

Zanmi Lasante (ZL) has been working for over 30 years supporting the health and wellbeing of populations throughout the Central Plateau and Lower Artibonite. ZL has become one of the largest healthcare providers in Haiti working in close relationship with the Haitian Ministry of Health (MSPP), serving a direct catchment of 1.3 million people across two of the country's poorest regions. ZL employs over 6,300 staff, including 2,500 community health workers (CHWs), to provide primary care, HIV and tuberculosis (TB) services, as well as secondary and tertiary care through a network of 15 health facilities.

PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- HIV/AIDS and TB
- Maternal and Child Health
- Malnutrition
- Medical Education
- Mental Health
- Water Sanitation and Hygiene
- Gender-Based Violence & Child Protection
- Oncology

IMPACT

802 patient beds within the ZL network

Over 15,000 patients enrolled in HIV care and **over 100,000 HIV tests** performed annually

In 2019, CHWs conducted **219,451 home visits**

Between July 2019 and June 2020, **785,000 patient visits** recorded throughout all sites

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COUNTRY HISTORY

Since reaching its independence in 1804, Haiti has experienced political turmoil that has contributed to its lack of economic development and challenges in the healthcare system. Prone to hurricanes and earthquakes, Haiti has often faced widespread destruction resulting in health crises such as trauma, cholera, malnutrition, and COVID-19, which further stress the overworked and understaffed healthcare system. With over 60% of the population living below the poverty line, demand on the public healthcare system is high and often not met because of low government funding and lack of resources.



HIV/AIDS

In 1998, ZL launched the HIV Equity Initiative, one of the first programs in the world to provide anti-retroviral therapy (ART) in resource-limited settings. Today, ZL is one of the largest HIV providers in Haiti's Central Plateau and Lower Artibonite regions with over 15,000 patients receiving treatment and over 100,000 screened every year.



WOMEN'S HEALTH / SANTE FANM

ZL's women's health program, Sante Fanm, launched in 1990, was the first targeted women's health program in Haiti's Central Plateau and provides comprehensive services for women including family planning, gynecology, pre- and post-natal care, and cancer screening. With over 22,000 facility-based deliveries in 2019, ZL strives to provide the highest quality of care for women across its network of supported facilities.

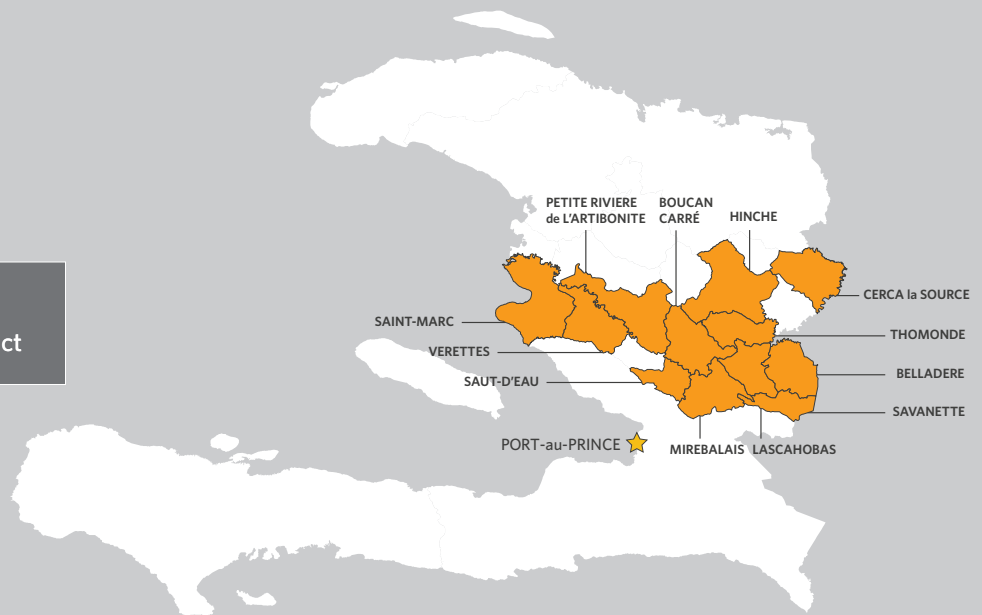


MALNUTRITION

Nourimanba, a peanut-based ready-to-use therapeutic food, is essential to ZL's malnutrition program, which supports over 15,000 malnourished children under five each year. In 2013, ZL opened a Production Center for Nourimanba, to produce the food locally and distribute within ZL's network of health facilities.

Haiti

- ★ Capital City
- PIH / Haiti Supported District



FUELING THE NEXT GENERATION OF DOCTORS IN HAITI



In Haiti, only one-third of physicians have the opportunity to complete residency programs, enabling them to train in a medical specialty. Since 2012, ZL has led residency programs, training physicians in medical specialties that are highly needed within the country. With residencies in family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, surgery, emergency medicine, and OB/GYN, ZL provides nearly 20% of the residency opportunities in Haiti. A total of 124 physicians have graduated, with 98% of graduates remaining in Haiti, of which approximately 88% remain in ZL-supported or other rural health facilities. In 2020, the University Hospital in Mirebalais, home to ZL's medical education program, received Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME-I) accreditation, making it the first hospital in a low-resource country to be formally accredited as a teaching hospital.

HELPING FAMILIES WITH JOURNEY TO 9 PLUS

With more than 60% of births in Haiti occurring outside of a health facility, and a high mortality rate due to malnutrition for children under five—of which 75% of deaths is among children under one—pregnant mothers and their newborns are especially vulnerable.



In 2018, ZL launched the Journey to 9 Plus (J9 Plus) program to provide support and connect women and children in need of healthcare services. J9 Plus is a comprehensive continuum of care package which supports mothers and infants through group antenatal care, labor and delivery, post-natal care, and routine well baby visits. Through ZL's network of community health workers, expectant mothers receive home visits to monitor their pregnancy, eliminating their need to travel long distances to the facility or pay for transportation. Roselene is one mother who has experienced the benefits of the J9 program. During a routine visit from her CHW, it was discovered that Roselene's blood pressure was high and she was experiencing other symptoms which concerned the CHW. With ZL's support, Roselene was transported to University Hospital in Mirebalais and was hospitalized until she felt better. By identifying Roselene's condition at the community level, and quickly facilitating access to quality health care, the team prevented a potential case of maternal death.