2021 FOOD FOR THE POOR
HEALTHCARE BENEVOLENCE PROGRAM

The Caribbean and Latin America
**Project Goal**

Enable access to lifesaving healthcare services for individuals in need, living across the Caribbean and Latin America.

**Project Description**

The **2021 Food For The Poor Healthcare Benevolence Program** is a continuation of Food For The Poor’s (FFTP) annual fund aimed at serving the poorest of the poor who desperately need healthcare assistance. When so many people across the globe are in need, it may seem daunting to try to help everyone. While one person cannot help everyone, one person can be helped in their time of need.

For individuals who encounter life-altering events, FFTP will be there to support them through it by stepping in to ensure medical services are provided. Your gift has the ability to impact many lives across the Caribbean and Latin America. With your support, we will be able to respond to requests for help covering critical healthcare services for people who otherwise would not be able to afford them.

This year’s program is absorbing the funds from the Food For The Poor Healthcare Benevolence project (1707X) and will continue to support the healthcare requirements of impoverished people throughout 2021.

The completion date of this project may be extended for issues related to weather, natural disaster, or civil unrest to the extent that such events exceed normal conditions and impede the project’s progress.

**Total Project Costs: $513,000.00**
An Overview of the Caribbean and Latin America

Poor families throughout the Caribbean and Latin America continue to suffer in the wake of economic and natural disasters that plague the Caribbean basin.

In addition, crushing rates of inflation and unemployment exacerbate the already depressed economies of countries like Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Honduras. Add to this the widespread economic, social, and political effects the COVID-19 pandemic is having in all these countries, and the outcome is catastrophic.

Residents who are unable to afford an education are burdened with the spiraling effects of low-paying jobs or even unemployment. The illiteracy rate throughout the impoverished Caribbean and Latin American countries only serves to perpetuate their downward spiral in economic conditions and standard of living.

The poor people in these countries are often forced to live in tents or dilapidated shacks made of various discarded materials. These rudimentary dwellings have dirt floors and provide little protection against brutal weather conditions. There is no indoor plumbing, sanitation, or potable water. Needless to say, these unhygienic practices render residents, in particular children and the elderly, susceptible to harmful bacteria and dangerous illnesses. Diseases, such as intestinal worms and cholera, flourish in communities living with contaminated water sources.

In these countries, most people can barely afford to eat, let alone pay for medical care. Oftentimes the sick, especially those with life-threatening illnesses, simply need help to purchase medicine.

More than 30.5%\(^1\) of the population in the Dominican Republic lives below the poverty line. FFTP has been working since 2000 to uplift the impoverished population in that country.

El Salvador is one of the smallest, poorest, and most densely populated nations in the Western Hemisphere. The country's large population and limited amount of land stretches its natural resources to breaking points and contributes to housing shortages. An estimated 32.7%\(^2\) of the population lives below the poverty line. FFTP has been actively working to help the poor people of El Salvador since 1996.

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\(^{1}\) https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/dominican-republic
\(^{2}\) https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/el-salvador
The largest country in Central America, **Guatemala** is home to nearly 18 million³ people. An estimated 59.3%⁴ of all Guatemalans live in poverty, resulting in one of the highest rates of chronic child malnutrition in the world. FFTP began its lifesaving work in Guatemala in 1986.

**Nicaragua** is an impoverished Central American country about the size of Pennsylvania with more than 6.6 million⁵ inhabitants. Outside of Haiti, Nicaragua is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Approximately 29.6%⁶ of Nicaraguans live below the poverty line.

Nicaragua ranks 128, among 189 countries, in the United Nations Human Development Index⁷. This disadvantageous position in human development is due to the country’s precarious health system, ranking the lowest in educational investment in Central America, and limited access to basic services such as water, sanitation, and housing. FFTP has been working to help the poor people in Nicaragua since 1998.

**Honduras** is one of the poorest Spanish-speaking countries in the Western Hemisphere. In a country of nearly 10 million inhabitants, 48.3%⁸ live in poverty. In rural areas, that number rises to 60%. In rural Honduras, 48% of the population suffers from malnutrition, while half of children aged 2-6 suffer from anemia. Chronic malnutrition affects 1 in every 4 children and stunted growth is found in 1 out of every 2 children in the poorest communities of the country. FFTP began serving the poor people of Honduras in 1999, shortly after the country was devastated by Hurricane Mitch.

The third largest island in the Caribbean, **Jamaica** is home for close to 3 million people. The island’s beauty continues to be marred by an alarming increase in poverty, violent crime, and unemployment. FFTP has been working in Jamaica since the company’s founding in 1982.

We ask for your prayerful support in helping the most vulnerable in Latin America and the Caribbean. With your aid, we will be able to help many individuals receive the care they need in 2021. Join us as we support the most vulnerable through their journey to healing and recovery.

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⁴ https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/guatemala
⁶ https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/nicaragua
⁷ http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/human-development-index-hdi
The stars on this map show the countries in which we serve.

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

(Galatians 5:13-14)
Below are just a few stories of people FFTP has helped, thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors.

**Nicaragua**

In Masatepe, Nicaragua, faithful donors helped Samuel Isaac Alvarado receive the bilateral hearing aids he needed. Now, he can communicate freely with the people around him!
El Salvador

In Copante, El Salvador, a young woman named Noemi needed a safe way to travel from her home, as she was born with a birth defect that prohibits her from being able to walk. With the support of our donors, we constructed a customized cart and a paved pathway that allows Noemi to travel safely to and from her home.
Honduras

In Las Flores, Honduras, the Monte de la Virgen Clinic received medical supplies and medicines, thanks to the support of FFTP donors. Now, the clinic can serve its community and provide a better quality of care.
Revised Budget

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Direct Costs Total $500,000.00

Indirect Costs
Corporate, Network, & Field Operation

| In-country project management expenses | $3,000.00 |
| Food For The Poor fulfillment, project management and monitoring expenses | $10,000.00 |
| **Total Indirect Costs** | **$13,000.00** |

**TOTAL PROJECT COSTS** $513,000.00

The funds you generously contribute to Food For The Poor will be used toward completion of your project of choice. If any of your donation exceeds budget cost, rest assured that it will be used to fund other Food For The Poor programs and organizational support to meet the urgent needs of the poor.

Contributions are tax-deductible under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

About Food For The Poor

Food For The Poor, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation, does much more than feed millions of hungry children and families living in poverty primarily in 17 countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. This interdenominational Christian ministry provides emergency relief assistance, clean water, medicine, educational materials, homes, support for vulnerable children, care for the aged, skills training, and micro-enterprise development assistance. For more information, please visit [www.FoodForThePoor.org](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org).