



GLOBAL MEDICAL BRIGADES: Honduras 2022

"Students empowering communities, communities empowering students"



About Global Brigades

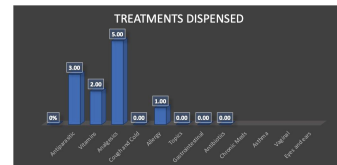
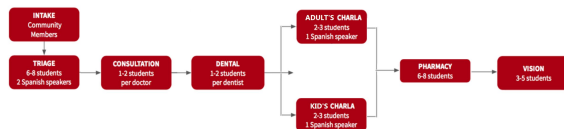
Global Brigades is a multi-faceted organization that aims to implement medical, public health, economic, and educational initiatives in Central American countries. The "Holistic Model" emphasizes sustainable solutions that allow for independent development within communities over time. Global Medical Brigades focuses on improving general health by providing doctor consultations and prescription medications to those in need, as well as providing health and hygiene education. However, this brigade cannot stand alone and should be accompanied by other brigades to reach its full impact. **The goal is to collaborate with communities to resolve global health and economic disparities.**

Background on Honduras

There is approximately 1 physician per 1000 people in Honduras. The current healthcare system in Honduras facilitates socioeconomic inequality between urban and rural areas. 45% of the population in Honduras resides in rural areas. The community we were assigned, San Jeronimo, Namasigue, has expressed need for a healthcare center renovation and better access to healthcare

2022 Telebrigade Impact

- Created Charla videos, which are educational resources for children that inform about healthy eating and exercise habits. These videos will be played in urban clinics supported by Global Brigades
- Supported an urban clinic, allowing them to provide medications and other medical services, such as eye screenings, for free.



Honduran Healthcare System

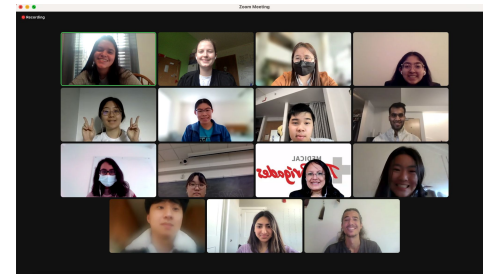
In Honduras, there is both a public and private healthcare system. The public system is funded by the Ministry of Health and the Honduran Institute of Social Security. Private hospitals are found in cities and are used by the wealthy.

Challenges: Rural areas lie far away from hospitals and lack of transportation compounds the difficulty in accessing quality care. The few clinics that do exist in rural areas suffer from a lack of funding, space, and healthcare professionals. Lack of sanitation and clean running water leads to the spread of water-borne illnesses. Water is also scarce in the dry season and the improper storage of water can exacerbate illnesses.



Women Empowerment Fund

- This is a fund created by Global Brigades to use as a way to reduce gender discrimination in the communities they work with and ensure more equitable economic outcomes for the women in these communities.
- This fund allows women to have equal access to leadership positions and trainings, health information, reproductive health services, economic resources, and they are able to go to annual conferences for female leadership.
- Our chapter was able to fundraise \$5000 to donate to this important fund.



Our Brigade Objectives

Our Telebrigade's Objective: Fundraise money to support free rural and urban clinics in Honduras while holistically learning about Honduran healthcare and creating educational resources about preventative health practices to increase our current impact and our future impact.

Global Brigade's Objective: To collaborate with communities to identify their health and economic goals and use our holistic model to support these communities in achieving those goals.