

Since 2005, Global Links has been working with the Alcoa Foundation to provide critically needed dialysis equipment and supplies to support the Hospital of the West Indies Dialysis Unit in Kingston, Jamaica. Given that kidney disease is an increasingly prevalent problem on the island, dialysis treatment was identified as a key area to support. Through the donation of dialysis equipment and supplies as well as helping key staff receive needed training, Global Links is working to enhance the capacity of this unit to provide quality—lifesaving—dialysis care to a growing number of patients.

### Jamaica

- 1990-present
- 37 forty-foot sea containers
- Valued at \$6.2 million
- Benefiting more than 20 hospitals throughout the country.

### Guatemala

- 2007-present
- 9 forty-foot sea containers
- Valued at \$776,000
- Benefiting 13 hospitals throughout the country.

### Honduras

- 1998-present
- 30 forty-foot sea containers
- Valued at over \$7.8 million
- Benefiting more than 20 hospitals throughout the country.

### Nicaragua

- 1990-present
- 62 forty-foot sea containers
- Valued at \$9.8 million
- Benefiting all public hospitals throughout the country.

### Cuba

- 1994-present
- 75 forty-foot sea containers
- Valued at \$81 million
- Benefiting more than 50 hospitals throughout the country.

With support from the Atlantic Philanthropies, Global Links has been able to supply Cuba with much needed mammography equipment for treatment and diagnosis of breast cancer throughout the island. In addition, they have helped with the procurement and transport of 30 dialysis machines and supplies as well as nephrology lab equipment and supplies to enhance the capacity of Cuba's nephrology researchers to conduct cutting edge research. This included purchases of over 100,000 urine test strips for use in the internationally recognized Isle of Youth study to look at the population level indicators of potential kidney disease.

### Dominican Republic

- 1998-present
- 29 forty-foot sea containers
- Valued at \$29 million
- Benefiting hospitals throughout the country.

### Haiti

- 1989-present
- 14 forty-foot sea containers
- Valued at \$5.5 million
- Benefiting hospitals throughout the country.

### Bolivia

- 2000-present
- 14 forty-foot sea containers
- Valued at \$861,000
- Benefiting 19 hospitals throughout the country.

### Guyana

- 1996-present
- 15 forty-foot sea containers
- Valued at \$1.2 million
- Benefiting hospitals throughout the country.

Global Links recently set a shipment of needed mattresses, beds and linens to benefit the National Psychiatric Hospital in Guyana which houses more than 200 patients. The hospital has a serious problem with bedbugs requiring fumigation and replacement of the hospital's beds and mattresses. The process of removing and replacing this material from the facility is going to be very expensive and will tax the institution's limited budget. At the request of the Ministry of Health, Global Links will provide 120 to 150 mattresses along with other materials to improve conditions at this hospital.



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