2021 was a challenging year for Midwives for Haiti. COVID-19 continued to be a factor, the August earthquake in the South, massive fuel shortages, the assassination of the president, and extreme gang violence all took their toll on the entire country. However, even in the midst of such turmoil, MFH continued to grow, providing care to the women and newborns of the Central Plateau. Our students and staff provided 28,984 total patient visits across all of our programs, an increase of 7336 visits in 2020!

In 2006, when MFH started, 75% of women delivered without a skilled birth attendant. This percentage has since dropped to 58.8% (UNICEF/WHO, 2017)
HOSPITAL ST. THERESE

Our students and staff caught 3622 babies at Ste Therese in 2021. We conducted 5544 prenatal visits and 3449 postpartum appointments, with 2279 (41%) attending the recommended number according to the World Health Organization. All of the mothers are offered family planning services before discharge, and 113 women accepted.

NADENE BRUNK EADS SCHOOL

The Nadene Brunk Eads School congratulates Class 11, who graduated in August, 2021! This class must be commended for its dedication during the Covid 19 pandemic, as well as natural disasters and political unrest. MFH has now graduated 204 students. These 204 graduates work in 60 health centers and clinics throughout Haiti, and represent 33% of all trained birth attendants (midwives, gynecologists, maternal-fetal medicine specialists) working in Haiti today (UNFPA).

Class 12 is the first class comprised entirely of licensed infermieres, the highest nursing qualification available in Haiti. These talented students passed a written entrance exam, a skills test, and an interview in order to be admitted, and we are so excited to help these young women to chase their dreams.

MATWON OUTREACH PROGRAM

We continue to support these local traditional birth attendants (TBAs) in making their out-of-facility births as safe as possible. In 2021, MFH provided 2 five month training programs which focus on recognizing abnormal symptoms, and relationship building between the rural TBAs and health facilities. In 2021 we trained 60 matwons, who join 286 previous graduates providing care in their own communities. Through the support of our donor family, we provided 779 clean delivery kits, and provided technical assistance when requested.

COMMUNITY CLINICS

2021 was a stellar year for our 8 community clinics. We conducted 7970 pre and postnatal visits, 1718 more than in 2020. Our vaccine program continues and our midwives placed 578 Jadelle contraceptive implants. 928 women attended four or more prenatal appointments, 71% of our total patients. We also distributed 1599 newborn kits to postpartum mothers. We also added another clinic in Boc Bonic, a rural community close to the Dominican Republic border.
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