



**// WITH PRIVILEGE, WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY—AND THE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY WE HAVE IS FOR THE POOR PEOPLE. //**

– Dr Jean (Bill) Pape

Thirty-eight years ago, GHESKIO was the first organization to treat patients presenting with Kaposi's sarcoma and opportunistic infections - before the word AIDS was coined.

Today, led by world-renowned Haitian physicians Drs. Jean Pape and Marie-Marcelle Deschamps, **we are the largest center for the care of men, women, and children, dealing with AIDS and TB in the Americas.** Our team of more than 450 Haitian health and service professionals provide best-in-class healthcare as well as critically important social and economic support to people living in extreme poverty, all across Haiti. And we do it FREE OF CHARGE. **We are GHESKIO.**



**WE ARE RESILIENT AND WE ARE RESOLVED. DESPITE THE MOST DEVASTATING SERIES OF MAN-MADE AND NATURAL DISASTERS IN HAITI'S MODERN HISTORY, WE HAVE NEVER ONCE CLOSED OUR DOORS. WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE NEVER WILL.**

In a country where 55% of the population lives in extreme poverty, access to health services is the difference between life and death.

GHESKIO offers **free comprehensive health care** for poor people with infectious diseases and their families.

We provide **Voluntary HIV Testing, Counseling, and Treatment for HIV/AIDS to almost 1/3 of Haitians living with HIV**. Our programs, modeled in 13 treatment centers across the country, have turned the tide on the epidemic in Haiti and we continue to keep it at bay. **In 2019, more than 100,000 people sought testing.**

We believe health is holistic. Our **Mother's Club** provides support for the clinical, nutritional and psychosocial **needs of pregnant women, new mothers, and infants**.

In 2009, GHESKIO opened our Adolescent Program. This one-of-a-kind program in the Caribbean is specifically dedicated to adolescents with HIV, and has served more than 25,000 teens.

Tuberculosis is the number one infectious cause of mortality in the country—ahead of all the other infectious diseases including HIV. TB affects individuals with HIV and many others living in the same communities. We have developed treatment protocols, which are effective locally and replicated globally, to contain this devastating disease. Our **Tuberculosis Testing and Treatment Center** is the largest in the Caribbean. And, with our state-of-the-art in-patient treatment facility, we provide care for the far more difficult to cure multi-drug resistant form of TB. **Our outcomes and the efficiency of our TB treatment programs are documented in multiple peer-reviewed journals and are among the best in the world.**

Our **Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Program** successfully collaborates with Haiti's Ministry of Health to help prevent and treat the growing cervical cancer crisis in Haiti. To date, **2,000 girls have been vaccinated against HPV with 98% receiving the optimal two-dose regimen.**

Resilience is both immediate and long-term. After the earthquake in 2010, we responded at once by caring for 6,000 trauma patients and helping to relocate 7,000 homeless victims. Half-a-year later, in response to a massive cholera outbreak, we created an emergency cholera treatment center, introduced oral cholera vaccines in Haiti and invested in a vast community health education and water sanitation program. All of these are long term on-going efforts. **GHESKIO now houses a permanent Cholera Treatment Center, and has treated over 100,000 patients, trained 8,000 community health workers, distributed 74,000 bottles of chlorine, educated 200,000 households, administered over 100,000 doses of oral cholera vaccine, and is a model of excellence in cholera treatment during an epidemic.**

**Everyone at risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections can find stigma-free support at GHESKIO.** We have **trained community health workers** to address the growing risks of vulnerable populations, including men who have sex with men, transgender people, and sex workers; **created a crisis hotline and center** whereby survivors of rape or sexual assault can receive counseling, appropriate medical treatment; and **provided microcredit and vocational training to nearly 5,000 women.**

**Cardiovascular disease has emerged as the #1 cause of mortality in Haiti.** We are providing critically important education and treatment around hypertension, stroke, and coronary artery disease at our **new Cardiovascular Clinic initiated with the help of National Institute of Health funding.**

Our success hinges on **wise investments, world-class transparent financial stewardship, cutting-edge research, successful collaboration and documented outcomes** in peer-reviewed journals and reports to international funders including the NIH, PEPFAR, and the Global Fund. We have invested in **accurate and accessible electronic medical records** that are available across the GHEKIO network. Our cutting-edge research has resulted in **best-in-class treatment that is modeled around the world** and is provided at a fraction of the cost of other medical centers. We have collaborated, and will continue to collaborate, with **leading medical facilities including Weill Cornell Medicine Center for Global Health, the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Center for Disease Control, and other elite research teams.**

To maintain the life-saving services that GHEKIO provides, especially in the face of increasing demand and diminishing resources, **we need your support now.** Our goal is to raise \$5,000,000 by 2022; and, because **our U.S.-based non-profit Haitian Global Health Alliance is completely funded for the next five years, every dollar you give to HGHA will go directly to GHEKIO's programs and its patients.** That means more community health workers, microcredit programs, and vocational training. That means uninterrupted HIV, TB, and cholera research, prevention, and treatment. That means cardiovascular care for at-risk populations. That means critical, flexible emergency response for when and where Haiti needs it most.

**WE ARE GHEKIO  
AND WE NEED YOU.**

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