



HANDS TO HEARTS FOR MOMBIN-CROCHU (HHM)



REPORT

Medical MISSION TRIP / APRIL 2024 – MOMBIN-CROCHU HOSPITAL

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INTRO

In the midst of Haiti's turmoil, the HAND TO HEART FOR MOMBIN team's medical mission, along with the support of VPI, shines as a beacon of hope. Despite the pervasive violence and instability, their unwavering dedication to delivering essential healthcare services to underserved communities is admirable. Their proactive approach to raising awareness, employing various communication channels such as sound trucks, megaphones, and social media, highlights their commitment to reaching as many people as possible.



Thus, on April 5, 2024 the head of the Hospital welcomed a team of 15 health professionals:

- ✚ 1 General Surgeon
- ✚ 2 Urologist
- ✚ 1 OBGYN
- ✚ 1 Internal Medicine Physician
- ✚ 1 Family Practitioner
- ✚ 1 Dentist
- ✚ 1 Anesthesiologist
- ✚ 1 Instrumentist
- ✚ 5 RN (of which 3 for Ward)
- ✚ 1 community health nurse



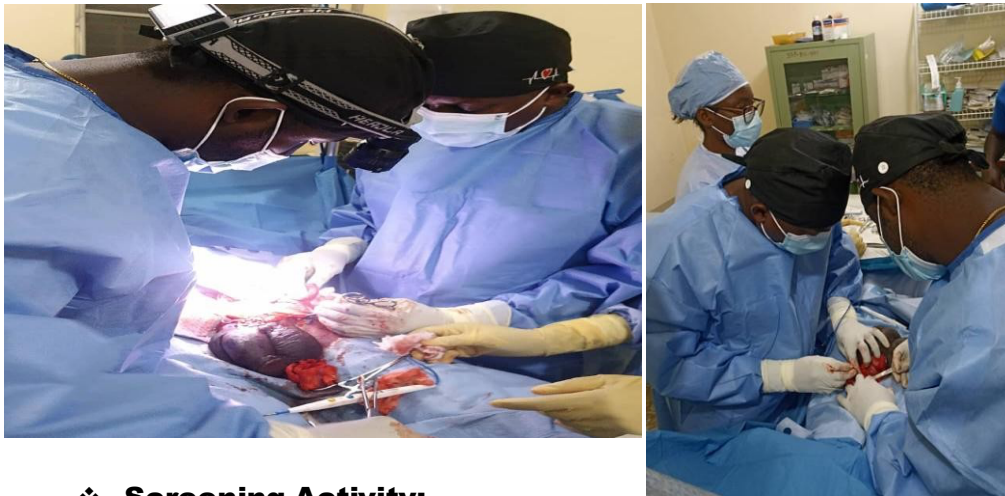
The team planned to remain in Mombin Crochu for the duration of ten days, ensuring they could operate in a tranquil environment, far removed from the relentless violence and constant gunfire plaguing many of Haiti's urban centers around the clock. The results of their efforts are remarkable, with a nearly twofold increase in patients served compared to the previous mission. Following triage and necessary laboratory assessments, the initial surgical procedures began on Saturday, April 6, 2024, continuing until April 13, 2024. The range of medical services provided, including surgeries, pre-cancerous screenings, dental clinics and outpatient care, illustrates their comprehensive approach to addressing diverse health needs within the community. Surgical interventions such as circumcisions, hernia repairs, and lumpectomies, alongside screening for cervical lesions and outpatient management of chronic conditions, significantly improve the health outcomes of the population.



❖ DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES

The total number of surgeries performed was 52, addressing a variety of medical needs within the community.

- 14 male patients between the ages of 5 and 40 years old were circumcised.
- 19 male patients aged between the ages of 21 and 62 years old benefited from hernia & hydrocele cures
- 9 female patients between the ages of 23 and 40 years old benefited from lipectomy
- 10 males between the ages of 24 and 50 years old benefited from lipectomy



❖ Screening Activity:

- 52 VIA (Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid) performed, 10 of which had suspicious lesions of the cervix



❖ Outpatient Clinic:

Ninety-four (94) patients with chronic conditions received treatment from the Internal Medicine Physician during the medical mission.

- Heart Disease – 19 patients
- Hypertension – 51 patients
- Diabetes – 11 patients
- Obesity – 5 patients
- Pulmonary Disease – 8 patients



- ✓ It must also be remembered that many patients have received dental care ranging from extraction to dental prophylaxis



Furthermore, on April 12th, their outreach extended to remote areas like Grande Savane, where they provided free medical care to approximately **120 patients**, demonstrating their dedication to serving even the most marginalized populations. In the face of adversity, initiatives like this medical mission embody resilience and compassion, offering hope and tangible support to those in need.



❖ IMPACT AND SATISFACTION:

The VPI team's initiative in Haiti has earned widespread praise from beneficiaries, local authorities, and the broader community. Despite facing a three-year hiatus from entering Haiti, the team's unwavering commitment to aiding the people of Mombin Crochu prevailed. Thanks to the support and financing from VPI, this vital mission came to fruition, addressing the longstanding health challenges plaguing the community.



Even after most of the team had departed, one RN and the doctor remained steadfastly at the patients' bedside until their discharge on April 15-16, 2024.



❖ **EXPECTATIONS:**

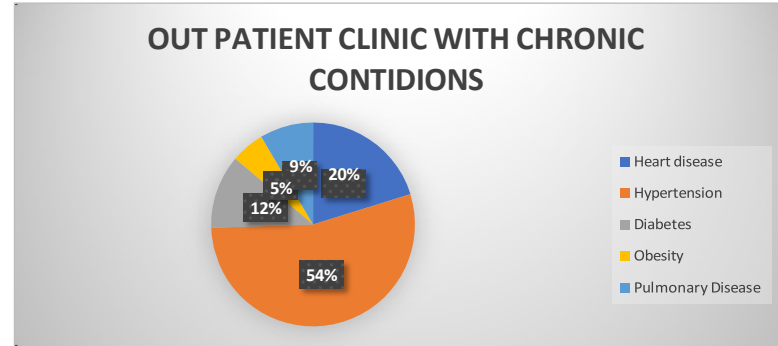
The community's unanimous acknowledgment of the significance of this health care week underscores its profound impact. Suggestions for biannual repetitions of such endeavors reflect the ongoing need for these services and the community's desire for continued support. Furthermore, the ripple effect of this initiative extends beyond Mombin Crochu, igniting solidarity among Haitians locally and throughout the country. The broadcasting of images and narratives through social media has effectively raised awareness and fostered additional support for the cause. In essence, this initiative exemplifies the transformative power of compassion and proactive engagement in effecting positive change, even in the face of adversity.



Recapitulation

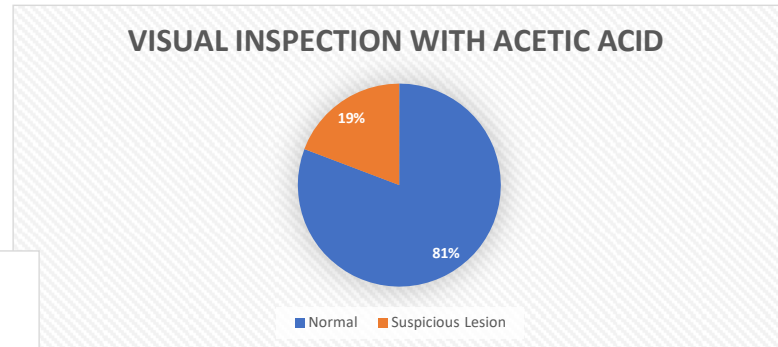
OUT PATIENT CLINIC WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS

DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DISEASE	
94 patients were seen by Internal Medicine Physician all week long.	Heart disease	19
	Hypertension	51
	Diabetes	11
	Obesity	5
	Pulmonary Disease	8
	Total	94



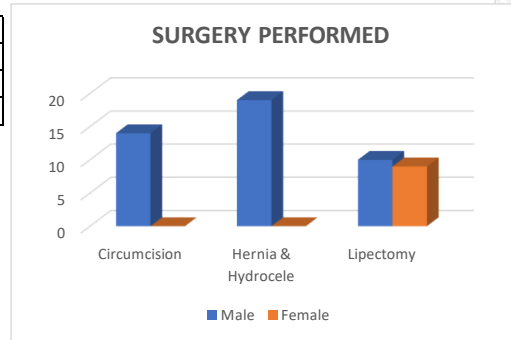
SCREENING ACTIVITY

DESCRIPTION	VIA	
52 Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid (VIA) has been performed. 10 of this inspection had suspicious lesion of the cervix	Normal	42
	Suspicious Lesion	10
	Total	52



SURGERY PERFORMED

Gender	Male	Female
Circumcision	14	0
Hernia & Hydrocele	19	0
Lipectomy	10	9



DESCRIPTION

14 Male patients between 15-40 years old were circumcised. 19 Male between 21-62 years old benefited from Hernia & Hydrocele cures. 10 males from 24-50 were lipectomized as well as 9 females between 23-40 Years old