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## UN PROVIDES GENERATOR FOR A HOSPITAL IN HAITI

### VIDEO

MOTHER COMFORTS HER  
CHILD

HOSPITAL ROOM WITH  
PATIENTS IN BED

NURSES & DOCTOR  
PREPARING FOR SURGICAL  
OPERATION

DR. JEAN-MARIE BRISSAULT,  
GYNECOLOGIST, ON  
CAMERA

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

The St. Michel District Hospital of Jacmel is the biggest referral hospital in the South-East region of Haiti: 600, 000 inhabitants are depending on its Primary Health Care delivery system.

Until recently, the staff there had to work under very difficult conditions. Surgeries performed by candle light, no air conditioning, and equipment that wouldn't work due to a lack of electricity, explains Dr. Jean-Marie Brissault of the hospital. (27)

#### DR. JEAN-MARIE BRISSAULT: (Creole) **M**

*"We were obliged to perform child birth by candle light, however not the surgeries. We were also obliged to fix the bleeding veins in the candle light and to do intravenous application to inject serum to the patient's blood by candle light. That was a bit complicated." (13.85")*

NARRATION

CEILING FAN

FAN TO NURSES TREATING  
BABY

POWER GENERATOR

Since July 14<sup>th</sup>, everything has changed. The hospital received a donation of a heavy-duty generator capable of producing 175 KW per hour for 1,000 hours non-stop. According to the Administrator of the Hospital, Margarete St. Fort-Vernet, this has allowed surgeons to perform up to two operations per day under normal conditions. (22")

MARGARETE ST. FORT-  
VERNET, HOSPITAL  
ADMINISTRATOR, ON  
CAMERA

ST. FORT-VERNET: (Creole) **F**

*"We are no longer obliged to transfer the patients to Port au Prince when there is an urgent surgery to do. This is a big point. We are about to put structures in place to put lamps in the whole yard because there are currently security problems at the hospital."* (12.75")

NARRATION

PATIENT IN BED

MR. AMIDOU OUEDRAGO  
ARRIVES

The price of the generator was 33,500 US dollars and it was largely paid for by the United Nations Mission in Haiti through its quick impact project office. The Haitian Ministry of Public Health also contributed by paying approximately 17 percent of the cost. For the Chief of Civil Affairs of MINUSTAH's Office in Jacmel, Amidou Ouedrago, the organization of the generator and the provision and installation solved a basic need. (27")

AMIDOU OUEDRAGO: (Creole) **M**

AMIDOU OUEDRAGO, CHIEF  
OF CIVIL AFFAIRS

*"There are some nine doctors currently working at the hospitals, plus 11 interns, and they were*

MINUSTAH, ON CAMERA

*not in a situation to function normally. Jacmel, as with many other places in the country, often has a lack of electricity. With the donation of the generator, MINUSTAH wanted to respond to the expectation of the population and help to give access to basic needs". (17")*

NARRATION

WOMAN WAITING AT  
HOSPITAL COUNTER

Most of these patients are coming from far away, walking many hours to receive treatment at the hospital. (5.5")

ROSANIE LAURENT,  
PATIENT, ON CAMERA

ROSANIE LAURENT: (Creole) **F**  
*"This is the only place I can come. There is no other place." (2.75")*

ANDRELA DESIR, PATIENT,  
ON CAMERA

ANDRELA DESIR: (Creole) **F**  
*"They give power and when they give it, they give it for a good while." (2.85")*

NARRATION

PATIENT LYING IN BED  
PATIENT AND VISITOR

NURSE CHECKING CHARTS  
DESK/DOCUMENTS

The hospital provides essential services such as: pediatric surgery, emergency care, internal medicine and general services. However, sections such as urology are still missing. Margarete St. Fort-Vernet keeps her positive attitude concerning further improvements at the hospital. (17.63")

MARGARETTE ST. FORT-  
VERNET ON CAMERA

ST. FORT-VERNET: (Creole) **F**  
*"My dream is that the St. Michel Hospital will become a pioneer hospital which serves as a model for the construction of other hospitals." (17.63")*

(6.7")

NARRATION

HOSPITAL YARD WITH  
WOMAN/ GARBAGE & PIGS  
IN YARD / HOSPITAL STAFF

With the new generator, Margarete is one step closer to the fulfillment of her dream. Permanent supply of electricity will help her to tackle the next step: to create a well lit and secure environment within the hospital grounds. (14")

UN LOGO

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