Our Ongoing Challenge

Haiti is a vibrant country with a unique history and culture. Yet the communities that our healthcare partners serve face challenges at every level. Worsening poverty, a volatile political climate, and unreliable access to electricity, housing, and food make everyday life a struggle. Simply ensuring that medicines and supplies are available to those who need it when they need it is not guaranteed. However, we believe there is great potential to have a positive impact on the lives of many with the right kind of support focused on the right things.

Konbit Sante has demonstrated a track record for producing results and having substantial impact. In close collaboration with our partners, we have made great strides toward increasing capacity for a better health system in the Greater Cap-Haitien area. Your assistance is needed to ensure that we not only continue to build on past successes, but that we have enough resources to prevent a reversal of the accomplishments that have been made.

Why Support Konbit Sante?

• We have made a long-term commitment to Haiti. We have a permanent office in Cap-Haitien, and we partner with four healthcare facilities in the area to provide support with maximum local direction and control.

• The health system in Haiti cannot be improved overnight; nor can it be improved by simply supplying aid. We work with our partners to identify and address problems at the root level.

• Your donation goes further with us. We procure medicines and supplies at the lowest possible cost, and have a franchise that allows us to import them duty-free.

How You Can Help

Konbit Sante works to strengthen the health system in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.

Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded by volunteers, has been working in Haiti since 2001.

• workforce and health services
• management and leadership
• health facilities infrastructure
• medicines, supplies, and equipment
• research, data, and evaluation

We also provide assistance during times of crisis.

‘‘Konbit Sante is our arm, please support its action. ... Konbit Sante is our voice, so listen to it, because it can articulate to you our needs, our hope.”

Dr. Jean Gracia Coq, Medical Director, Justinien University Hospital

Konbit Sante depends on donations to fund our programs. All gifts are greatly appreciated. In addition, volunteers and donations of medical supplies are always needed.

Please visit our website, www.konbitsante.org, to make a donation or to read more about our work and needs.

THANK YOU!

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Our Current Capacity

Konbit Sante’s program and administrative office is managed by a Haitian leadership team located at Justinien University Hospital in Cap-Haitien. We also have a small U.S.-based staff in Falmouth, Maine, which works closely with the Haiti leadership team to manage all of our logistic, financial, and programmatic affairs. Finally, we support salaries for key staff working at partner facilities, including a pediatrician, nurses, community health workers, stock managers, and others.

Our organization also includes many committed volunteers in the U.S., Haiti, and elsewhere who have professional expertise directly relevant to our programs.

Helping to build the capacity of the Haitian health system is a long and deliberate process. This requires that Konbit Sante becomes a more sustainable organization. Your involvement and support in this effort can further realize the incredible potential to build on our years of experience, learning and relationships.

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Our Partners in Haiti

Justinien University Hospital
A 300-bed public hospital and the second-largest teaching hospital in the country, with over 140 medical residents.

Fort Saint Michel Health Center
A public health center that includes a birthing center and community outreach services such as vaccination clinics.

Haitian Baptist Convention Hospital
A 60-bed private hospital that also operates the primary spinal cord rehabilitation center for northern Haiti.

Unite de Lutte pour la Sante (ULS)
A private clinic that provides primary care and public health outreach to people who have minimal access to care.

Konbit Sante works directly with four health facilities in Greater Cap-Haitien—two health centers and two hospitals—that serve a combined population of over 300,000 people.

Konbit Sante has made great strides in strengthening capacity for a healthier Haiti. But we have not done it alone. It has only been possible by collaborating closely with our partners in Haiti and with the generous support of our donors and volunteers.

Konbit Sante: Working together for a healthier Haiti

P eople in the area are happy to receive the blessing and benefits of the work of Konbit Sante. ... When you help Konbit Sante, you help 500,000 people, either directly or indirectly, have better lives.”

Dr. Maudelin Mesadieu, Director, ULS

Konbit (kōn-beet): A traditional Haitian method of people in a community working together to till each others’ fields
Sante (sänt-tae): Creole for “health”

Management & Leadership
We work with our partners to develop business plans, improve information systems, and cross-train staff with the assistance of volunteer healthcare professionals.

Health Facility Infrastructure
We work with partners to improve water and electrical systems and to build new facilities such as the HCBH Spinal Rehab Center and a new health center for ULS.

Medicines, Supplies, & Equipment
We identify exactly what is needed in conjunction with our partners and ship 40-foot shipping containers of supplies, valued at $150,000 to $200,000, at least once per year.

Research, Data, & Evaluation
We provide support to gather, analyze, and monitor data to inform how care is delivered, leading to measurable improvements and saved lives, including newborns.

Support in Times of Crisis
We provide technical and material support to our partners to mount effective responses to disasters, such as the devastating earthquake and cholera epidemic of 2010-11.

Our Work

We approach our work knowing that we do not have all of the answers and that, in fact, Haitian problems need Haitian solutions.