

## HVF Mission

*To provide Haitians with efficient ways to be successful – a chance everyone deserves.*

## HVF Vision

*To provide opportunities for Haitians to create their own paths and overcome barriers to success through offering easily accessible education, affordable preventative healthcare, and job creation.*

## Our COVID-19 response at a glance

- Hand washing stations with soap and water at numerous locations in the community. This is important since most people do not have running water. Each station is monitored by one of our volunteers and refilled when needed.
- Written information in Creole about COVID-19, handwashing, social distancing, etc distributed to the Dondon population by our volunteers and medical team.
- Staple foods including rice, beans, bulgur, spaghetti, oil, cornmeal, sugar, dry fish, and other foods for the most vulnerable in anticipation of coming shortages.
- Everything bought in March was distributed to 423 families in need and the remaining funds were divided amongst an additional 14 vulnerable families.



## Summer Newsletter, 2020



Our health care worker educates someone about COVID

## HVF COVID-19 Response Updates

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Haiti in March, Haitian Vision Foundation formed a local response team composed of scholarship students, a nurse, and members of the community to inform the community in anticipation of the arrival of COVID-19. HVF's team in Dondon has continued to work alongside the community to help prevent the spread while simultaneously continuing to serve the community with long-term preventative care measures. They have done a phenomenal job in educating and supporting the community as well as reaching beyond to neighboring communities through radio.



## Haiti COVID-19 reported cases since March 24th

Thus far, there have been no reported COVID-19 cases in Dondon and only 7810 COVID cases in Haiti overall. The number of cases possibly not being accurate due to lack of testing. HVF continues to partner with the ODID local radio stations and Mayor of Dondon to promote health preservation through healthy practices such as regular handwashing and providing education about COVID-19.



Dondon, Haiti	No reported COVID-19 cases. Reports are only of fever, but no deaths.
Haiti	7810 Covid-19 cases 192 deaths total Recognition of a fever epidemic

HVF is committed to continuing to provide uninterrupted preventative care to the people of Dondon while equipping the people with the necessary resources to combat the spread of COVID-19.

## School and Scholarship Students



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest in 2019, schools had to close and our scholarship students along with other scholars were unable to finish their academic year. In order to give students the opportunity to finish the last academic year, Haiti decided to reopen the schools on August 2, 2020 for two months. This is great news for our scholarship students and there are plans to begin the new academic school year like normal at the end of October.

## HVF on the Radio

HVF's COVID response team continues to partner with and share information through a local radio station about the work HVF has been doing to educate the community in response to the pandemic and what people can do to continue to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Handwashing stations are being well maintained by community members and people are reminded to use them regularly.

Over the last few months, Dr. Wisler Saint-Vil has been and continues to respond to questions about once a week through the radio station. The broadcast reaches beyond the Dondon community and many are able to hear about the precautions that should be taken in order to combat the spread of COVID-19. People also



*Pictures were taken before the recommendation to wear masks!!!*

## Clinic Operation Update

In March, HVF made the difficult decision to postpone the April mobile clinic due to the pandemic and limit the functions of the regular clinic in order to safely continue to supply its regular patients with their monthly supply of medication for chronic conditions. The clinic is now fully functioning again as Haiti has begun to reopen and sees nearly the same number of patients as prior to COVID-19. Precautions of prescreening patients outside are still in effect as is sending patients for testing if there is a suspected case. So far, HVF has not had to send any patients nor staff/volunteers for testing.

## How you can help

HVF is a small charitable organization doing all it can to help the people of Haiti, especially during this great time of need. However, our efforts do constitute a large chunk of our reserves. In order to continue to provide the best service possible, HVF needs your help. Please consider donating to our pandemic relief efforts and daily preventative care efforts in Dondon. Your donations can help save thousands of lives.

### Donate

- On our website, [www.haitianvisionfoundation.org](http://www.haitianvisionfoundation.org).
- Mail a check to:  
Haitian Vision Foundation  
PO Box 723  
Gates Mills, OH 44040

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