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HAITI: MEDIKA MAMBA

VIDEO

CHILD GETTING WEIGHED IN A
SLING
NURSE WITH GREEN BAG OF
MEDIKA MAMBA FEEDING CHILD

SEVERELY MALNOURISHED
CHILDREN, SLEEPING, IN CRIB

CHILD GETTING WEIGHED
NURSE LOOKING AT MEDICAL
CHARTS,

MARIE FLEURISE GOURGUES,
NURSE, ON CAMERA

AUDIO

NARRATION

Parents of severely malnourished children in Haiti have something to be happy about. A new malnourishment therapy, called Medika Mamba, is saving lives, and boosting the local economy at the same time. (11.40")

Currently at least 120,000 children are severely malnourished in Haiti – about 6% of the child population. With the global food crisis, the situation is likely to get worse. (11.34")

But Nurse Marie Fleurise Gourgues says parents also play a critical role in determining the health and nutrition of their children. (6.8")

MARIE FLEURISE GOURGUES, (Creole) F

"You get a lot of parents who don't know about malnutrition. They may feed their kids a lot of food, but it's not the right kind. It needs to have protein, calories, and vitamins – things to build the body and protect it from disease." (12.9")

CLOSE UP OF YOUNG BABY GIRL
WITH MEDIKA MAMBA

NARRATION

But this three-year-old orphan was lucky. Medika Mamba saved her life even after doctors gave her up for dead. (6.2")

WOMAN FEEDING BABY

Nicole Etienne is one of the caretakers at the Orphanage of Notre Dame. She says the fact that this baby is alive today is nothing short of a miracle. (9.)

CLOSE UP OF BABY GIRL

MS. NICOLE ETIENNE, CHILD
CARE WORKER, ON CAMERA

NICOLE ETIENNE, (Creole) F

"The effect was so fast; everyone at the orphanage was shocked. In one week, she went from death back to life. It's a miracle product." (7.10")

PEANUT BUTTER COMING OUT
OF MACHINE

NARRATION

Medika Mamba is produced by the US-based organization Meds and Food for Kids. They built a factory here to process local peanuts into peanut butter that is then fortified with protein, vitamins and minerals. It costs about six dollars a bag to produce, and can treat a child for a week. (16")

PEANUT BUTTER BEING
PROCESSED AND Poured INTO
BAGS

MAN WALKING INTO PEANUT
QUALITY CONTROL AREA

But project Director Tom Stehl says using local peanuts presents some serious health problems. (4.9")

TOM STEHL, PROJECT
DIRECTOR, MEDS & FOOD FOR
KIDS, ON CAMERA

TOM STEHL, (English) M

"This is a good peanut. This is a peanut that has a higher risk of aflatoxin contamination." (5.9")

CLOSE UP OF PEANUTS

CONTAMINATED PEANUTS IN A
BOX

WORKERS SORTING PEANUTS

OPENING BAG OF MEDIKA
MAMBA
LAB TECHNICIAN CONDUCTING
TEST

YOUNG PEANUT FIELDS
FARMERS IN THE FIELDS

TOM STEHL ON CAMERA

CU OF KIDS IN MALNUTRITION
CLINIC
WOMAN FEEDING CHILD MEDIKA
MAMBA

NARRATION

Aflatoxins are caused by a fungus. If consumed in large quantities, they can cause liver cancer.

Workers spend most of their time separating good peanuts from bad. It would be cheaper to use imported peanut butter from the United States, but the project is committed to promoting local agriculture. (16.5")

Random lab tests ensure that Medika Mamba is aflatoxin free. These tests are an important part of keeping the product safe for consumers. (9")

The organization is also working with local farmers to improve the quality of their crops. They hope one day to eliminate aflatoxins from Haiti entirely. (8")

TOM STEHL, (English)

"I don't know if Medika Mamba is the answer, but this model that we're promoting where we go and buy agricultural products from Haitians, and use Haitian products to produce Haitian products, is part of the answer to the food crisis in Haiti."
(13")

NARRATION

It could also be an answer to malnutrition – nearly all malnourished kids treated with Medika Mamba recover. (6")

CU OF BABY GIRL /CU BABIES
GETTING MEDIKA MAMBA

So for the price of just peanuts, these children are
winning the battle against malnutrition. (5.5")

UN LOGO

From Cap Haitian, this is Amelia Shaw and
Blagoje Grujic for the United Nations. (4.5")