

TOUS ENSEMBLE FOUNDATION PROJECT.

PROJECT TITLE: Strengthening Physical Rehabilitation services for adolescents, children and infants in the South of Haiti.

EXECUTOR: Tous Ensemble Foundation (FONTEN) - Rehabilitation Center

BENEFICIARIES: Adolescents, children and infants (0 days to 17 years) with neurological, orthopedic and musculoskeletal diagnostics from the South of Haiti and other parts of the country who need physical rehabilitation, prosthetics / orthotics, assisted devices or other services.

DURATION OF THE PROJECT: 12 months

PROJECT COST: \$ 20.000

ORGANIZATIONAL SUMMARY:

Mission: To improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and the general community through programs that help to achieve the maximum possible level of functionality, independence and autonomy.

Objectives:

- Contribute to the promotion of health and prevention of disability.
- Promote the development, the recovery and maintain the functional level, through Rehabilitation and Adaptation.
- Contribute to the development of skills for school and work for the integration of people with disabilities.
- Promote social participation of people with disabilities by raising awareness and eliminating barriers within the society.

Tous Ensemble provides rehabilitation services to adolescents, children and infants across southern Haiti who have experienced trauma, neurological problems, malformation, or who have orthopedic needs. FONTEN is the only multi-disciplinary rehabilitation center in Southern Haiti, with occupational therapists, physical therapists, rehabilitation technicians, prosthetics and orthotic technicians.

Tous Ensemble was founded in 2016 with the aim to continue the work started by the non-profit, Medical Teams International (MTI). MTI operated from 2010 to 2016 in response to the 2010 earthquake. When their project ended in 2016, long time employees, Pierre Lyncé and Consuelo Alzamora, founded Tous Ensemble to continue offering these crucial services, realizing the negative impact that closing the clinic would

have on the community and the many patients who depended on the clinic. Tous Ensemble has continued to serve more than 8,000 beneficiaries per year.

Tous Ensemble's programs include physical therapy and occupational therapy, individual and group therapy sessions, pediatric services, prosthetic and orthotic services, home visits, training in rehabilitation skills, patient recreation events, community training in disability rights, and prevention programs for high blood pressure, diabetes, and post- and pre-natal care.

Common diagnoses seen in our pediatric (adolescents, children and infants) patients are Cerebral Palsy, Erb's Palsy, hydrocephalus, microcephaly, developmental delays, clubfoot, muscular dystrophy, orthopedic disorders, complications from fractures, musculoskeletal problems, and more.

NEEDS STATEMENT

The world faces new challenges in light of health and demographic trends: populations are ageing, and the number of people living with noncommunicable diseases and the consequences of injuries is increasing.¹⁻³ ¹A dramatic increase in the absolute number of years lived with disability (YLDs) combined with a rising prevalence of severely disabling conditions have led to a demand for rehabilitation that is largely going unmet. Seventy-four per cent of YLDs are the result of health conditions for which rehabilitation may be beneficial.⁴

Despite this, in Haiti Rehabilitation is not a priority. The government does not have public politics about rehabilitation services in Health facilities or a plan to start delivering them to the community. That is one of the reasons that the majority of the rehabilitation centers in Haiti are in hands of NGOs.

In the south department, Tous Ensemble Foundation is the only rehabilitation center with professional staff, prosthetics and orthotics workshop, free clubfoot treatment, delivery of

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- ¹ World health statistics 2016. Monitoring health for the SDGs. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2016.
 - GBD 2015 Disease and injury incidence and prevalence collaborators. Global, regional, and national incidence, prevalence, and years lived with disability for 310 diseases and injuries, 1990–2015: a systematic analysis for the global burden of disease study 2015. *Lancet*. 2016;388(10053):1545–602.[http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(16\)31678-6](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(16)31678-6) pmid: 27733282
 - Chatterji S, Byles J, Cutler D, Seeman T, Verdes E. Health, functioning, and disability in older adults—present status and future implications. *Lancet*. 2015;385(9967):563–75. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(14\)61462-8](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(14)61462-8) pmid: 25468158
 - Rehabilitation 2030: a call for action. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2017. Available from: <http://www.who.int/disabilities/care/ConceptNote.pdf?ua=1> [cited 2017 Feb 8].

assisted devices (wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, etc), home visits, advocacy program , among others. Every day 50 to 60 patients are seen in FONTEN, and approximately 35% percent of those are pediatric patients.

In 2017 FONTEN received 499 pediatric patients and delivered 3,289 pediatric sessions. Of the 499 pediatric cases, 179 were orthotics or musculoskeletal (fractures, “knock knee”, “bow leggedness,” etc), 33 clubfoot, and 287 neurological (most common Cerebral palsy, microcephaly, hydrocephaly) cases. The number of patients will continue to grow as more people in the community are aware about the services that FONTEN provides.

The problem is that many children in the community are in need of rehabilitation services, nevertheless FONTEN is at risk of closing its doors due to lack of economic resources. Since 2016, Tous Ensemble has been operating primarily off of individual donations. As more and more patients hear about Tous Ensemble and take part in the services, there is the need for more streamlined funding to operate all programs.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

“Improve the quality of life of adolescents, children and infants through the inclusion and quality of rehabilitation services within the south department of Haiti.”

Specific Objectives:

1. Increase pediatric access to therapy sessions.
2. Improve mobility of pediatric patients through the fabrication and delivery of prostheses and orthotics devices.
3. Promote social inclusion for adolescent, children and infants.

EVALUATION

Daily statistics are tracked each day in the center. In addition, every three months, a report will be submitted including both execution of the project and financial information.

BUDGET

FONTEN is asking for \$20,000 to support the Pediatric Rehabilitation Services. The grant will help cover the following costs:

BUDGET (USD)

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST/MONTH IN USD	DURATION	TOTAL IN USD
SALARIES	Rehab Technician	480.00	12	5,760.00
	Technician Assistant	220.00	12	2,640.00
MATERIALS	Supplies and Materials for orthotics, assisted devices, photocopies, etc.	350.00	12	4,200.00
RENT	As a space is needed to run the program, part of the budget will help to cover monthly cost for rent	300.00	12	3,600.00
ELECTRICITY	Fees for ED'H and fuel for generator as needed	150.00	12	1,800.00
TRANSPORTATION	Transportation as needed	100.00	12	1,200.00
RECREATIONAL EVENTS	Organize 2 special events with the children (Recreation)	400.00	2	800.00
TOTAL				20,000.00

Thank you for your consideration of a grant for Tous Ensemble and helping to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and the general community through programs that help to achieve the maximum possible level of functionality, independence and autonomy.

PICTURES





