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## The APF Fondwa Clinic

Established in 1991, the APF Health Care Program remains a priority. This initiative grew from a once-a-month volunteer Haitian physician and occasional medical teams from abroad to a full-time clinic, with a staff present each day.

Like so much of the infrastructure in Fondwa, the APF Fondwa Clinic was destroyed in the 2010 earthquake. There was an additional blow for the community two years later, when Sr. Carmelle, the clinic Director, passed away of cancer.

In 2017 with contributions of generous donors, APF began reconstruction of the APF Fondwa Clinic with a limited budget of \$190,000. At APF, members always begin with what they have in hand, and put *“one foot in front of the other.”* The “dream” clinic will cost over \$1 million, with space for welcoming patients, a small pharmacy, maternity care, dental care, eye care and a surgical room. Additionally, APF envisions an apartment for the Fondwa Sisters who work in Administration at the clinic, as well as, for visiting physicians.

But, in Haiti no one can wait. While re-building, the clinic never ceased operation as APF treated patients out of a shipping container (called *“clinic in a box”*) donated to APF post-earthquake.

While the new clinic is not yet complete, APF was able to move in during 2019 and continue to serve the residents of Fondwa. In 2016, Dr. Elizabeth Brea Ferrari became Director of the APF Fondwa Clinic. As a General Practitioner and Gynecologist, Dr. Elizabeth brings with her 30 years of experience in the medical field from Venezuela and Canada. She is of Haitian descent, but was born and studied in Venezuela. With Dr. Elizabeth’s assistance, the APF Fondwa Clinic will be extended soon to the other rural areas in Haiti through APF’s national outreach.

During 2018 and 2019 (up through September), Dr. Elizabeth has seen 2,966 patients. She identified and treated cases of intestinal parasites, respiratory infections, gastric

maladies, accident injuries, and previously undiagnosed cases of diabetes. She identified numerous cases of malnutrition impacting infants and young adults. She also treated 27 motorcycle accident injuries (seems everyone owns or rides a moto these days, including Dr. Elizabeth), provided over 2,037 vaccinations and provided support for a nation-wide vaccination campaign organized by the Haitian Ministry of Health.

### **Annual Budget of the APF Fondwa Clinic**

	<b>Projected Budget 2019</b>
Salaries	15,000
Administration	1,500
Cleaning and Sanitation	1,000
Supplies	3,000
Transportation	2,500
Equipment	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,000</b>

*APF has a separate capital budget for the completion of the APF Fondwa Clinic. All donations over operation will be set aside for construction. Below, the new APF Fondwa Clinic facilities.*



*Photos of new clinic and volunteer*