



Clínica Esperanza y Caridad

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Activity Summary for 2008

Clínica Esperanza y Caridad opened in 1998 near the waterfront in San Pedro de Macorís along the southern coast of the Dominican Republic. It offered general medical care provided by volunteer physicians and physical therapy as an affiliate of the Asociación Dominicana de Rehabilitación (the Dominican Rehabilitation Association).

Over the years, the Clinic has expanded its services for the poor as opportunities arose. The clinic now has more than fifty employees and volunteers. Ongoing programs include rehabilitation, curative medicine, preventive medicine, mental health, community health, and health education. Ancillary services include a laboratory and pharmacy. Special programs include HIV testing, an HIV treatment center, and a vaccination station in cooperation with Dominican Public Health.

Patient Visits: PM&R and Curative Medicine			
<u>Curative Medicine</u>		<u>Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation</u>	
General Medicine Visits	7,774	Physiatry	3,236
Subspecialty Medicine Visits		Physical Therapy	8,362
Gynecology	1,114	Psychology	381
Pediatrics	460	Speech Therapy	651
Cardiology	567	Orthopedics	251
HIV Program Consults	2,235	Neurology	122
Total Visits	12,150	Total Visits	13,003
Total Patient Visits for PM&R and Medicine		25,153	

Confidential HIV Testing & Counseling Program and HIV/AIDS treatment:

- **HIV Testing** ~ The counseling unit tested 941 people in 2008 (new HIV+ rate of about 5%).
- **HIV/AIDS Services Project** ~ During 2008, the Clinic completed an extension of a USAID project that ended in 2007 that delivered more than 9,700 home services, medical services, psychological services, and relief services for 262 HIV+ people (including 19 children), 87 HIV-orphan, 273 vulnerable children (that is, primary caregiver is HIV+), 173 affected children, and 467 caregivers or affected adults. The 2008 extension provided additional services for 808 people living with HIV/AIDS and family members.
- **HIV/AIDS Treatment Unit** ~ A Unidad de Atención Integral opened officially on 15 May 2007. By the end of 2007, more than 160 patients had registered for therapy. In 2008, an additional 67 persons living with HIV/AIDS were enrolled.

Community Health: The Clinic had 185 health promoters working in multiple communities with about 4,000 families (~ 17,500 people). Volunteer community health programs started in four new communities during 2008.

Vaccination Unit: The vaccination unit administered 1,464 vaccines to children and pregnant women during 2008.