



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 2023 (FY23), 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, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

LEPP is managed by USAID's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) Initiative, which is part of the Bureau for Inclusive Growth, Partnerships, and Innovations' 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 FY 23, LEPP successfully transferred over \$15 million worth of federal surplus property to 16 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 67 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 \$1,016,059 supported regions in Latin America and the Caribbean. Recipients included Guatemala, Honduras, and Peru. Asia received \$8,750,837 worth of surplus property which benefited rural communities in Pakistan and the Philippines. Eastern Europe received \$2,041,823 worth of medical equipment, clothing, and accessories for distribution to Ukraine. Burundi, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Zambia received \$3,939,893 worth of surplus property. Asia was the largest recipient of federal surplus property in FY 23.

Essential equipment and supplies transferred through LEPP have an immense impact on communities in need. This past fiscal 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. Also, thousands of sleeping bags, jackets, boots, and other cold weather clothing were distributed to Ukraine. The acute need for cold weather clothing became more urgent due to Russian attacks on the energy infrastructure in Ukraine and the resultant lack of heat and water throughout the country.

In Eswatini, a variety of medical and kitchen equipment made available through LEPP is being used at a hospital that provides free outpatient and inpatient services to the country's most isolated and underserved populations. The LEPP-donated equipment helps the hospital host over 280,000 patient visits annually and serve over 2,000 meals a day. In addition, medical workstation carts transferred through LEPP were distributed to children's hospitals that provide free pediatric health care in Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger, Zambia, and the Philippines. The workstation carts have helped hospital staff decrease paperwork and improve efficiency so they can focus on patient care.

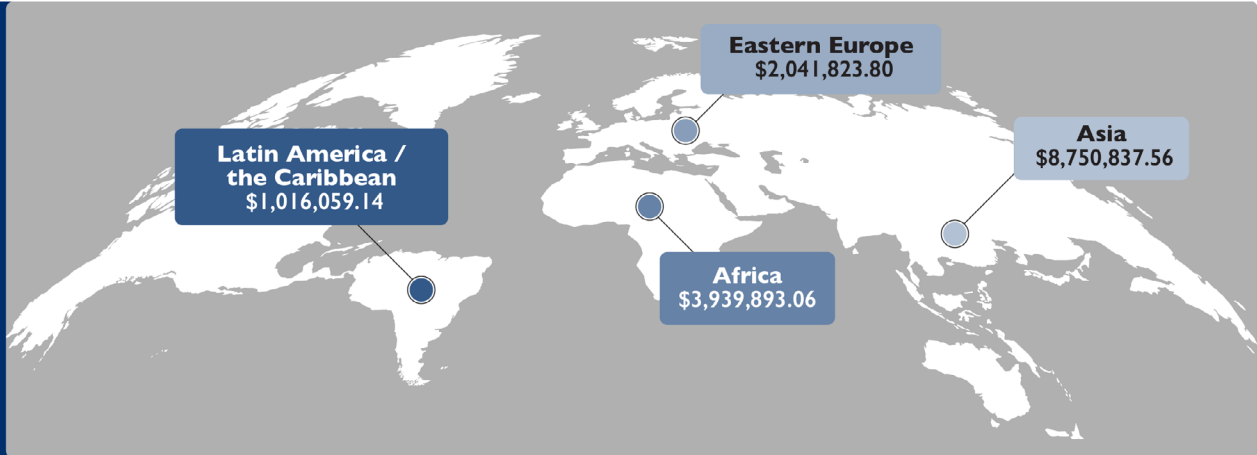
Property transferred through LEPP continues to support programs that help underserved communities, strengthen local institutions, and promote sustainable development around the world. Finally, in the spring of FY 23, LEPP participated in the Annual American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA)/LEPP Partners Meeting. Approximately 175 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

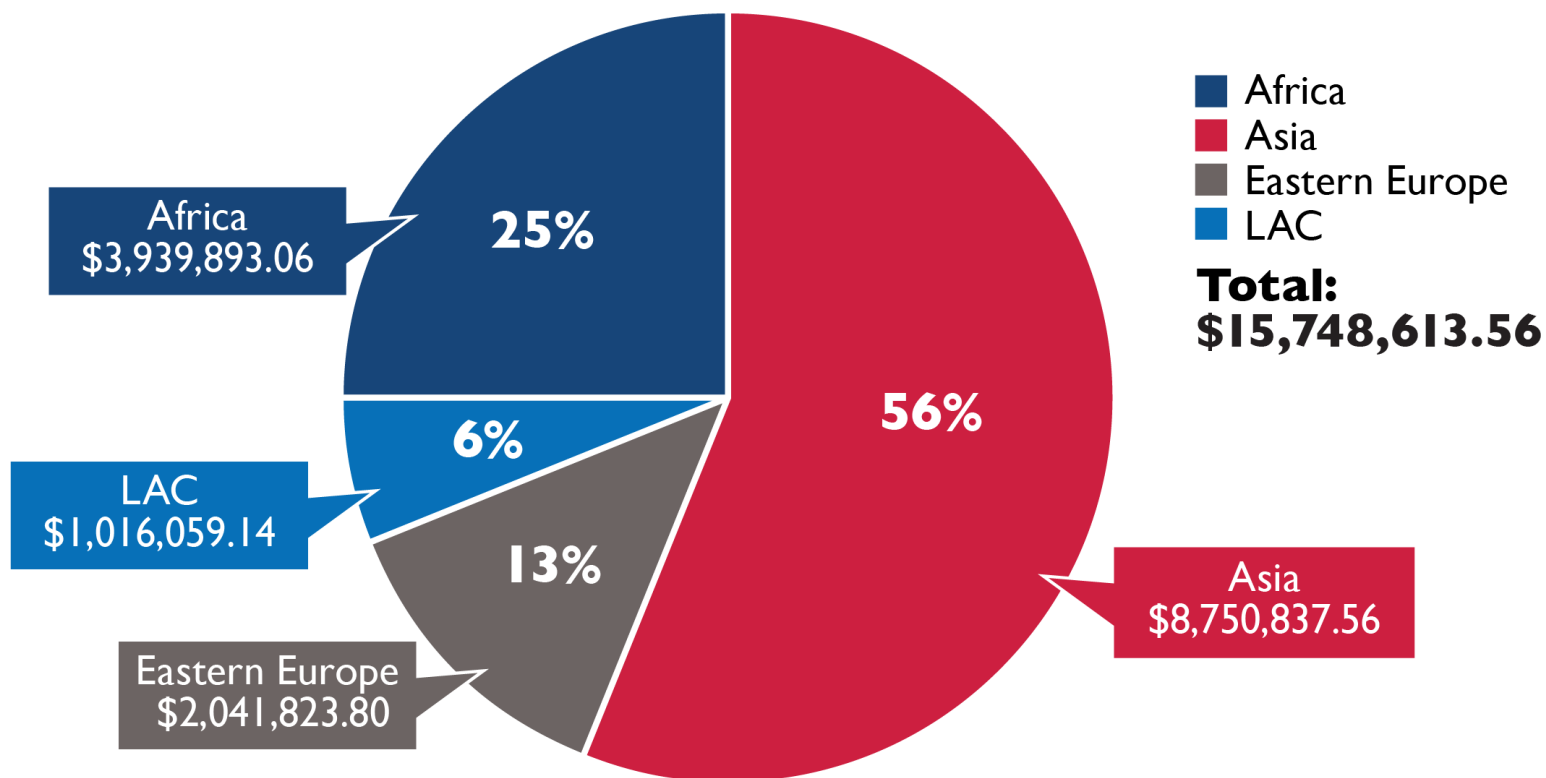
PVO/Mission	Region	Order Value	Country	Order Value	Total
CharityVision International	LAC	\$84,928.29	Peru	\$84,928.29	\$10,169,712.73
	Asia	\$2,906,029.11	Pakistan	\$8,463,379.46	
		\$5,557,350.35	Philippines		
	Africa	\$841,682.98	Ghana	\$1,621,404.98	
\$779,722.00		Tanzania			
Cure International	Asia	\$287,458.10	Philippines	\$287,458.10	\$959,895.55
	Africa	\$294,492.82	Ethiopia	\$427,189.35	
		\$48,306.17	Kenya		
		\$196,941.93	Niger		
	\$132,696.53	Zambia			
HealeyIRF	Africa	\$162,767.48	Sierra Leone	\$162,767.48	\$162,767.48
Mission Without Borders	Eastern Europe	\$158,149.51	Ukraine	\$158,149.51	\$158,149.51
OneWorld Health	LAC	\$699.00	Honduras	\$699.00	\$699.00
St. Luke's Health Care Foundation	Africa	\$303,270.68	Ethiopia	\$303,270.68	\$303,270.68
The Luke Commission (TLC)	Africa	\$117,900.00	Eswatini	\$117,900.00	\$117,900.00
United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC)	Eastern Europe	\$1,883,674.29	Ukraine	\$1,883,674.29	\$1,883,674.29
World Help	LAC	\$195,267.96	Guatemala	\$930,431.85	\$1,992,544.32
		\$550,344.85	Honduras		
		\$184,819.04	Peru		
	Africa	\$519,696.26	Burundi	\$1,062,112.47	
		\$114,340.78	Rwanda		
		\$428,075.43	Zambia		

Total Numbers: **\$15,748,613.56**

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LEPP Property Totals by Region for FY 2023



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

Below is key data that demonstrates the impact the LEPP program has had in supporting communities in need in FY 23. 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.
- 67 out of 310 programs/projects (22%) were implemented by faith-based in-country partners using federal surplus property.
- More than 3.9 million people have been served across the 310 programs/projects that utilize federal surplus property.
- 91 out of 310 programs/projects (29%) using federal surplus property focus on women, children, and gender equity.
- 255 out of 310 programs/projects (82%) using federal surplus property engage local stakeholders in the planning and implementation process of aid programs.
- 99 out of 310 programs/projects (32%) using federal surplus property support agricultural projects.

**Aside from the number of PVO Partners who are faith-based, all data represents only those PVO Partners in FY 23 who ordered, transferred, and/or implemented federal surplus property in their programs as of September 2023.*



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FY 2024 Key Priority Areas

LEPP continues to support USAID priorities in alignment with the Local, Faith, and Transformative Partnerships (LFT) Hub in the new Bureau for Inclusive Growth, Partnerships, and Innovation (IPI).

- 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 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.



OPD Nurses Abdi and Gemechisa using the medical workstation cart provided through LEPP. Photo credit: CURE Ethiopia

For example, CURE International's five Children's Hospitals are providing free treatment and surgeries to pediatric patients with the support of equipment made available through LEPP. In February 2022, CURE International received 20 medical workstation carts through LEPP that were distributed to CURE Ethiopia Children's Hospital (CURE Ethiopia), AIC-CURE International Hospital (CURE Kenya), CURE Hôpital des Enfants au Niger (CURE Niger), Beit CURE Hospital of Zambia (CURE Zambia), and Tebow CURE Hospital (CURE Philippines). The mobile medical workstation carts are equipped with vital signs monitors and a small computer that provides access to CURE's new electronic medical record (EMR) system.

CURE International medical directors determined that the top bottlenecks to more surgeries are operating rooms, surgeons, and ward beds—assets that are not being fully utilized because of complications related to paper patient records, data management, and rudimentary scheduling systems. Hospital inefficiencies and bottlenecks contribute to higher hospital costs and delayed surgical and rehabilitative care for one of the most vulnerable populations—children living with disabilities in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). CURE International's

Digital Infrastructure Initiative addresses these inefficiencies by implementing an EMR and inventory management system throughout the CURE Hospital network. In addition to increasing efficiency through better surgical scheduling, improved inventory management, and better patient recordkeeping, the EMR system will improve patient safety by standardizing hospital processes.

CURE Ethiopia was the first hospital in the CURE network to receive EMR training in November 2023. The LEPP-donated medical workstation carts have been extremely useful to hospital staff by providing access to CURE's EMR and keeping patients' medical records organized. Medical carts also allow hospital staff to quickly retrieve and update patient information, resulting in better care coordination and timely decision-making. Furthermore, the carts have reduced errors and ensured accurate documentation, improving the overall quality of health care CURE Ethiopia provides.

Head Out-Patient Department (OPD) Nurse Tizita Joseph appreciates the improved efficiency CURE Ethiopia has achieved since receiving the LEPP donations. "The implementation of medical carts received through LEPP has decreased paperwork and improved our efficiency," she said. "Health care professionals can now dedicate more time and resources to serving our CURE patients and expanding our ability to provide quality health care to even more children in need."



OPD Nurses Gemechisa, Tizita, Elbethel, and Abdi with a LEPP-donated medical workstation cart. Photo credit: CURE Ethiopia

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– OPD Nurse Tizita Joseph, CURE Ethiopia

CURE Zambia is also benefiting from the medical workstation carts as well as other equipment obtained through LEPP. CURE Zambia provides free orthopedic surgeries to children to correct congenital malformations; ear, nose, and throat (ENT) surgeries; and surgeries to treat burn injuries. By the end of 2023, CURE Zambia will also be able to provide plastic surgery.

CURE Zambia received a mobile C-Arm X-ray machine through LEPP that is advancing its surgical practice and training. The C-Arm allows surgeons to check the position of bones and implants during surgery and control the precision and accuracy of their work. Prior to the LEPP donation, CURE Zambia had only one C-Arm, which meant they would sometimes have to reschedule surgeries when that C-Arm was scheduled for service. Thanks to the LEPP donation, when one C-Arm is being serviced, the hospital now has another C-Arm they can rely on.



Cure Zambia Medical Director and Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Giorgio Lastroni performs a procedure in the OR. Photo credit: CURE International.



CURE Zambia staff using a LEPP-donated vital signs monitor to treat a patient. Photo credit: CURE International

Dr. Giorgio Lastroni, medical director, CURE Zambia, expressed his appreciation for the C-Arm. “Without the C-Arm, some procedures would be impossible or extremely complicated. C-Arms are available in very few hospitals across Zambia and having this ability allows us to expose our trainees to the highest standard of surgical practice,” he said.

CURE Zambia also received Glidescopes, vital signs monitors, and ventilators through LEPP. Glidescopes are used for airway management in patients, allowing doctors to provide safer anesthesia with fewer side effects and faster recovery. Vital signs monitors and ventilators are being used in the High Dependency Units of the Children’s Ward where they monitor and care for critically ill patients who cannot be treated in regular units.

In fiscal year 2023 (July 2022 – June 2023) CURE Hospitals have admitted the following number of patients: CURE Ethiopia: 2,514; CURE Kenya: 1,956; CURE Niger: 1,382; CURE Philippines: 1,589; CURE Zambia: 2,690. Each hospital has utilized property transferred through LEPP.

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– Dr. Giorgio Lastroni, medical director, CURE Zambia



Cure Zambia patients awaiting clubfoot treatment. Photo credit: CURE International

Program Highlights:

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LEPP provides access to critical equipment and supplies to address humanitarian needs resulting from Russia's war against Ukraine

In FY 22 and FY 23, LEPP provided PVO Partners United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC) and Mission Without Borders access to over \$4.8 million worth of medical equipment and supplies, clothing, and accessories that shipped to Ukraine. The donation advanced official U.S. policy to support Ukraine in the face of continued Russian aggression and visibly demonstrated the support of the American people for the millions of Ukrainians impacted in this humanitarian crisis.

UUARC distributed medical supplies and equipment to damaged and destroyed regional hospitals and village clinics. The equipment was used to provide crucial patient treatment and to save lives. Equipment and supplies included electrocardiograms, orthopedic devices, ventilators, ultrasound machines, vital signs monitors, intravenous pumps, surgical instruments, syringes, hospital and surgical clothing, and surgical mask shields. UUARC also distributed hospital beds, stretchers, and therapeutic air mattress pumps received through LEPP. As the number of injured civilians, including children, increased there were not enough beds for those in need of treatment. The LEPP donation of hospital beds and air mattress pumps, which are used for the care, prevention, and treatment of all stages of pressure ulcers (bed sores), helped UUARC to aid more injured or sick civilians.



Regional hospital staff with one of the electrocardiograms donated through LEPP. Photo credit: UUARC



Humanitarian supplies, including mother baby care kits, soap, and children's socks were donated through LEPP. Photo credit: UUARC

In addition, Ukrainian infrastructure was severely damaged and millions of Ukrainians had no power, heating, or water. Under these dire circumstances, many internal refugees were forced to flee their homes without winter clothing. With support from LEPP, UUARC and Mission Without Borders distributed thousands of sleeping bags, jackets, boots, gloves/mittens, trousers, and other cold weather clothing items to those in need. Ukrainian leadership expressed its gratitude for American support in multiple public fora.

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LEPP provides access to scarce physical capital

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

For instance, quality excess equipment obtained through LEPP extends the ability of its PVO Partner The Luke Commission (TLC) to provide compassionate, comprehensive outpatient and inpatient services to the most isolated and underserved populations of Eswatini free of charge. In late 2022, TLC received medical crash carts, a surgical microscope, respirators, a surgical light, a surgical sterilizer, medical pumps, ophthalmic equipment, and other supplies through LEPP that were put to immediate use at TLC's Miracle Campus Hospital in central Eswatini. The Miracle Campus welcomes patients 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for both comprehensive and specialty health services. The LEPP-donated equipment helps TLC host over 280,000 patient visits annually.



U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini Jeanne Maloney and USAID Eswatini Country Director Chris Detwiler with members of TLC's executive team. Photo credit: TLC

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– Echo VanderWal, managing executive director, TLC.



TLC team performing surgery using a surgical microscope obtained through LEPP. Photo credit: TLC

Several times each year, TLC invites visiting surgical specialists to integrate with the on-site medical team at the Miracle Campus for high-volume surgical sessions. As COVID-19 ebbed, TLC restarted its high-volume eye surgery program to address the vision needs of hundreds of patients. In December 2022, just prior to a high-volume surgical session, the Miracle Campus received a surgical microscope through LEPP. Echo VanderWal, managing executive director of TLC, was thankful for the microscope. “We thought we would have to buy a microscope, but the generosity of the American people through LEPP means we have exactly the equipment our team needs to provide excellent care to our patients,” he said. Following receipt of the medical equipment, U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini Jeanne Maloney and USAID Eswatini Country Director Chris Detwiler joined members of TLC's executive leadership team to recognize the partnership between LEPP and TLC. TLC's medical team also performed surgery using the LEPP-donated surgical microscope while Ambassador Maloney and others watched a video feed of the surgery.

In 2023, TLC completed over 550 eye surgeries, including cataract removals, corneal transplants, strabismus surgery (a procedure to treat crossed eyes), and other surgeries.

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“Just as we were finishing up our new kitchen here on the Miracle Campus, the container with the donated kitchen equipment arrived from the United States.”

– Echo VanderWal, managing executive director, TLC.

Property received through LEPP also helped equip a new kitchen on TLC’s Miracle Campus which serves over 2,000 meals a day to patients, staff, and visitors. The donated equipment included a commercial ice maker, a refrigerated salad bar, a silverware sorter cabinet, a meat slicer, an electric stove, and an electric grill. In addition to providing meals for over 700 staff (97 percent of whom are from Eswatini) and numerous visitors, the kitchen also serves three meals a day to over 100 inpatients in the Miracle Campus inpatient facility.

According to VanderWal, the LEPP-donated kitchen equipment came just in time. “Just as we were finishing up our new kitchen here on the Miracle Campus, the container with the donated kitchen equipment arrived from the United States,” he said. “Our deepest thanks to the American people for supporting the work of compassionate medical care in Eswatini.”

The TLC/LEPP partnership is a shining example of how teamwork paired with coordinated logistics and compassionate care can lead to the best possible outcomes for communities in need.



*LEPP-donated commercial food-warmer helps keep food warm and ready to serve.
Photo credit:TLC*



*TLC staff member cleaning an electric grill and twin-basket fryer obtained through LEPP.
Photo credit:TLC*

LEPP strengthens program outcomes through monitoring & evaluation site visits with PVO Partners

In FY 23, the LEPP team conducted virtual monitoring & evaluation (M&E) site visits with PVO Partners Healey International Relief Foundation (HealeyIRF) and The Luke Commission (TLC). LEPP is placing a greater emphasis on M&E given the Do No Harm requirement that was implemented for the program in FY 20. The visits to Partner and in-country partner sites allowed the team to review processes for managing equipment transferred through LEPP to ensure the property reaches its destination country in good condition. The site visits also provided an opportunity for the team to get updates on how property transferred through LEPP is being used to support communities in need.

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Healey International Relief Foundation Virtual Site Visit

Healey International Relief Foundation (HealeyIRF) has been providing humanitarian services to Sierra Leone since 2001. Over the past 22 years, the organization has grown from supporting several small projects in Sierra Leone to now having three major program efforts relating to Health System Strengthening, Vulnerable Children, and Emergency Relief.

HealeyIRF has been a LEPP PVO Partner since 2020 and sent its first shipment of property to Sierra Leone in October 2021. Critical equipment included folding tables, lateral files, file charts, metal file cabinets, metal carts and flatbed carts, stackable and recliner chairs, and wheelchairs. Most items are being 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. The LEPP-donated items will target a total of 5,500 patients in facilities located in Freetown and its surrounding areas.

In September 2023, the LEPP team conducted a virtual site visit with HealeyIRF at their in-country health care facilities in Sierra Leone. HealeyIRF Manager Ishmeal Charles, Executive Director Josephine Garnem, and Program Manager Megan Smith provided a tour of the Stella Marris Clinic, Juba; Monsignor Dan Sullivan Clinic; St. Anthony's Clinic for the Poor; and Christ the King Hospital to show how property donated through LEPP is being used to help communities in need.

Manager Charles explained that in a post-conflict country like Sierra Leone where much of the public infrastructure had been previously destroyed by fire, the LEPP donation has allowed HealeyIRF to replenish community health care facilities with much-needed furniture and critical filing equipment.



HealeyIRF Executive Director Josephine Garnem with school children in Sierra Leone.
Photo credit: HealeyIRF



Staff at St. Anthony's Clinic conducting administrative work while sitting on a LEPP-donated chair.
Photo credit: HealeyIRF

HealeyIRF presented several LEPP-donated chairs being used at the clinics and hospital. The chairs provide patients, their relatives, and health care practitioners with physical comfort and a sense of well-being within the clinical environment. Many rural facilities in Sierra Leone have maternity houses where at-risk pregnant women come a few weeks before their delivery. Sometimes these women will have a family member accompany them. LEPP-donated recliner chairs are placed by the beds for family members to sit or sleep while they stay with the mother-to-be. The safe, reliable chairs also aid in the patient's recovery process. In addition, the chairs are used in triage areas where medical staff check in and monitor patients before admitting them for care. The durable chairs withstand heavy use and frequent cleaning which keeps costs low and minimizes disruptions in health care services. Heavy-duty wheelchairs received through LEPP are particularly useful for moving patients under critical conditions.

Executive Director Garnem is passionate about providing the best for the communities HealeyIRF serves and is grateful for LEPP's support. "What you may consider to be basic necessities are seen as luxury items in Sierra Leone," she said. "These communities deserve the best and we are going to make sure they get the best. We do not have a lot of funding, so we appreciate partnering with LEPP to help us do wonderful things for the community at little cost."

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— Josephine Garnem, executive director, HealeyIRF

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LEPP-donated wheelchairs allocated to Dan Sullivan Clinic.
Photo credit: HealeyIRF



Moms and babies waiting to be seen at Christ the King Hospital. Photo credit: HealeyIRF

Manager Charles pointed out that furniture received through LEPP will also support staff meetings and capacity training on compassionate patient care. These professional health facilities with compassionate staff are attracting patients from all over Sierra Leone.

Finally, HealeyIRF presented several file cabinets received through LEPP. Health care facilities in Sierra Leone lack electronic filing systems and have faced challenges retrieving and storing patient files. It was not unusual to find patient records scattered around and exposed on tables. The file cabinets help staff to better organize patient records and protect patient privacy.

Now that HealeyIRF has an agreement with biomedical company TriMedx Foundation, it is ready to access medical equipment through LEPP. Through TriMedx, HealeyIRF has access to biomedical technicians who will test donated medical equipment to ensure the equipment meets the country's regulatory requirements. TriMedx will also train local technicians on how to operate the equipment to promote sustainable development. To offset shipping costs, HealeyIRF will take advantage of funding through the Ocean Freight Reimbursement program.

The Luke Commission Virtual Site Visit

The Luke Commission (TLC) is a faith-based, nonprofit organization delivering free, compassionate, comprehensive health care to the people of Eswatini. TLC has nearly two decades of experience serving communities in Eswatini through its trained and motivated team of over 700 people with 97 percent local staff. TLC has been a LEPP PVO Partner since 2020 and received its first shipment of medical equipment in 2022. The medical equipment was put to immediate use at TLC's Miracle Campus Hospital in central Eswatini. The LEPP-donated equipment helps TLC host over 280,000 patient visits annually. Also in 2022, TLC received kitchen equipment through LEPP that helped outfit a new kitchen on the Miracle Campus which serves over 2,000 meals a day to patients, staff, and visitors. Quality excess equipment obtained through LEPP extends TLC's ability to provide comprehensive outpatient and inpatient services and procedures to the most isolated and underserved populations of Eswatini.

In September 2023, the LEPP team conducted a virtual site visit with TLC at The Miracle Campus Hospital. Two members of TLC's executive team, Eliza Shungube and Colin Moody, led the site visit, showing how property donated through LEPP is being used to help underserved communities in Eswatini. During the site visit, LEPP evaluated TLC's processes for managing, tracking, decontaminating, and shipping equipment. TLC has a well-organized, two-part receiving process that includes the following: 1.) Customs Process – TLC receives approximately 40 shipping containers annually. The customs process is coordinated by a highly trusted and experienced

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customs broker who coordinates the details. Due to its seamless process, TLC has never had to pay demurrage. 2.) Receiving Practices – TLC takes digital photos and provides written documentation of all received items. They then assess and asset tag each item to identify and track items individually. Item condition, location, and other details are all captured in the Luvelo digital ecosystem, TLC’s interoperable digital platform which includes supply chain management, personnel management, and an electronic health record. Developed over the last 7 years, Luvelo was recently re-platformed to accommodate millions of simultaneous users. “Luvelo” is a Siswati word that aptly means “compassion.”

Next, TLC prepares equipment for service, which includes decontaminating/sterilizing equipment and testing and refurbishing equipment as needed. All equipment is stored in clean warehouse locations with RFID badge locks. Security is provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week. TLC also provides equipment manuals and training. Digitized equipment manuals are saved in TLC’s corporate Dropbox, Slack, or both. TLC provides live training by department as well as self-directed training via a digital learning management system.



As part of TLC’s Comprehensive and Restorative Eye Services program, visiting specialists integrate with TLC’s team for high-volume surgical sessions. Photo credit: TLC



The day after eye surgery, patients have their temporary eyepatches removed and share the joy of restored vision. Photo credit: TLC

In addition, TLC shared information about its impressive COVID-19 response. During the height of the pandemic, TLC’s Miracle Campus Hospital admitted 90 percent of the nation’s COVID-19 ICU patients (over 1,700 patients). They also constructed and operationalized a 2500 LPM (liters per minute) oxygen plant on the Miracle Campus to serve its patients and the rest of the country as needed. Finally, TLC developed a digital data capture system for the national COVID-19 vaccination program.

TLC’s efficient processes, resourcefulness, and ingenuity helps it to continue to provide compassionate care to communities in Eswatini. “At TLC, every patient is a VIP,” said Moody. “We are thankful to USAID/LEPP for helping us to care for every last one just as we would care for our own mother, brother, father, sister, or child.”

Success Stories:

World Help Partners with LEPP to Serve Underserved Communities in Peru

LEPP PVO Partner World Help focuses on serving the most vulnerable communities where there is no access to basic and critical aid. The organization has worked to support dozens of rural and under-resourced health care facilities in Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia. Each of these countries has received property transferred through LEPP. Here are just a few stories on how World Help and LEPP are partnering to serve underserved communities in Peru.

World Help provided “Blessing Buckets” filled with much-needed hygiene products to underserved communities in Lima, Peru through its in-country partner Camino de Vida. Donated supplies included towels, feminine hygiene products, soap and toothbrush holders, body wash, shaving cream, underwear, socks, combs, and hairbrushes. Fifty percent of the “Blessing Bucket” items were received through LEPP and each bucket contained enough supplies to provide for an entire family.

Thirty-year-old Soyla Gomez Mendoza was one of the recipients who benefited from the hygiene items. Soyla lives in the rural area of Cieneguilla which is in the eastern-most area of Lima. She works as a vendor at a local market to help support her family of seven: five adults and two children. Soyla resides in a community where the houses are prefabricated and lack water and sewage systems. Families depend on water trucks for access to water. Their greatest needs are provisions for food and everyday living.

In August 2023, Soyla and her family lost everything when a short circuit fire turned their home into ashes. Her loss ranged from the simplest items, like her hairbrush, to her family’s most valuable assets, including their lifesavings which she kept under her bed. Soyla had planned to use that money to open a mechanic shop. After the tragic fire, Soyla was thankful for the support she received from World Help, Camino de Vida, LEPP, and the local community which she saw as a representation of God’s love. Reflecting on a simple hairbrush amongst the many hygiene items she received in the “Blessing Bucket,” Soyla said, “Thank you. I know God loves me.”

World Help also partnered with LEPP to provide cold weather clothing to families living in the human settlements in Ecológico, Peru, the hills surrounding Lima. Poverty is especially rife in Lima’s informal settlements and it is excessively cold and humid during the winter months. The homes of the more than 450 families living in Ecológico are made of thin wood with tin roofs providing minimal protection to its inhabitants. As is often the case, those who suffer the most are the children and the elderly. The children do not have boots to protect them from the rain, mud, and cold nor adequate clothing to keep them warm. In 2022, World Help donated 356 pairs of girls’ boots received through LEPP to families in Ecológico. Twenty-nine-year-old recipient Mariciela Chinchay Huayama and her husband Elmer were grateful for the boots that will help keep their 8-year-old daughter Maryori and 2-year-old daughter Ashley Kaori safe and warm during the cold and wet seasons. The boots will also allow Maryori to be able to attend school when the roads are full of mud and practically impassable. Best of all, the boots will last. Mariciela was happy to know that people were willing to make donations to help her care for her children in difficult times.



Thirty-year-old Soyla Gomez Mendoza holding one of the LEPP-donated hairbrushes from the “Blessing Bucket.” Photo credit: World Help



Mariciela and her daughters receiving LEPP-donated boots. Photo credit: World Help

Success Stories:

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CharityVision Partners with LEPP to Serve Underserved Communities in Pakistan and the Philippines

LEPP PVO Partner CharityVision focuses on developing sustainable eye-care solutions. They use federal surplus property to upgrade existing eye surgery centers around the world or to establish new eye surgery centers in underserved regions of Ghana, Peru, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Tanzania. Here are just a few stories on how CharityVision and LEPP are partnering to serve underserved communities in Pakistan and the Philippines.

Janischa Sales — Marinduque, Philippines

Sixteen-year-old Janischa Sales lives on a small, beautiful tropical island in the Philippines called Marinduque. She loves music and plays the ukulele. Unfortunately, Janischa was born with a cataract in her left eye. Growing up, she struggled to see things around her and always needed help. Janischa's sight was so blurry that she was sure she would go blind in her left eye. Eventually she did. Janischa's family could not afford the treatment she needed, but thankfully her mother Gigi heard about Mabuhay Deseret's ("CharityVision" in the Philippines) services and gave them a call. In December 2022, Janischa had cataract surgery which gave her clear vision for the first time in her life. With new-found hope for her future, Janischa looks forward to becoming a schoolteacher. Mabuhay could not accomplish half of what it does without the equipment provided through LEPP and is grateful to partner with USAID to serve communities in need.



Sixteen-year-old Janischa Sales post-surgery. Photo credit: CharityVision

Rexter Valencia — Marinduque, Philippines

Meet 13-year-old Rexter from Marinduque, Philippines. Four years ago, Rexter's vision started to become blurry and he struggled to read the notes in class. His teacher noticed he was having difficulty reading and suggested he see an eye doctor. Rexter's parents took him to a clinic where he was diagnosed with a cataract. Unfortunately, they could not afford the surgery he needed. Thankfully, Rexter's grandmother learned about a vision screening Mabuhay Deseret Foundation was performing in November 2022 and she and Rexter immediately scheduled an appointment. After the diagnosis, Rexter traveled to Manila and received free surgery in the Deseret hospital that is largely equipped with items donated through LEPP. The Deseret clinics operate year-round, providing the infrastructure local doctors need to provide much-needed health services to their communities. Rexter is eager to return to school and learn new things. He hopes to become a policeman someday.



Thirteen-year-old Rexter Valencia post-surgery. Photo credit: CharityVision

Ezzatullah —Bagrami, Pakistan

Meet 21-year-old Ezzatullah from Bagrami, Pakistan. Ezzatullah's eyes have been crossed since birth. Though he was bullied through much of his childhood, Ezzatullah persevered and graduated from high school. "I have proposed to several girls, but because of my eye deviation, no father would allow me to marry their daughter," Ezzatullah said. Something as simple as crossed eyes had prevented Ezzatullah from living the life he wanted to live. Fortunately, Meboob CharityVision visited his region in 2022 and operated on Ezzatullah for free. LEPP has played a significant role in equipping the hospital that provided Ezzatullah with free surgery and a better life.

"After waiting a lifetime, within one day, my eyes are fixed! God helped me," Ezzatullah said.



Twenty-one-year-old Ezzatullah post-surgery. Photo credit: CharityVision

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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 23. This year's PVO Spotlights included Healey International Relief Foundation (HealeyIRF) and the St. Luke's Health Care Foundation. 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.

Healey International Relief Foundation — Featuring Megan Smith, Programs Manager

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

A: I am Megan M. Smith, Healey International Relief Foundation's (HealeyIRF's) programs manager. HealeyIRF has been providing humanitarian services to Sierra Leone since 2001 and I have been with HealeyIRF since 2010. Since 2001, we have grown from supporting several small projects to now having three major program efforts relating to Health System Strengthening, Vulnerable Children, and Emergency Relief. I work closely with our team in Sierra Leone to ensure that project needs are being met in these areas. I also monitor programs and keep stakeholders informed of project progress.

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

A: Through our participation in LEPP, we will be obtaining items for our three major program areas: Health System Strengthening, Vulnerable Children, and Emergency Relief Efforts.

Our Health System Strengthening program has three components. The first component is to increase the quality of services offered at the 14 facilities that we directly support by providing needed medical equipment and supplies. The second component is to work with the Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone (CHASL) in their vision to enhance the delivery of health care services at their network of 42 private faith-based facilities, of which our facilities are members. The third component is to support the development of a strong Secretariat at CHASL to oversee and advocate for the needs of faith-based health care facilities to better serve vulnerable populations and to support government health-led interventions. So, we will be looking for federal surplus property like neonate/adult scales, blood pressure machines, stethoscopes, oxygen concentrators, patient monitors, suction machines, computers and office equipment, and furnishings.

Our Vulnerable Children program provides support to 23 children at St. Mary's-Fatima Interim Care Center (ICC) outside of Freetown. Our key objectives in this program are for the children to complete senior secondary school and to provide a safe and nurturing environment at the ICC. To assist our Vulnerable Children program, we will be looking for items that support their education, such as books, computers, desks, and items for their on-site library.

Our Emergency Relief efforts assist those affected by disaster by having supplies available at our warehouse in Freetown that can be distributed quickly during the early phases of flood or disaster relief efforts. Our Emergency Relief efforts would benefit from personal hygiene items, tents, blankets, cleaning supplies, and water filters/tablets.



Megan Smith, program manager, HealeyIRF.
Photo credit: HealeyIRF.

PVO Spotlights:

St. Luke's Health Care Foundation — Featuring Ken Amstutz, President and U.S. Administrator

Q: We appreciate your partnership. Can you tell us a little about your program and your role?

A: St Luke's Health Care Foundation owns and operates Soddo Christian Hospital (SCH) a surgical training hospital in rural Ethiopia. Since opening in 2005, SCH has treated over 345,000 patients, performed over 72,000 surgical procedures, and delivered over 10,000 babies. I am the President of St Luke's and function as the U.S. Administrator. With the approval of SCH staff, I also select, store, and ship LEPP-donated equipment to Ethiopia and complete the required paperwork, tracking, and reporting documents.

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

A: St. Luke's Health Care Foundation is transferring federal surplus property to SCH. SCH operates two surgical residency programs—Orthopedic Surgery and General Surgery—with an emphasis on trauma. In addition, it offers obstetric services provided by board-certified OBG's, operates a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), and conducts multiple community outreach programs to identify and treat problems such as rheumatic heart disease and uterine prolapse.

Q: What community challenges/problems do these programs try to address? Can you share with us any statistical data related to the problems/challenges?

A: Ethiopia is an underdeveloped nation by every measure, including the quality of health care available to its residents. SCH is endeavoring to improve the health of the population it serves in southern Ethiopia by providing excellent medical care and training African health care professionals. One of the ways SCH does this is through its accredited general and orthopedic surgery training 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 24!



*Ken Amstutz, president and U.S. Administrator, St. Luke's Health Care Foundation.
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