

# Lespwa Timoun “Hope for Children” Clinic

*Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti*



Lespwa Timoun is a health institution whose primary focus is nutrition. The leaders of the Lespwa Timoun Clinic recognize that the health system in Haiti is very limited, and want to contribute to its development and modernization

**Location:** Ouest department of Haiti in the commune of Croix-des-Bouquets. Croix-des-Bouquets is situated 7.5 miles northeast of the capital and has a population of 474,806 people.

**Mission:** "To guarantee to all citizens without distinction the right to life, to health and to provide them with the appropriate means for the protection, maintenance and restoration of their health." Dr. Delva, the Medical Director, describes the clinic's mission as providing quality health care with respect for human dignity.

**Core Values:** Equity, Respect, Responsibility & Excellence

**Staff:** Founded by the Reverend Father Pierre-Henry Fritz Valdema and Mrs. Marie Carmel Germain Valdema, Lespwa Timoun has grown to employ 31 full time staff, and additional partnering community health care workers and midwives

Medical Director – Dr Donald Delva

Executive Director – Rev. Pierre Henry Valdema

Coordinator – Marie Carmel Germain Valdema

**Funding:** Lespwa Timoun brings in between \$4,000 and \$5,000 each month from flat fee participation (for exam, medication and follow up exam as needed), imaging laboratory and pharmacy accounts. This internally generated income comprises between 15 – 20% of their annual budget. Light from Light provides the remainder of the funding required to run the clinic.

**Services** – The Lespwa Timoun Clinic is working to create a healthier Haiti through curative and preventative healthcare

## Curative Care

- internal medicine
- obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN)
- pediatrics
- pharmacy
- laboratory
- triage service

## Preventative Care

- immunization of children
- weight control
- vaccinations of pregnant women & administration of iron supplements
- family planning
- Community Education
  - Hypertension and Diabetes Club
- professional training

## **Outpatient Clinic**

*Location:* Lespwa Timoun Clinic in Croix-des-Bouquets

On average, the clinic sees 50 people per day

From October 2017 to September 2018, Lespwa Timoun provided consultations to 14,360 patients

## **Nutrition Program**

*Location:* Lespwa Timoun Clinic in Croix-des-Bouquets, and mobile nutrition programs in Bois Dumay, Michaud, La Ferronay, Crochu 1, Crochu 2, Boucan Boyer, & Thomazeau

From October 2017 to September 2018, 10,967 children from birth to 5 years old were screened and 4,795 were admitted into the Nutrition Program and treated

- Children Screened: Between 692 to 1,076 children/month, Avg of 914/mo
- Children Admitted: Between 315 and 498 children/month, Avg of 400/mo

## **Prenatal & Postnatal Care**

*Location:* Lespwa Timoun Clinic in Croix-des-Bouquets and mobile care in Crochu 1 and Thomazeau

From October 2017 to September 2018, 1,384 women received prenatal consults and 170 women received postnatal consults

### Prenatal & Postnatal Care in Crochu

**Mobile Clinics** – Before beginning mobile clinics in Crochu, the women in this community had no access to prenatal or postnatal care. Now, Lespwa Timoun doctors and health workers travel to Crochu once a month to provide this care for new and expectant mothers. From October 2017 to September 2018, 203 women in Crochu have received prenatal consultations in Crochu through Lespwa Timoun's mobile clinics.

**Midwife Program** - Lespwa Timoun has trained and certified 24 midwives who work in Crochu. From October 2017 to September 2018, the midwives helped mothers through 159 deliveries.

## **Immunizations**

*Locations:* Lespwa Timoun Clinic in Croix-des-Bouquets and mobile immunizations in Michaud  
Between October 2017 and September 2018, 7,491 children received much needed vaccinations

## **Mobile Clinics**

Mobile clinics allow the Lespwa Timoun medical staff to provide primary health care to isolated communities, and carry out prevention activities to reduce the risk of chronic disease and the transmission of infectious disease

*Locations :* Bois Dumay, Michaud, La Ferronay, Crochu 1, crochu 2, Boucan Boyer, Thomazeau, Lilavois, Guedon, Rue Falaise, Duval Ambroise, and Despizeau

From October 2017 to September 2018, Lespwa Timoun mobile clinics provided consultations to 2,635 patients