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# The Batey Relief Alliance

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**2009**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**



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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Founded in 1997, the Batey Relief Alliance (BRA) works collaboratively to create a productive and self-sufficient environment, through humanitarian health and development programs, for children and their families severely affected by extreme poverty, disease and hunger in the Caribbean.

## **VISION**

We strive to be a leader organization, with the capacity, transparency, and wisdom to confront the challenges facing humanity.

## **VALUES**

We bring people together, alleviate sufferings, and save lives, regardless of race, gender, creed, religion, national origin, social status, or political affiliation.

## **OBJECTIVES**

Our fundamental objectives are to: 1) improve the conditions of those affected by marginality and neglect, 2) educate, train and organize about relevant issues affecting them in order to cause sustainable, positive and responsible changes in their lives, where the community, the government, and others involved internationally are bone fide partners, and 3) act boldly to preserve our existence.

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## **2010 HIGHLIGHT**

### **A REGIONAL INTERVENTION**

**Building communities through Women's Economic  
Empowerment in Haiti and Agricultural Cooperative  
Development in the Dominican Republic**



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## FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

On this very day of October 23, 2010—the thirteenth-year anniversary of the Batey Relief Alliance (BRA), I am proud to present to you the results of the work we executed from 2009 - 2010 on behalf of thousands of children and their families who are in desperate need in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, more particularly those living inside vulnerable sugarcane plantations bateyes, urban/rural slums, and border communities.

Thanks to the generous support of our friends, partners and donors, our dedicated Boards of Directors, personnel, volunteers and missionaries, and the loyalty of the communities we serve, our accomplishments reached beyond what we had expected.

Through direct and indirect services and bona fide partnerships with local governmental and non-governmental organizations and the international community, we served an unprecedented number of over 200,000 people.

We know there are many challenges that await us, but we will overcome them with the same skills, discipline and creative wisdom that have enabled us to succeed in the past years.

As we embark on new endeavors to meet the increased need of women and earthquake-affected internally-displaced people in Haiti's Southeast border region or unemployed farmers inside the bateyes facing severe economic hardship, however, more funding will be needed to help rebuild their lives.

The generous support of donors like the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has allowed us to strengthen our base as we expand our horizons. Your continued support is essential to our continued success.

I thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

Ulrick Gaillard, J.D.  
Founder/CEO

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## PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

As we do each year, we share with you our Annual (Work) Report that summarizes our overall program and financial accomplishments and activities during the year to fulfill our commitment to our stakeholders. Our annual report is available for your review on our website at <http://www.bateyrelief.org/about/financial-accountability>.

We hope you will be pleased with our work results and continue to contribute to our cause. Should you have any questions or need further information about this report, please do not hesitate to contact us at [bra@bateyrelief.org](mailto:bra@bateyrelief.org). To learn more about the Batey Relief Alliance, visit our website at [www.bateyrelief.org](http://www.bateyrelief.org).

### INTRODUCTION TO BRA'S HUMANITARIAN WORK

#### **Overview of a proven model—the organization**

THE BATEY RELIEF ALLIANCE (BRA) was founded and incorporated in 1997 in the state of New York, United States of America, under the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c) (3), designating BRA as a tax-exempt, non-profit, humanitarian aid organization.

BRA's work addresses the difficult socio-economic and health conditions of children and their families severely affected by poverty, disease and hunger in the Caribbean – regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, national origin, social status, or political affiliations. Toward that end, BRA created in 2000 its regional project-based branch in the Dominican Republic (DR), BRA DOMINICANA, a legally-incorporated non-governmental organization (NGO) designed to support the BRA in carrying out its humanitarian mission inside the DR's most vulnerable and impoverished communities like the *bateyes*<sup>1</sup>, rural slums and urban *barrios*, as well as border localities with the Republic of Haiti. BRA has started the legal process to establish a second regional branch in Haiti, BRA HAITI, supporting further its humanitarian work inside the country's vulnerable border regions<sup>2</sup>.

BRA has a Board of Directors in the USA that meets at least three times a year to run the legal and policy affairs of the organization. BRA Dominicana has its own local Board of Directors and an Executive Director that work together to manage the programmatic, financial and administrative affairs of the local organization. BRA Dominicana manages the entire regional program operation for the Batey Relief Alliance in the DR and Haiti; this work includes raising local funds, operating and staffing offices and two medical centers, implementing projects, and carrying out mission trips inside various communities of the two countries. The BRA Board of Directors in the US, however, is the ultimate body deciding on policy affairs of the entire institution.

BRA has a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who is responsible for overseeing, mobilizing public resources for, and marketing the work of the institution.<sup>3</sup> He oversees the entire US and regional operation and management, thus ensuring the sustainability and growth of the institution. BRA secures donations in the United States that are cash and/or in-kind. Most cash gifts are from individual donors, international aid organizations, foundations, and the US government. In-kind donations mainly are from international aid groups. When non-restricted cash is received, it is used to sustain the *virtual*<sup>4</sup> operation of the BRA in New York, sustain BRA Dominicana's regional expenses for Haiti and the DR, and implement projects. All restricted funds are transferred entirely to BRA Dominicana to implement projects overseas. BRA Dominicana puts all funds received in bank accounts, registers them in its accounting books, implements the projects, and sends out reports to funders, donors, volunteers and supporters.

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<sup>1</sup> *Sugar cane plantations rural enclaves where Haitian migrant sugar cane cutters and their Dominican descendants labor and live.*

<sup>2</sup> *BRA is currently working with Haiti's Ministry of Health and international partners to expand its humanitarian work at border community of Anse-a-Pitres.*

<sup>3</sup> *The institution includes the Batey Relief Alliance, BRA Dominicana, BRA Haiti, and US-based chapters.*

<sup>4</sup> *The Batey Relief Alliance does not have a physical office in New York, nor do we use much paper to do our work. Our system of operation*



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BRA Dominicana is BRA's principal consignee regionally to receive containers of in-kind donations (medicines, medical supplies, and equipment) needed to deliver critical health care and essential medicines to the poor in the DR and Haiti. All BRA's patients receive low-cost or free medical consultations, along with free donated medicines, eyeglasses, nutrition supplements and multivitamins. A portion of these donations, however, is sometimes distributed to key BRA local NGO and government partner organizations, including the Ministries of Health, helping to raise their capacity to deliver improved health services at various impoverished communities around the two countries – thus expanding BRA's humanitarian effort. BRA has a strict policy, however, of not selling or exchanging donated products that are designated for specific projects. BRA Dominicana's Board of Directors and Executive Director maintain a strict day-to-day control over the local organization's management of donated funds and in-kind gifts, accounting, and projects' implementation.

### ***BRA humanitarian intervention—regional***

BRA's regional intervention targets two countries in the Caribbean—the Dominican Republic (DR) and Haiti, which share the island of Hispaniola with distinct historical, socio-economic, cultural and political realities. While Haiti is considered the poorer nation, the DR still struggles economically, despite its fast growing tourist industry, with approximately one third of the population living below the poverty line.<sup>5</sup> Like in many developing countries, the majority of the wealth lies in the hands of a small elite class, leaving the great majority of the population and the government facing serious economic challenges. 200,000 to 1 million people, or approximately 7-10% percent of the DR population, live in deep rural plantations communities called *bateyes* that were originally developed as Haitian migrant worker enclaves around the sugarcane industry. Today, these communities remain, although much of the sugarcane production has been drastically diminished in or removed from the country. The *bateyes* (State-owned) are some of the poorest and most vulnerable communities in the DR, with a long history of neglect and isolation from state resources. Many residents, who are mostly Haitians and/or Dominicans of Haitian origin, lack documentation and access to employment, clean water, sanitation, health care, education, and other social services.

Since 2000, BRA Dominicana worked directly within the *bateyes*, delivering critical health care and essential medicines and other social services from its two medical clinics located inside the impoverished communities. BRA's pioneer approach to health care, *bringing services home to the population inside their own communities*, is a system that has never before been implemented in DR's deep rural areas. Moreover, BRA's community-based health promoters make BRA's healthcare more accessible, utilizing residents as educators and health care providers. The promoters provide education, counseling and referrals to BRA's health services; as well as making home visits and providing follow-up care to patients.

BRA Dominicana's staff includes 45 full-time and part-time employees, in the clinic in Monte Plata providing primary and specialty care, maintain a running operation at the headquarters in Santo Domingo, supporting program activities in the border region of Pedernales and Anse-à-Pitres and carry out numerous community projects in preventive health and health care. BRA's programs work in HIV/AIDS, blindness prevention, nutrition, maternal-infant health, potable water, and disaster relief, extending outside of the *bateyes* into urban slums, rural impoverished communities, and border localities. From June 2009 to June 2010, BRA Dominicana provided direct health care services to 39,307 individuals, through medical consults and follow-up, emotional support and counseling, dental care, eye care, and medical missions, providing all patients with donations of medicines, glasses, and nutrition. An additional 14,710 individuals benefited directly from educational activities in preventive health and vocational training. Thousands more have benefited from donations of multivitamins, antiparasitic medications, nutrition supplements, water filters, buckets, mattresses, school supplies, personal hygiene products, condoms and clothing.

At the end of 2008, BRA Dominicana began working in the border towns of Pedernales, Dominican Republic and Anse-à-Pitres, Haiti. Both are areas of critical need given their isolation from State resources. Moreover, Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere, with over 80% of the population living on less than two dollars a day.<sup>6</sup> Together, Haiti and the Dominican Republic comprise three quarters of all cases of HIV infection in the Caribbean.<sup>7</sup> Haiti and the Dominican Republic share a reality of poverty that cannot improve without major interventions on both sides of the border. The Batey

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<sup>5</sup> USAID 2000, [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov)

<sup>6</sup> "Food riots turn deadly in Haiti," *BBC News*, 5 Apr. 2008, <[news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/americas/7331921.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/americas/7331921.stm)>

<sup>7</sup> "AIDS epidemic update." Dec. 2007. UNAIDS and World Health Organization.



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Relief Alliance expanded into Haiti's Southeast border region in 2009, opening a new branch of the institution called BRA Haiti. The Batey Relief Alliance has support from the Haitian Ministry of Health to renovate, equip and manage the only existing clinic in Anse-a-Pitres, which BRA Haiti will staff with highly trained and dedicated health care personnel, including a network of community health promoters who will expand BRA's work into the greater region of Anse-a-Pitres.

#### **Events in Haiti and their effects**

Following the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 mega earthquake that killed more than 300,000 and left 1.5 million homeless, hungry and sick, there has been an increased demand for BRA services in the Southeast border region. 5,000 earthquake-affected internally-displaced people (IDPs) relocated to the impoverished border commune of Anse-a-Pitre from devastated-affected Jacmel and Port-au-Prince, increasing the population by roughly 25 percent (23,000 people resided in Anse-a-Pitre before earthquake migration - the current population is estimated at 28,000). The arrival of the IDPs effectively doubled living expenses for many families in Anse-a-Pitres, exacerbating the already dismal economic situation. The BRA-Haiti project team also learned of a new 'camp' for IDPs in the nearby town of Thiotte which is part of our project catchment area. Thus, the major earthquake impact on Anse-a-Pitres reflects the impact in other areas, including increased demands for basic needs such as food, water, housing and health care services.

BRA is now assisting Haiti's Ministry of Health in managing the healthcare clinic in Anse-a-Pitres and is addressing these emergency needs through women's empowerment, food and multivitamin distribution, and water sanitation programs.

#### **WHERE BRA WORKS**

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** Monte Cristi, Puerto Plata, Independencia, Hato Mayor, San Pedro de Macorís, Dajabón, Jimaní, Monte Plata, La Romana, Pedernales, Elías Peña, Barahona, Santo Domingo, and Anse-a-Pitres.

**REPUBLIC OF HAITI:** Southeastern Department border region, Capital of Jacmel, District of Grande Anse, Communes of Anse-a-Pitres, Grand Gosier and Thiotte.

**UNITED STATES:** Brooklyn, New York



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## **SUMMARY RESULTS OF PROGRAM INTERVENTION: JULY 2009-JUNE 2010**

### **HAITI AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

- 198,148 individuals received directly or indirectly donations of commodities, health care, education, counseling, training, water and sanitations.
- 248,116 are the total of services provided through health and social services and humanitarian aid.
- 23,851 individuals received direct medical, dental and eye care.
- 60,504 children (2-12 years of age) received micronutrients and anti-parasite medications.
- 52,000 condoms were distributed to young people and adults.
- 63,116 individuals benefited from water and sanitation projects (received sachet of PuR, water systems).

### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

- 17,000 Agricultural Development Project beneficiaries: Direct (3,400) and indirect (13,600).
- 11,050 individuals attended educational activities in the Monte Plata Region.
- 447 HIV-positive patients received antiretroviral treatment and medical follow-up at BRA clinic in Monte Plata.
- 506 orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS received school supplies, materials, vitamins and nutritional support.
- 15,100 children, elderly people, pregnant women, and HIV/AIDS patients received food supplies.

### **HAITI**

- 50,000 earthquake victims received emergency medical aid, food, PUR water sachets, clothing
- 6,574 people served through educational in Haiti's border Region (Anse-a-Pitres)

## **DISASTER RELIEF - HAITI**

When the mega earthquake devastated the impoverished Republic of Haiti on January 12th, BRA responded swiftly by mobilizing disaster relief support in the US to sponsor seven medical mission trips and other relief activities with more than 100 volunteer medical and relief aid personnel from the US, Haiti and the Dominican Republic, delivering critical medical care, psychological aid, and essential medicines and medical supplies to thousands of victims in devastated areas of Port-au-Prince, Leogane, Jacmel and Carrefour. More urgent medical aid and antibiotics, as well as dental care was delivered to the IDPs living in the Southeast Department border region and to those who have crossed the border inside the DR seeking emergency medical assistance. BRA secured funding from US-based NGO partner Direct Relief International (DRI) to purchase and install critically-needed laboratory equipment at the Anse-a-Pitres medical center to further evaluate victims' health needs post the deadly quake.

BRA's sponsored disaster relief activities were made possible by the generous support of donors and partnerships with Student Volunteer Optometrists for Service of Humanity-New England College of Optometry (SVOSH-NECO), Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad (AMHE), IDDI and Red Jacques Viau.

### ***Distribution of hygiene Kits***

BRA partnered with Academy for Educational Development (AED) to distribute 900 hygiene kits to victims and IDPs in Anse-a-Pitres, Belle Anse and Jacmel. The distribution also accompanied with training in hygiene and health crisis prevention techniques.

### ***Distribution of PuR-Water Purification***

BRA partnered with US-based humanitarian aid organizations Americares and Population Services International (PSI) to distribute 31,401 PuR water tablets to 64,000 residents/IDPs in eleven communities in Anse-a-Pitres, Thiottle, and Grand Gosier. BRA health personnel also conducted workshops and trained community health promoters to educate 2,616 community residents and IDPs on how to use the tablets for household consumption.

BRA coordinated with strategic partners such as Direct Relief International, Catholic Medical Mission Board/Bristol Meyers, and Americares/National Cancer Coalition to deliver millions of dollars worth of medicines, medical supplies and water purification PUR tablets into other Haiti disaster zones.





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### **Distribution of Clean Water**

Since the earthquake, the number of people now living in the economically-isolated border commune of Anse-a-Pitres has increased significantly (IDPs) to cause an increase in the need for potable water and sanitations. Currently, those who can afford to pay a higher price for water plus the cost of transport buy their water on the Dominican side of Pedernales, while the majority of the Anse-a-Pitres population is forced to drink infected water. With funding from the United Natural Foods Inc. (UNFI), BRA supported a local community organization, *ASOSYASYON JENN PWOGRÈSIS ANSAPIT (AJPA, THE ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH FOR PROGRESS IN ANSE-À-PITRES)* to complete a water extraction/purification center making clean and drinkable water available for the first time in Anse-à-Pitres at an affordable price for everyone.

## **HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

### ***BRA's Medical Center, DR***

The facility was opened for full service in 2006, located inside Batey Cinco Casas of the Municipal District of Don Juan, province of Monte Plata. The facility includes a main medical building with six consultation rooms, a fully-equipped laboratory, a reception and registration center, administrative offices, and an emergency ward. The center employs a staff of 30, including several physicians, a psychologist, an ophthalmologist, two dentists, several nurses, bioanalysts, technical assistants, receptionists, pharmacy workers, and a clinic administrator with the support of volunteer community health promoters and short and long-term volunteers. The center is open year-round, five days a week, delivering critical services to more than 25,000 patients each year in general medicine, pediatrics, gynecology, ophthalmology, dentistry, emergency medicine, laboratory testing, and counseling. Medical consults are provided for a nominal fee, which can be waived for individuals who are unable to pay. All medications, eyeglasses, and supplementary nutrition are supplied free of charge. BRA also maintains a comprehensive HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Unit within the Center, which provides free confidential testing, counseling, and antiretroviral treatment services for impoverished batey residents.

### **OTHER KEY ACTIVITIES IN THE CENTER:**

- Immunization with the DR Ministry of Health (SESPAS): 465 patients received vaccinations (diphtheria, whooping cough, measles, rubella, influenza, tetanus, and hepatitis B)
- 323 patients accessed the center for their family planning needs (the center offers contraceptive pills, injectable contraceptives and condoms)
- 1007 women received pap smears for the prevention of cervical and uterine cancer

### ***BRA's Medical Center, Haiti***

On January 11, 2010, BRA's CEO, Ulrick Gaillard, signed in Port-au-Prince a strategic agreement with Haiti's Ministry of Health to manage and operate the Southeast Department border region's only medical center. Located in Anse-a-Pitres, the center will be equipped to deliver general health services, perform OB-GYN care, and provide laboratory services. It is expected, once fully renovated, the facility will service more than 20,000 each year.

## **OTHER ASPECTS OF BRA'S HEALTH CARE INTERVENTION**

### **CANCER PREVENTION**

#### ***Cervical Cancer, DR***

In May of 2009, BRA Dominicana, with the funding of Dominican-based foundation ADEMI and the technical support of the LIGA DOMINICANA CONTRA EL CÁNCER, signed an agreement to continue the Prevention of Cervical-Uterine Cancer Program inside the bateyes. Through the 26 health promoters trained, 1000 men and women learned about cervical-uterine cancer and 300 women received pap smears as well as extended medical attention for those who tested positive. Though the program ended, the center continues to perform pap smears and has performed 707 in 2010.

### **HIV/AIDS PREVENTION/TREATMENT**

BRA Dominicana worked with several local institutions, including the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, PSI, Global Fund and DR Ministry of Health to provide HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and psycho-social support in the Monte Plata region.

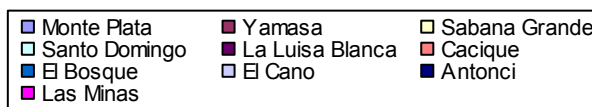
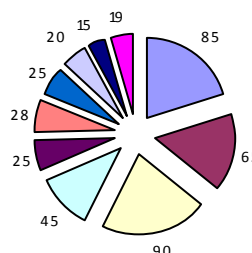


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**Prevention, DR**

BRA Dominicana educates the population about HIV/AIDS prevention. At the center of these education effort is an educational soap opera “Love in the Batey”, which was produced by BRA partner PSI. To date, BRA has reached over two thousand people in 15 communities.

HIV/AIDS Patients by Area



**Distribution of Condoms, DR**

With the collaboration and support of PSI, BRA distributed condoms to young people and adults living in the bateyes. The program is a collaborative effort to stop the rising rates of HIV infection in the bateyes. The condoms, along with preventive educational materials can be found at local stores. BRA health promoters work with young people and act as multipliers of information in order to spread prevention information in other sectors. More than 32,000 condoms have been distributed in various communities including Don Juan, El Cacique, Bosque Arriba and La Mina.

**Treatment, DR**

BRA received funding from the Dominican’s Ministry of Health-Directorate for the Control of Sexually-transmitted Infections and HIV/AIDS (DIGECITTS) and the Dominican National Plan to fight and control HIV/AIDS inside the bateyes, where the Presidential Council on AIDS (COPRESIDA) is the beneficiary of a Global Fund grant to coordinate strategies to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in the DR. These two organizations worked with BRA to provide antiretroviral (ARV) treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). In 2009, the project also funded house visits and other types of psycho-social support. In addition, BRA collaborated with the Clinton’s foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative by donating food supplies to distribute to people living with HIV/AIDS in other bateyes.

In partnership with the IDCP (Instituto Dermatológico y Cirugía de la Piel), BRA Dominicana is now involved in a new five-year (2009-2015) health initiative, funded by the Global Fund, to strengthen the country’s prevention-oriented response to fight HIV and AIDS among the poorest of the population. The objective is to reduce morbidity and mortality among people living with HIV/AIDS. It is a comprehensive program that includes family support and community education. Most noticeably, the project surpassed its goal of attending to 200 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) affected by the HIV/AIDS crisis, aiding 506 OVCs so that they may re-enter the school system.

**KEY ACTIVITIES AND BENEFICIARIES IN THE EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN BRA’S RESPONSE TO HIV/AIDS**

Activity	Number of activities or beneficiaries	Funding Institutions
Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) supported for reinsertion into education system	506 beneficiaries	IDCP
House visits to OVCs for follow-up in the educational reinsertion program	83 beneficiaries	IDCP
Workshops for community leaders	5 workshops 139 participants	IDCP
Nutritional Support for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)	263 beneficiaries	IDCP
House Visits to PLWHA	622 visits	ICCP
Medications and treatment for PLWHA	447 beneficiaries	DIGECITTS/COPRESIDA
HIV/AIDS Prevention Education through educational soap operas	2000 beneficiaries	PSI
Micro Credit loans for PLWHA	70 beneficiaries	Esperanza International



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Micro-Agricultural program for PLWHA	240 beneficiaries	Dominican Secretariat of Agriculture
Food-aid for PLWHA	6350 beneficiaries	International Food Relief Program, USAID
Condoms distributed through PSI	55,000 condoms	Population Services International

**HIV/AIDS Prevention, Haiti**

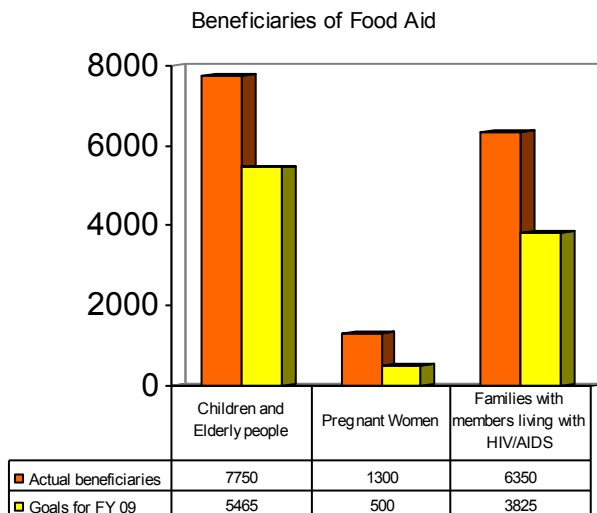
BRA is working in conjunction with the PSI to deliver education and prevention methods to border communities in Haiti. To date, the program has reached 6,574 people through educational demonstrations, and distributed over 22,000 condoms.

**HIV/AIDS Preventive Health Education, USA**

The New York State Department of Health—AIDS Institute (DOH) funded the Batey Relief Alliance (BRA) to carry out HIV/AIDS awareness and education for immigrant populations living in Brooklyn’s impoverished sections of Flatbush. Information was transmitted through radio air waves, and after each session, listeners are provided with phone numbers and referrals to receive HIV/AIDS-related materials, testing, condoms or treatment. BRA partnered with local community-based organization, DIASPORA COMMUNITY SERVICES, to improve the community health initiative in New York.

**BLINDNESS PREVENTION**

BRA’s Blindness Prevention program continues to provide complete eye exams, eyeglasses, eye drops, and medicines to hundreds of patients who are often too poor to afford a pair of eyeglasses or basic eye care inside the bateyes. BRA partnered with the Dominican-based Club de Leones Arroyo Hondo Santo Domingo and the SVOSH-NECO.



**FOOD INSECURITY PREVENTION**

BRA distributed 75 metric tons of a Breedlove dehydrated vegetable product, which beneficiaries used to supplement their daily diet. BRA’s Food Distribution Program is in its fourth year and fully funded by USAID under the Food for Peace-International Food Partnership Program. BRA distributed food to the most at-risk individuals for malnutrition and disease, including people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), elderly, pregnant women, and individuals suffering from TB and other diseases. BRA also brought the USAID food supplements to the most vulnerable families and the schools in Pedernales—one of DR’s poorest provinces.

BRA continued to work through strategic partnerships with the Dominican Ministry of Health (SESPAS), the

Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative and numerous other non-governmental local organizations to distribute the food. In FY09, these partner organizations reached approximately 10,700 individuals. The 4,400 beneficiaries reached by BRA together with the 10,700 reached by our partners add to a total of 15,100 beneficiaries that were reached between June 2009 and June 2010—far exceeding the set goal of 9,790 beneficiaries for this fiscal year.

In 2010, USAID doubled BRA’s award to start a regional food distribution in Haiti and the DR. Equally in the DR, 93.8 metric tons of food will be distributed over a period of 12 months to 12,800 people in Haiti’s Southeast department communes of Anse-a-Pitres, Grand Gosier and Thiotte.

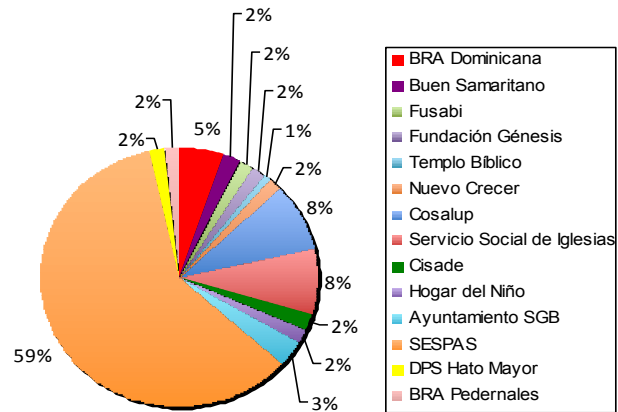


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**Multivitamin/deworming - Child Healthcare, Haiti and DR**

With the continuing support of Vitamin Angel Alliance (VAA), BRA distributed over 4 million multivitamins tablets and anti-parasitic medications to over 60,000 children in twenty-one municipalities in the DR. The project began in 2007 and will continue for more years. The goal is to maintain the health of children by first de-worming them through bi-annual anti-parasite treatment, and then providing them with consistent micro-nutrition through multivitamins. Many of the children and their families also received food rations from the BRA-USAID Food Distribution Program. BRA distributed vitamins and anti-parasite medications to 3,100 children in the provinces of Monte Plata and Sánchez Ramírez. Through its collaborations with various local partner NGOs and governmental institutions (see chart) BRA is supporting the distribution of vitamins and medicines to 57,404 additional children, to reach a total of 60,504 beneficiaries. The program has also been extended for hundreds of children living in Haiti’s Anse-a-Pitres. In 2010, BRA distributed Vitamin A and Omega 3 vitamins to children and pregnant mothers.

**Beneficiaries receiving Vitamins and Anti-Parasite Medication According to Partner Organization**



**DISEASE PREVENTION - WATER AND SANITATION**

**Water Purification, DR**

In 2009 a water project funded by Presbyterian Church USA-Self-Development of People began in Monte Plata’s Batey Cojobal, Sabana Grande de Boya, to form a water committee and begin construction of a new water tank. The committee has been formed and health promoters have been trained to educate the community about how to care for and treat water. Currently the community and BRA are looking for a suitable place to drill a well to serve 500 community residents.

**COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

**Food Security Project—Agricultural Development, DR**

With the generous support of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), under the Food for Progress Program, BRA created Monte Plata’s first fully-integrated agricultural cooperative system. In 2010, BRA started a 7,000-member agricultural cooperative called “La BRAtayana”—a collection of 7 agricultural cooperatives based inside the bateyes. In January, 700 local farmers/workers began building their community infrastructures and preparation of the land and planted their first crops. The two-year agricultural project thus far recruited 426 male and female cooperative members/workers from 10 communities. On top of the cash incentive they received for their work, the workers also received extra pay in the form of edible getable oil. The cooperative, which supports locals’ efforts in agriculture, will also sell the crops back to cooperative members at a lower price when harvest comes. The project hopes to benefit 35,000 people through food security and agricultural education.

La BRAtayana is now developing and cultivating 105 acres in 7 agricultural productive units, as part of 7 agricultural development projects, consisting of 105 acres of fertile land to cultivate and produce organic food crops. The 7 agricultural productive units are found within seven different batey communities. Sixty four and a half acres are currently in the production and development phase for both agricultural and animal production. The following crops are being cultivated: yucca, corn, guandúl (pigeon peas), yam and sugar cane. The other 40.55 acres are in the preparation process in order to meet the projects’ goal of 105 acres. The seven hundred workers (direct beneficiaries) from the 7 communities are recruited to also work in the infrastructure development of their communities. Two thousand eight hundred indirect beneficiaries (family members and 60 promoters) are benefitting from donations of 6.57 tons of vegetable oil and \$40 per month. Seven hundred meters of irrigation piping have been built and installed in several production projects.



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La BRAtayana cooperative is actively participating in the production process of the Project. Participants/members are fully integrated into planting, tending to the fields and the security of productive units. They're also engaged in crop training, animal husbandry and crop management, among other activities. They hold weekly community gatherings and meetings in different *bateyes* to strengthening the Project and attracting more people to participate and benefit from its impact.

#### **Gender Empowerment, Haiti**

In January 2010, with the funding support of USAID, under a Development Grants Program (DGP), BRA began a three-year Women's Empowerment Program in Haiti's southeast border region. The program targets Haiti's SouthEast department, Capital of Jacmel, District of Belle Anse, covering the communes of Grand Gosier, Thiotte and Anse-a-Pitres.

By collaborating with a number of local and international organizations, BRA supports capacity building for women's community organizations, skills training for durable employment and asset formation, and improved women's access to credit through microfinance. Additionally, BRA carried out trainings on gender-based violence, organizational strengthening; and conducted a needs-based assessment for the donation of gifts-in-kind through BRA. BRA hired 7 employees to begin this process and began taking the proper steps to continue the program into its second year.

The program allowed BRA to partner with key Haiti-based groups such as FONKOZE, Partners in Health and Catholic Medical Mission Board to establish 30 women's organizations, provide training to 600 women, of which, 150 to receive microcredit loans to start or maintain small businesses.

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

#### **Espacios para Crecer (EPC)—“Spaces to Learn”, DR**

*Espacios Para Crecer (EPC)* is an education project with the goal of fighting child labor and exploitation in the Dominican Republic. The EPCs have been created as transitional projects as part of the “Eradication of the worst forms of child labor through education Initiative”. This refers to a program that serves as a bridge towards formal schooling since many children and adolescents that attend the programs have been out of formal education, and are older than they should be when they return to the appropriate grade level due to the lack of education they have had. The principal program's objective is to contribute to the overall development of these children, as well as all those affected by the program (parents, communities and facilitators). In these centers, the 75 children take part in academic activities (homework support and tutoring), recreational activities (games, sports, music, drama and art) and life skills classes. In addition, the children and their families are included in the food distribution, multivitamin and antiparasitic projects as well as the fluoride application program.

## **VOLUNTEER MISSIONS**

#### **Dental Care, Haiti**

In April 2010, BRA hosted a five-day mobile dental clinic called “*Reaching a New Frontier*” in Anse-à-Pitres-based BRA medical center where 414 patients received free dental exam and care and toothbrushes. The BRA volunteer dental group scheduled another trip for January 2011.

#### **Medical Care, Haiti**

For three weeks in January and February, groups of medical doctors from the US-based Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad (AMHE) traveled to Haiti to provide emergency medical aid to patients and victims of the earthquake.

#### **Eye care, DR**

From April 10<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, 28 optometry students and faculty from the Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity-New England College of Optometry (SVOSH-NECO) delivered free eye care, eyeglasses, sunglasses and antibiotics to 1220 patients in the city of Yamasá.



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#### **Community development, DR**

Amitié Haïti Lévis, a humanitarian aid group made up of members of the Haitian Diaspora in Canada, sent 11 students and 3 faculty to assist with various BRA projects from May 28th to June 15th of 2010. The group constructed five new houses in Batey Cojobal and delivered meals in the community. AHL also preformed various theatrical pieces that focused on early pregnancies, HIV/AIDS prevention, violence prevention; and distributed condoms and informational fliers. Two activities were put on for the local children that attended to the issue of personal hygiene such as washing hands and brushing teeth. During these activities, soaps and toothbrushes were distributed.

#### **University of Montreal School of Medicine, DR**

Two medical students from the University of Montreal worked as volunteers during the months of June and July 2010 in the BRA Medical Center in Monte Plata. The students worked together with BRA medical personnel in every area of medical care. They came through an association with the IMFISA (International Federation of Medical Student Associations), which has been collaborating with BRA for the past 4 years.

#### **Interdom/Funglode, DR**

A Columbia University student interned with BRA over the summer, through a partnership with Dominican-based foundation INTERDOM/FUNGLODE to help with the monitoring of BRA's multivitamin program and research mental health conditions among minority populations in the bateyes.

#### **Grupo Sofia Pablo-Hoshina, DR**

A group of volunteers from the Grupo Sofia Pablo-Hoshina visited BRA's medical center carrying out educational and artistic activities for the children in surrounding communities.

### **MEDICAL DONATIONS**

From 2009-2010, BRA Dominicana received from international donors \$9,8 millions of in-kind donations, in medicines, medical supplies, equipment, and nutritional supplements, which supported Batey Relief Alliance's regional intervention in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. A portion of the donations was distributed to 32 BRA local partner organizations to strengthen their capacity to deliver improved health and relief services in other impoverished areas of the two countries. We are truly grateful to our generous donors such as Direct Relief International, National Cancer Coalition, USAID, Americares, Bristol-Myers Squibb, USDA, SVOSH-NECO, and Breedlove Dehydrated Foods, Inc.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

#### **Expo-Monte Plata 2010**

BRA was invited to exhibit its agricultural and health work during a three-day event blitz —called Expo Monte Plata 2010— from August 13-15, organized by the Senatorial office of Charlie Mariotti promoting the province of Monte Plata's rich agricultural, cultural and eco-touristic values. More than 25,000 attended the expo and visited the BRA's giant stand that displayed large posters and photographs of farmers, tractors and trucks engaging in the development of agriculture and community infrastructures inside seven agricultural batey rural communities.

### **BRA'S ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH**

#### **BRA's Evaluation (Performance Measurement)**

Graduate student evaluators from Columbia University School of Social Work and Indiana University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and School of Public and Environmental Affairs conducted a two-month study to evaluate patient treatment and satisfaction at BRA's medical center in the province of Monte Plata. Three years earlier, BRA summoned a much broader study by a team of researchers from Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and Mailman School of Public Health to determine the impact the organization's humanitarian health services have on the Dominican Republic's vulnerable populations. Both studies sought to measure BRA's performance.

Both studies have found that BRA's health programs are meeting an unmet need for quality health services in DR's vulnerable communities and have a very high level of satisfaction among beneficiaries. Some key findings have also found that BRA had greatly improved the population's ability to obtain quality health services; 96% of patients are "satisfied" or



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“very satisfied” with the services while 100% expressed plans to return for future medical needs; BRA had an absolute advantage in providing HIV Care and Treatment services in the region of Monte Plata; and BRA had a strong advantage in the provision of health promotion services through volunteer health promoters. Despite BRA’s relatively well-positioned and competitive work, however, 51% of patients recommended that BRA offered a greater variety of specialized medical services; had a greater flow of essential medicines; and built a 24-hour/day in-patient clinic.

#### **Capacity Building**

BRA received technical training from US-based consulting firm, Capable Partners Program, for organizational strengthening, focusing on raising BRA’s capacity to successfully develop the USAID-funded Women’s Empowerment Program in Haiti.

With also the support of CAP, BRA is finalizing a 5-year strategic plan, a process that the University of Indiana began in 2009, to strengthen the organization’s capacity to build a stronger and more sustainable base in order to develop its many projects regionally. Raising BRA’s staff professional capacity is a priority in the capacity building process, given the organization’s rapid growth and leadership position. *“We judge the necessity to employ professionals that are highly skillful, sophisticated, knowledgeable, conscientious, and ready to perform complex tasks,”* said Ulrick Gaillard, BRA’s CEO.

## **BRA’S INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

### **INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCES**

#### ***United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)***

In June 2009, BRA signed an important agreement with the USDA to develop an agricultural cooperative inside seven batey communities in the province of Monte Plata, where 7700 farmers/cooperative members are developing their community infrastructures and working 105 acres of fertile land to produce food security for their families and economic self-sufficiency for their communities. 35,000 individuals are expected to benefit from this two-year agricultural development project.

#### ***United States Agency for International Development (USAID)***

In August 2009, BRA signed an agreement with USAID-Food for Peace office to distribute food in the DR’s vulnerable communities. For the third consecutive year, BRA was responsible for the distribution of 75 metric tons of high-nutrition dehydrated food as part of the USAID International Food Relief Program.

In September 2010, BRA signed two agreements with USAID-Food for Peace office to distribute over a period of twelve months 187.6 metric tons (more than 9 million rations) of Breedlove dehydrated lentil blend product to 25,600 food insecure and earthquake-affected beneficiaries living in Haiti’s border communes of Anse-a-Pitres, Thiotte and Grand Gosier and the Dominican Republic’s sugarcane “batey” communities, urban and rural barrios, and border localities.

#### ***Major League Baseball-Dominican Development Alliance, DR***

In November 2008, USAID/American Embassy, Major League Baseball (MLB) and the United States Peace Corps signed an historic alliance with six prominent Dominican-based non-profit organizations—The Batey Relief Alliance, World Vision, Save the Children, Plan International, Esperanza International, and the Dominican Institute for Integrated Development (IDDI). The purpose was to use baseball as a catalyst for improving the lives of the less fortunate in the Dominican Republic, through sound community development activities. USAID contributed \$1 million to the project to match funds donated by MLB players.

#### ***Direct Relief International (DRI)***

From past five years, BRA received DRI millions of dollars’ worth of donated pharmaceuticals and other health-related supplies to distribute to poor communities and improve health conditions of thousands of children and adults living in vulnerable communities of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

#### ***United Nations’ World Food Program***

In March 2009, BRA Dominicana and United Nations’ World Food Program (WFP) signed a letter of intent to work together on a regional initiative to manage facts and knowledge about famine and malnutrition affecting Latin American and Caribbean countries. The main objective of the collaborative effort was to identify nutritional needs of children at the highest level and key strategies to reduce poverty and malnutrition in the region.



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#### **National Cancer Coalition**

In May 2009, the National Cancer Coalition, Inc. (NCC) signed a MOU with the BRA to improve healthcare conditions for children and adults in the Dominican Republic who suffer from critical illnesses and diseases, malnutrition, and extreme poverty, through the distribution of donated pharmaceuticals and other health-related supplies.

#### **Indiana University**

In April 2009, BRA and the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) at Indiana University Bloomington signed a letter of partnership to build a network of volunteers, faculty and students to conduct research and perform public health and medical services in impoverished areas of the DR, specifically in the bateyes and other underserved areas located near the Haitian/DR border.

#### **Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB)**

Longtime BRA partner CMMB is now involved as a collaborator in carrying the health component of BRA's Women's Empowerment Program in Haiti, through training of community health promoters and health education.

### **REGIONAL ALLIANCES**

In order to effectively carry out its humanitarian mission in the Dominican Republic, as well as in Haiti, BRA created strategic partnerships with well-established institutions working in the two countries. These partners are donors and collaborators that work in strategic ways to help produce high impact program results. Some of the major partners include: Haiti Ministry of Health, Partners in Health-Haiti, FONKOZE-Haiti, CMMB-Haiti, DR Ministry of Health, COPRESIDA, DIGECITTS, USAID, MLB-DDA, Canadian Funds for Local Initiatives, Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, PSI, Instituto Dermatológico y Cirugía de la Piel, and Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas.

BRA also formed alliances with local grassroots organizations and government agencies raising their capacity to deliver improved services in locations where BRA does not operate, thus expanding the organization's humanitarian effort. BRA's support to these groups is mainly in the distribution of millions of dollars-worth donated medicines, medical supplies, food supplements and equipment. The purpose is to address the health and nutritional needs of other impoverished bateyes, urban slums, rural communities and border localities where the populations cannot afford basic medical care and medicines. Some of the recipient groups include the SESPAS, Buen Samaritano, Hogar de Niño, Templo Bíblico, Colectiva Mujer y Salud (CEMUS), Fundación Salud y Bienestar (Fusabi), Colectivo de Salud Popular (COSALUP), Fundación Génesis, Fundación de Apoyo Nuevo Crecer, Centro Integral de Salud y Desarrollo (CISADE), Dirección Provincial de Salud de Hato Mayor (DPS), Esperanza International, Church of God, Rescate de Niños en Riesgo, Hogar Crea (Monte Plata), Ministerio Didáctico Cristiano, and the Municipality of Sabana Grande de Boyá.

#### **Minister of Health, Haiti**

One day before the earthquake, BRA's CEO signed in Port-au-Prince an important partnership agreement with Haiti's Ministry of Health handing over full control of the Southeast's only Medical Center to BRA to operate and manage. *"Once fully renovated and equipped, the facility, located in Anse-a-Pitres, will have the capacity to deliver complete health services and medicines to 20,000 people each year from surrounding communes, including Grand Gosier, Belle Anse and Thiotte to the DR's province of Pedernales,"* said Gaillard.

#### **Ministry of Health (SESPAS), DR**

In January 2009, BRA renewed its agreement of collaboration with the DR Ministry of Health. BRA has been collaborating with SESPAS since 2000. SESPAS assists the work of the BRA with healthcare personnel, customs clearance for medical donations, and as an implementing partner in projects such as child malnutrition and HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment.

#### **Seguro Nacional de Salud (SENASA)**

BRA and the DR National Health Insurance Agency, SENASA, teamed up to provide subsidized medical services to qualified individuals living in bateyes and other areas of the country. This partnership ensured that BRA will receive double the cost for the services provided, which creates greater financial freedom for BRA to extend project resources on behalf of those who are poor. 4,000 BRA patients have utilized SENASA insurance between June and December of 2009.





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#### **Senate Management Office of Province of Monte Plata, DR**

BRA signed collaborative agreements with the Senatorial Office of Monte Plata. The Senate Management Office and, in coordination with the organization ADELMOPLA, implemented the Training Plan for Cooperative members in topics of cooperative administration and agricultural production. BRA participated in the Agribusiness Center initiative that makes it possible to sell products in the local and international markets.

#### **State Sugar Council (CEA), DR**

BRA signed collaborative agreements with the State Sugar Council-CEA to make available 105 acres of fertile land for BRA's USDA-funded new agricultural cooperative development projects in the bateyes.

### **OUR CHALLENGES**

#### ***Continued Increased Financial Independence***

As BRA continues to grow rapidly, with additional projects inside Haiti and the DR, a major challenge is to cultivate a degree of financial independence in the organization to implement projects that are adequately funded, as well as maintain clinics that are well resourced. BRA received in-kind donations; however does not have major sponsors to support its many program expenses. A high percentage of the organization's total budget covers direct project delivery, yet its operation remains generally underfunded. We need additional funding to assure project continuity, employment security for technical and specialty staff, and the quality maintenance of BRA's health clinics. Moreover, with additional general funds, we would have more freedom to design and carry out projects that we deem necessary for the populations that we work for. An increase in our general budget would free us from constraints imposed by other institutions, allowing us to use our own expertise and experience to implement the most effective projects in the country.

BRA meets some of its financial challenges with income-generating services through Its Medical Center in the province of Monte Plata. BRA generates further incomes through its membership with the US-government Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) to receive financial donations from US federal employees.

### **GOALS FOR THE FUTURE—LOOKING FORWARD**

- Strengthen Regional intervention (Haiti - Dominican Republic) on the Border.
- Revamp the infrastructure of health services at BRA's Medical Center in Anse-a-Pitres.
- Renovate physical structures on BRA's Medical Center complex in Monte Plata to deliver inpatient and surgery care. Engineering students from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology-Engineers without Borders have provided initial support.
- Create BRA's five-year Strategic Plan 2011-2015.

### **SUPPORT FOR BRA'S WORK IN 2009-2010**

#### ***Cash Income and Expenses***

A copy of the Batey Relief Alliance's latest annual report may be obtained, upon request, from the New York State Office of the Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271. The same may be obtained from the Batey Relief Alliance's website at [www.bateyrelief.org](http://www.bateyrelief.org) (click on Financial Accountability).

### **THANK YOU!**

Batey Relief Alliance's Boards of Directors, officials and staff are thankful for your support enabling us to do more important work on behalf of the poor in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. There is much more to be done, however, and we need your continued support. We look forward to a productive partnership with you in the years to come.

*A special thanks to Daniel Shaughnessy of TCR Services and Matthew C. Krzyston of RPX Consulting Group for believing in our work and helping us to mobilize the resources we needed to serve those in desperate need.  
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### SUPPORT

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#### REVENUE

##### Contributions/Grants/Cash

USDA	\$1,136,626
USAID	\$114,975
NYS-DOH	\$7,500
Interest Income	\$2,052

##### Contributions/Private/Cash

Private contributions	\$102,317
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##### Contributions/In-kind/non-cash

Various donors	\$778,352
USAID	\$173,100

#### TOTAL INCOME

**\$2,314,922**

#### EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$42,347
Fundraising	\$74,088
Programs	
Pharmaceutical/medical supplies	\$958,796
Gen. Program/BRA Dominicana	\$286,793
Shipping/Transport	\$16,743
Travel/Accommodations	\$16,436

**\$1,352,856**

#### Depreciation

**\$6,654**

#### TOTAL EXPENDITURES

**\$1,401,857**

#### EXCESS FOR THE YEAR\*

**\$913,065**

#### BEGINNING FUND BALANCE\*

**\$150,985**

#### ENDING FUND BALANCE\*

**\$1,064,050**

*"The Batey Relief Alliance is doing important and difficult work. They need our continued support."*