights:

LEPP provides access to resources to help build and strengthen local institutions in USAID partner countries

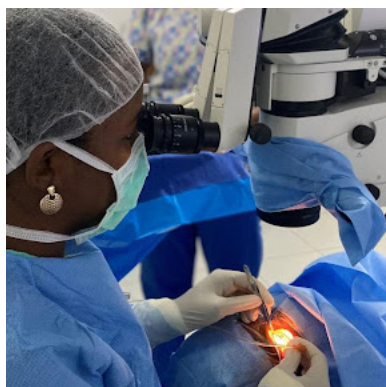
LEPP provides federal surplus property to institutions and programs that strengthen local capacity and promote sustainable development. These include programs that support education, provide affordable health care to low-income communities, and train medical staff in local and regional health care facilities.

For instance, LEPP computer donations are supporting public schools in El Salvador through Food For The Poor (FFTP) and its in-country partner program, the New Horizons Foundation for the Poor (FUNHOPO). Education is one of the dimensions of poverty, according to the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), an international measure of acute multidimensional poverty covering over 100 developing countries. El Salvador's low investment in education along with persistent socio-economic inequalities continues to hinder the country's development. The COVID-19 pandemic brought a whole new set of challenges to El Salvador's already deteriorating education system as students and teachers struggled to adapt to virtual learning. According to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), online education in the face of COVID-19 is unfeasible for 46 percent of children between 5 and 12 years of age in the Latin American region who live in homes without Internet connectivity.

In the face of virtual learning and other educational challenges, FUNHOPO is working to strengthen education in El Salvador through technology. Thousands of Salvadoran students and teachers have had access to computers since the program began in 1995. Since 2021, FUNHOPO has received 111 computers from FFTP in partnership with LEPP. The computers will be distributed to public schools throughout El Salvador through FUNHOPO's Program La Voz para los Sin Voz (Voice for the Voiceless Program).

To learn how the FFTP/LEPP computer donations have changed one young recipient's life for the better, see Kevin Barillas's success story on page 12.

CharityVision partner clinic ClaireVision is another example of how resources acquired through LEPP are strengthening local institutions in USAID partner countries. Located in Jacmel, Haiti, Claire Vision was able to open its doors for the first time in 2021 with the help of federal surplus property made available through LEPP.



Dr. Ritza Eugene conducting eye surgery at Claire Vision with medical equipment provided through LEPP. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.

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. "Thanks to our partnerships, we are able to have an increase of our surgical output and help more people who have problems with their vision," said Dr. Ritza Eugene who helped establish Claire Vision, the only eye clinic in southeast Haiti adequately equipped to serve the department and surrounding areas.

LEPP donations to Claire Vision are 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 eye doctor referrals. With its amazing team of nurses who work alongside Dr. Eugene, Claire Vision represents CharityVision's last step in expanding its programs throughout Haiti.

To learn more about how the CharityVision/LEPP partnership is restoring sight and improving lives in local communities throughout Haiti, see the success stories of Saby Benante, Junior, Obene Derivieres, and Denise Jeanne-Baptiste beginning on page 12.



Kevin at El Chaparral farm with his FFTP/LEPP donated computer. Photo courtesy of FUNHOPO.

"I am from Jacmel, and I now have the opportunity to give back to this city where I was born."

– Dr. Ritza Eugene, Claire Vision

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Program Highlights:

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

LEPP impacts developing countries by providing scarce medical, dental, and ophthalmic equipment and supplies to institutions that bring health care services to underserved communities. Many of the communities served are in remote areas with limited access to preventative care and medical equipment. For example, in El Salvador—where more than 42 percent of the population lives below the poverty line—Fundación Ayúdame a Vivir (Help Me Live) offers free medical treatment to children with cancer with the support of Food For The Poor (FFTP) and LEPP.

Poverty continues to increase in El Salvador (according to the El Salvador Multipurpose Household Survey (EHPM), poverty rose by 3.4 percent from 2019 to 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic) and health conditions remain poor. There are significant gaps in nutrition, limited access to drinking water, and inadequate sanitation and housing conditions for the country's most vulnerable populations. In child populations, diarrheal, parasitic, and respiratory diseases are prevalent as well as malnutrition-related illnesses. Infant mortality in the country amounts to 17.5 per 1,000 live births. Additionally, in 2020 there were an estimated 32,065 new cases of cancer in the Americas in children aged 0 to 14 years, according to data from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Of those cases, 20,855 occurred in Latin America and Caribbean countries. Eighty percent of children with cancer survive in high-income countries and only 20 percent survive in low- and middle-income countries, according to PAHO.*

Amid these challenges, Fundación Ayúdame a Vivir is working to fill some of El Salvador's health gaps by providing access to comprehensive cancer treatment free of charge for patients 0 to 12 years old. Among the types of cancers treated are: leukemias (49 percent), lymphomas (13 percent), tumors of the central nervous system (12 percent), soft tissue tumors (6 percent), bone tumors (5 percent), kidney tumors (5 percent), neuroblastoma (3 percent), retinoblastoma (2 percent), germ cell tumors, and liver tumors.

Currently, the nonprofit organization has an average of more than 1,000 patients in treatment and remission.

Thanks to FFTP, in partnership with LEPP, the Foundation was able to equip four medical clinics with five transport beds. The beds make patients more comfortable during delicate procedures such as biopsies, sedation, and analgesia processes as well as during routine patient examinations. Since December 2021, the transport bed donation has contributed to an increase in outpatient care; an improvement in patient examination processes; more efficient procedures by medical and nursing staff; and decreased stress levels in patients.

LEPP collaborations with partner organizations like FFTP improves lives—and in the case of Fundación Ayúdame a Vivir—even saves them.

**In 1991, the survival rate for children with cancer in El Salvador was less than 5 percent. In 2022, the survival rate rose to more than 70 percent for children with some types of cancer. This is well above the average survival rate for low-income countries.*



Dr. Franklin Vasquez with patient Rodrigo De La O. Photo courtesy of Fundación Ayúdame a Vivir El Salvador.

“The donation of this equipment has come to strengthen patient care in our pediatric oncology program.”

— Dr. Franklin Vasquez, pediatric oncologist and medical director for Fundación Ayúdame a Vivir.



Dr. David Duran with 4-year-old patient Samara Reyes. Photo courtesy of Fundación Ayúdame a Vivir El Salvador.



Nurse Silvia Flores with 6-year-old patient Alejandro Mendoza and his mother. Photo courtesy of Fundación Ayúdame a Vivir El Salvador.

Program Highlights:

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In addition, World Help and LEPP are partnering to provide medical equipment to regional hospitals that serve low-income communities in Guatemala and Zambia.

Ten ventilators provided through LEPP were donated to World Help's in-country partner Hope of Life to serve underserved communities in Zacapa, Guatemala. The equipment went to the Hospital Regional de Zacapa, located in a rural village in Zacapa. The hospital lacked sufficient medical supplies to provide care for the local community and often had to turn away those in need of medical care. Now, the much-needed ventilators will allow Hospital Regional de Zacapa to provide health care to an estimated 520 additional people in the community, which is critical during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We reached the point where the hospitals collapsed and could no longer receive more patients. But by joining forces as brothers and sisters, the hospital was donated ventilators so patients could have somewhere to go [for treatment]. Together, we can make a difference and save lives." —Alexis Garcia, warehouse and imports director, Hope of Life

Hope of Life also donated 251 boxes of face masks through LEPP to help in the fight against COVID-19. Among the people who received the masks are those with chronic diseases who are more susceptible to illnesses. Maria Eugenia, who lost her leg due to an infection, was one of the recipients of the masks. Before losing her leg, Maria was on her feet all day selling food. Now, she relies on her neighbors to survive. The donated masks allow Maria to leave her home, visit neighbors, and engage in her community while protecting her health.

Finally, Hope of Life received 184 boxes of surgical gowns through LEPP. These gowns protect frontline workers and help create a safe environment for the workers to administer free vaccines to people in the community. Maribel Hernandez is a nurse who vaccinates community residents to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Thanks to the donation of surgical gowns, she can continue her mission to help protect and save lives.



Hospital Regional de Zacapa hospital staff receiving the donated ventilators. Photo courtesy of World Help.



Maribel Hernandez, nurse. Photo courtesy of World Help.



Maria Eugenia receiving her mask. Photo courtesy of World Help.

"With my masks, I can go out outside my house in my wheelchair to say hello to my neighbors or get some air. Everything you donate to us is very important for our health. Thank you very much."
—Maria Eugenia, recipient

"We are blessed through you. These [surgical gowns and other donations] are worth gold in these difficult times. There are many who died waiting for a solution and it is for these people that we continue to fight."
—Maribel Hernandez, nurse

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Program Highlights:

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World Help's in-country partner House of God ministries was the recipient of 39 vital signs monitors provided through LEPP. The organization partnered with Bread of Life Medical Centre to provide medical services to underserved communities in Lusaka South, Lusaka Province, Zambia. Forty-five-year-old Phelicitous Chanda was one of the projected 2,028 people who benefited from the vital signs monitors. Through medical intervention, Phelicitous discovered she had a chest infection. She was grateful for the vital signs monitors which allowed her to quickly receive the treatment she needed.



Phelicitous getting her vitals checked in the Bread of Life Medical Centre. Photo courtesy of World Help.

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 care, agriculture, and education.

LEPP's PVO Partner Healey International Relief (HealeyIRF) has been helping those in need in Sierra Leone since 2001. In October 2021, HealeyIRF delivered its first shipment of federal surplus property to the country. Critical medical supplies included folding tables; lateral files; file charts; metal file cabinets; metal carts and flatbed carts; stackable and recliner chairs; and wheelchairs.

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.

Caritas Freetown Health Administrator Sister Josephine Amara noted, "These items are very difficult for us to find, but they will help the staff at our health facilities be more efficient and organized. We are happy to be a partner with HealeyIRF and USAID in this program."

PVO Partner CURE International is using resources provided through LEPP to help some of the world's most vulnerable and marginalized populations—children living with disabilities. Tebow CURE Hospital in Davao City, Philippines (also known as CURE Philippines) received five vital signs monitors with rolling stands through CURE International in partnership with LEPP. Vital signs monitors allow continual monitoring of a patient's vital signs—including pulse rate, temperature, respiration rate, blood pressure, and blood oxygen levels—in a variety of medical settings, including when a patient is recovering from surgery. CURE Philippines provides specialized, charitable medical care to children with treatable disabilities and serves a population of more than 106 million. Between July 2021 and June 2022, the hospital recorded 6,822 patient visits, 1,413 medical procedures, and 74 clinical trainees. All surgeries and medical treatment are free. CURE estimates there are nearly 2 million children living with treatable disabilities in the Philippines.

To learn how the vital signs monitors made available through LEPP supported 9-year-old John after receiving life-changing surgery, see his success story on page 13.

"This is wonderful. I wish every clinic could have this [vital signs monitors]."
—Phelicitous Chanda, patient



HealeyIRF staff load wheelchairs made available through LEPP to ship to Sierra Leone. Photo courtesy of HealeyIRF.



Caritas Freetown Health Administrator Sister Josephine Amara. Photo courtesy of HealeyIRF.

Success Stories:

Kevin Barillas — Turin, Ahuachapán, El Salvador

Twenty-six-year-old university student Kevin Barillas lives with his parents in a small house near a chicken farm in Turin, Ahuachapán where his father works as a farmer. Kevin suffers from cerebral palsy and his mother takes care of him full-time. Their family works hard every day to overcome economic adversities.

Kevin is an active, charismatic young man who is well-known in his community. In addition to being an excellent university student, Kevin is dedicated to the sport of boccia, a precision ball sport for players with physical disabilities that requires the use of a wheelchair. His biggest dream is to become a university professor. Kevin is in the process of obtaining his Bachelor of Sciences degree in Education at the National University of El Salvador in Santa Ana. When asked about his academic performance Kevin said with a laugh, "... I almost graduated Cum Honorifico..."

Kevin is grateful for the laptop donation from Food For The Poor (FFTP) in partnership with LEPP. The computer will allow him to continue his university education and teacher training. Moreover, having a laptop enables Kevin to complete his courses at home, which is important given his mobility challenges. Due to hard work, perseverance, and a FFTP/LEPP donated laptop, Kevin is that much closer to his dream.



Kevin participating in a boccia event. Photo courtesy of Kevin Barillas Facebook profile.

CharityVision Restores Sight and Lives with Ophthalmic Equipment Provided through LEPP

According to the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), there are 1.1 billion people living with vision loss worldwide. Ninety percent of vision loss is preventable or treatable. Learn how CharityVision is helping to restore sight and lives with the help of ophthalmic equipment made available through LEPP.

Saby Benante — Petion-Ville, Haiti

Saby is a 43-year-old single parent. One day, Saby noticed a problem in her right eye, but didn't take it seriously. As time went by, she found that she could no longer see out of her right eye and was unable to continue working. Fortunately, Saby heard about CharityVision and its "Vision for All" program through a relative who had received surgery in the past. Dr. Cadet Jr. performed Saby's surgery with equipment donated through LEPP and restored vision in her right eye. Expressing her gratitude, Saby said, "God is making things happen through this program and through the doctors."



Saby Benante, 43 years old; a Claire Vision patient. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.

Junior — Delmas, Haiti

Eleven-year-old Junior lives in Delmas, Haiti with his mother Casimir Marie. When Junior injured his eye, his vision quickly deteriorated, though his mother tried her best to administer first aid. Casimir learned of CharityVision's outreach in Delmas and they immediately referred the case to Grace Children's Hospital, one of CharityVision's partners in the area. Dr. Mike Maingrette operated on Junior's eye. Casimir said, "I couldn't forgive myself if my son had lost his eye. I knew it would be my fault. I want to thank the nurses at CharityVision. They have been so kind, and they did the right thing."



Junior, 11 years old; a Claire Vision patient. Photo courtesy of CharityVision.

Success Stories:

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Obene Derivieres — Jacmel, Haiti

Obene is a 50-year-old teacher who suffered from cataracts. Watch how his cataract surgery through Claire Vision changed his life.



Denise Jeanne-Baptiste — Jacmel, Haiti

Thirty-six-year-old Denise has suffered from cataracts since September 2021. Watch how cataract surgery through Claire Vision helped her regain her sight, livelihood, and independence.



John — near Davao City, Philippines

Nine-year-old John suffers from Blount's disease, more commonly known as bowed legs. Blount's disease is a growth disorder that affects the growth plates of the shin bone, causing the lower leg to curve. John's parents, Glenn and Joy, noticed John's legs bowing when he was first learning to walk at 1 years old, which prompted them to seek medical help. When John was 4, his doctor encouraged him to wear braces, but this proved to be too restrictive for a young, active child. As it turned out, though bracing helped straighten John's right leg, the bow of his left leg became even worse. This time, the doctor said surgery was the only option.

"We were really worried that our son would have to get a major treatment that would cost a lot," Joy recounts. "But fortunately, in 2019, a family friend informed us about Tebow CURE's sponsored surgeries for children with orthopedic issues. We were able to go to a mobile clinic where John was examined by a doctor and scheduled for surgery."

John's first surgery in April 2019 successfully corrected the curvature in his left leg. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was a while before John could return for further treatment and his leg began to bow again as he grew. As the curvature in John's left leg worsened, his right leg was significantly longer, forcing him to walk with a limp. But John's bowed leg didn't get in the way of his dreams.

"I hope to work as a firefighter one day, but first I want to have my leg straightened out," John said.

During John's second surgery, CURE Philippines medical staff cut a section of the bow in his tibia, or shin bone, to create a wedge and straighten his left leg. They also drilled both of his growth plates in his legs to stop the curvature from recurring. As a last step, medical staff wrapped John's left leg in a cast to help stabilize it while the bones healed.

After surgery, nurses monitored John using the vital signs monitor received through LEPP. John was released from the hospital to recover at a facility provided by CURE International's partner organization, Seeds of Dignity. The facility is in Davao City, so John and his family will no longer have to make the 10-hour land trip to and from the hospital. This will make it simpler for them to return for follow-up visits.

Thanks to CURE International in partnership with LEPP, John can continue school, run, play, and maybe become a firefighter one day.



John, pre-surgery. Photo courtesy of CURE International.



John in recovery pictured with his mother and the LEPP-donated vital signs monitor. Photo courtesy of CURE International.

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PVO Spotlights:

As partnerships remain at the core of USAID's work, LEPP continued to spotlight our PVO Partners in our quarterly newsletters in FY 22. This year's PVO Spotlights included Outreach Aid to the Americas/Americas Relief Team (OAA/ART) and CURE International. Here are some excerpts to learn more about our PVO Partners—their challenges, successes, and what inspires them as they work to serve underserved communities and promote sustainable development.

Outreach Aid to the Americas/Americas Relief Team (OAA/ART) — Featuring Teo Babun, President/Executive Director and one of the founders of OAA/ART

Q: OAA/ART has been a PVO Partner since 2010! We appreciate your partnership. Can you tell us a little about your program and your role?

A: Americas Relief Team (ART) is an initiative of OAA dedicated to helping victims of disasters in the Americas and supporting preparedness and resiliency to strengthen vulnerable communities. OAA/ART works with various partners in the public and private sectors, including affected governments, U.S. Southern Command, airports, sea cargo carriers, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to provide logistics assistance and humanitarian aid relief to help rebuild lives. OAA/ART also conducts educational programs to help build self-sufficiency and equip partners and at-risk populations with the skills to respond effectively to crises.

OAA/ART has partnered with LEPP since 2010. Together we have seen the positive impacts made in communities thanks to federal surplus property that has been shipped and safely delivered to faith-based institutions, community outreach organizations, and others in several countries in Latin America, including Guatemala, Haiti, Bahamas, and Antigua and Barbuda.

As President and Executive Director of OAA/ART and one of the founders of the organization, I oversee the different projects that OAA staff implements in different countries, provide guidance and support to OAA's local partners, and build strong and long-lasting relationships with OAA U.S.-based partners.

Q: What types of humanitarian aid or development programs are utilizing the federal surplus property transferred by your organization?

A: ART collaborates with partners to stage and ship humanitarian aid following emergencies caused by natural and man-made disasters. At the same time, it provides humanitarian relief to countries whose populations experience food insecurity and other humanitarian problems.

Federal surplus commodities provided through LEPP such as critical supplies, electric generators, health equipment, and hygienic necessities contribute to and complement ART's relief aid to assist the most impoverished communities in the Americas. ART also manages the collaborative efforts of corporations and NGOs to ensure the aid reaches the most affected areas and those most in need. In addition, ART provides ongoing logistics assistance to humanitarian NGOs, conducts educational projects, and implements comprehensive relief plans for Central America and the Caribbean basin region.

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

A: What's most gratifying about working with ART and partnering with LEPP is being able to witness the impact in people's lives. Disasters, like the 2010 Haiti earthquake and hurricanes Eta and Iota which struck Central America one after another earlier this year, can be devastating for many communities in the region.



Teo Babun, President/Executive Director and one of the founders of OAA/ART. Photo courtesy of OAA/ART.

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CURE International — Featuring Amy Hewitt, Grants Coordinator Grants Acquisition and Management

Q: You are one of our new PVO Partners for FY 21. We appreciate your partnership! Can you tell us a little about your program and your role?

A: For 25 years, CURE International (CURE) has operated a global network of pediatric surgical teaching hospitals that provide compassionate, world-class medical care for one of the world's most vulnerable and marginalized populations—children living with disabilities. Many false and harmful traditional beliefs about disabilities are still prevalent throughout the world and as a result, these children are often rejected by their communities—living hidden away—unable to go to school, find work as they grow older, or participate in society. CURE provides specialized, charitable medical care to children with treatable disabilities and trains local health workers to do the same. We also know that physical healing is only part of the transformation that needs to occur for these children to reach their full potential. Our hospitals and health programs are built around a model of spiritual ministry, including trauma counseling and community outreach. As a result, our patients and their families experience healing, transformation, and restoration.

Since opening our first hospital in 1998, CURE has ministered to the needs of patients and their families through more than 5.3 million patient visits and more than 323,000 surgical procedures. Through CURE Neuro, we've partnered with surgeons to perform more than 19,000 surgeries to help children with neurosurgical conditions survive and thrive. All surgeries and medical treatment are free.

As part of the Grants Team at CURE, my role includes engaging with foundation partners, submitting proposals and reporting, and managing projects funded by grant awards, including CURE's participation in the Limited Excess Property Program (LEPP).

Q: What types of humanitarian aid or development programs are (or will be) utilizing the federal surplus property transferred by your organization?

A: The federal surplus property transferred through LEPP will be utilized at CURE Children's hospitals in Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger, Zambia, and the Philippines. Our hospitals offer a wide variety of specialized care such as orthopedics, neurosurgery, and reconstructive surgery. While most of our hospitals and programs are focused on serving children with disabilities, the Beit CURE Hospital of Zambia also provides other services such as Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) care.

The children receiving medical care at CURE hospitals have treatable conditions such as clubfoot, bowed legs, cleft lip, untreated burns, and neurosurgical conditions such as spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

Surplus property from LEPP is helping to equip our hospitals and improve the lives of children with disabilities through increased mobility and functionality. In addition, the LEPP program has helped expand access to essential services and increase capacity for local partners through health system strengthening.

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

A: The LEPP staff has been approachable, timely, and extremely helpful during this first year of participation in the LEPP program. The earlier PVO training provided a solid base to begin participation in the program and the LEPP staff have answered questions and provided clarification along the way when needed. They are invested in helping PVOs succeed and there is a real sense of partnership and working towards a common goal to improve individual lives and communities in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) utilizing U.S. standards and best practices.

It's also been gratifying to know that LEPP is genuinely excited and willing to communicate successes we have had in transferring property from LEPP to use in our programs.

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 to serve underserved communities. Stay tuned for more PVO Spotlights in FY 23!



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