

DAP (Disaster Assistance Partnerships)

An IFHE Collaboration with Home Economics

Partners Worldwide

Projects:

Sierra Leone, the Honduras Initiative and Caribbean
Hurricane Assistance

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Sierra Leone Update, 2017

- The first school ever in Madina Village, Sierra Leone opened in 2013 with 225 students in grades 1-5.
- Building this school was the lifelong dream of Francis Mustupha, who grew up in Madina but taught Science in Indiana with Juanita for over 25 years.
- Returning to Sierra Leone, they planned, cleared the land and built the 2 buildings, all by hand, big enough to eventually have a high school and community space.
- The past 5 years we've sent over 50 boxes of school supplies and, more recently, 5 treadle sewing machines and sewing materials for village women's projects.
- This year SCAFCS sent 5 boxes, but with different contents.
- **AND THIS YEAR THEY HAVE THEIR FIRST SOLAR ELECTRIC POWER!!**



Let there be LIGHT!! For the first time in Madina Village School the new solar panels produced light! May, 2017



ELECTRICITY OFFERS HUGE NEW POSSIBILITIES!

- The buildings can be used at night as well as providing better daytime indoor lighting, the use of electronic equipment, computers, etc.
- The women's group can use space at night for their sewing and other income generating or preservation projects AND they can now use electric sewing machines, irons and other equipment.
- But they will need to be taught how to effectively use these electric “things.”
- The village Women's Group is to put together a plan and a proposal for how DAP and IHES might best assist them with the help of Bobbie Mustupha. Writing a “proposal” is a completely new concept for them.
- We hope to send a “trainer” to hold appropriate workshops to help develop lasting skills. The women are excited! This is all so “new.”
- Eventually we hope to help them incorporate home economics into the curriculum as children learn to read and progress to a secondary level.



Madina Village Women sewing on NEW treadle sewing machines purchased by the International Home Economics Services, Inc. (IHES)



245 Dresses for the girls and underwear for all the children of the school in 2017

- ▶ **THIS YEAR WE SENT 5 BOXES TO MADINA**
- ▶ Carol Weatherford spearheaded the project of dressmaking and providing underwear for both boys and girls. This was a big HIT and much appreciated!!
- ▶ About a dozen women, including her mother, age 92, made the dresses.
- ▶ DAP purchased the underwear with donated money.
- ▶ Two boxes of school supplies and sewing supplies were also sent.



- Madina Village School
Milestones, Sierre Leone

First ever school is now in it's sixth year, started by Francis Mustupha and wife Bobbie

The first class to reach grade six sat exit exams to advance to secondary school and every student passed the exam!

Classroom in the school - Madina Village



The HONDURAS INITIATIVE UPDATE, 2018

- Based on work completed between 2015 and 2016, DAP received an IFHE-US Development Fund Grant of \$5,000 for the period August 2016 to July 2019.
- Input was gathered from Partners at both AAFCS and IFHE Congress in 2016 for implementing Phase 1 of the 3 Phase Project. Continuing input will be needed.
- Phase 1 was to gather specific information from targeted Hondurans as to their interest and specific needs that Partnerships might build upon to help develop a pilot project(s) for needed programs.
- Mary Keith and Nancy Granovsky went to Honduras to hold discussions and workshops in identified locations for the specific purpose of our moving forward with a PILOT PROJECT or PROJECTS. Recently we were told it is too dangerous for our people to go to the area where we need to go but we we can still send items.
- Direct project work this year has centered on the “Instituto Polivalente” in Jutiapa, sending additional requested materials to the Dressmaking/Tailoring Workshop and their Industrial Arts Workshop of the Career Center.

FACES OF HONDURAN GIRLS EXCITEMENT AT LEARNING TO USE A SEWING MACHINE. AMAZEMENT AND DELIGHT!!



HONDURAS INITIATIVE UPDATE

- This year DAP expanded its work with the Jutiapa Career Center through Sr. Franklin Rivera, Director, responding to his request for irons, small equipment and 4 more sewing machines. Fabrics and notions were also sent for the Dressmaking/Tailoring Workshop.
- His urgent request that we assist the boys Industrial Arts classes was partially met in an effort to increase skills that would build career options for boys that very much need training to survive.
- 5 large boxes were sent in early April. Packing was done in SC and shipped to Houston to our Partner, Sandra Irish. She was able to arrange safe shipping from there and she paid for sending the 5 boxes on to the school. (Sandra in blue, shipping boxes)
- 4 heavy duty Singer sewing machines were sent a week later with the assistance of IHES, Partner and originator of DAP.
- This year we hope to send sewing machines and supplies to a Marcala women's group and are awaiting their proposal.



Partnering Recap-- INSTITUTO POLIVALENTE REPUBLICA: Jutiapa to date

Jutiapa Career Center

- ▶ We have purchased and sent 9 heavy duty sewing machines to date;
- ▶ 15 boxes of donated fabric and sewing supplies and supplied some requested industrial arts equipment.
- ▶ Shipping was donated or paid for by DAP and Sandra Irish.
- ▶ IHES has been a continual supporting Partner and contributes directly to this effort on an ongoing basis.



THEN THE SEPTEMBER 2017 HURRICANES HIT AND THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIPS (DAP) PUT OUT A CALL FOR HELP!!

- Hurricanes Irma and Maria hit the Northeastern Caribbean Islands hard, one after the other with amazing devastation!
- DAP reached out to our Caribbean colleagues after their pleas for assistance. Home Economics programs are in desperate need.
- DAP sent out a request to all Home Economics/FCS groups to come to the aid of our Caribbean HE/FCS colleagues.
- Infrastructure on Antigua was still usable so refugees poured in from Barbuda, Dominica and other Islands.

PACKING DAYS AT LAKE WATEREE STORAGE UNITS: RECEIVING, SORTING, CAREFULLY PACKING, LABELING, STACKING. LOT'S OF WORK DONE BY LOT'S OF PEOPLE WHO CARE!



Caribbean Disaster Assistance 2017-18

- Caribbean Coordinator, Audrey Drayton-Jones is our Advisor along with the President of the Caribbean Association.
- Supplies and money have been donated to both DAP and IHES from all over the US as well as from Canadian and European home economists. SC FCS colleagues donated and helped pack.
- Mostly South Carolinians helped sort, pack and stack boxes of supplies on two different days. SUV loads were brought from Indiana, Texas and Tennessee to the SC warehouse.
- 60 boxes of supplies were delivered to Antigua for distribution to Home Economics students from Barbuda and Dominica.
- Nine sewing machines were provided by IHES donations.



**SHIPMENT of SIXTY DAP BOXES
PICKED UP IN SOUTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 7, 2017**



**SHIPMENT DELIVERED TO ANTIGUA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION on
DECEMBER 28, 2017**



ANTIGUA HOME ECONOMICS MINISTER, IRIS MAE GUMBS WAS in CHARGE of UNPACKING AND DISTRIBUTING HOME ECONOMICS SUPPLIES FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS NOW LIVING ON ANTIGUA. THE ANTIGUA ASSOCIATION OF HOME ECONOMISTS ALSO HELPED.



THE WORK GOES ON: OTHER ISLANDS HARD HIT HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE AND HAVE BEEN PRIORITIZED

- Our Caribbean colleagues led by Audrey Drayton-Jones are evaluating requests for assistance and making recommendations to DAP.
- Consideration must be given to where infrastructure has been repaired so that assistance can actually be given. Many schools need to be rebuilt but funds are scarce so it will take time on several islands.
- The NEXT DAP “PACKING DAY” will be Saturday, March 10, from 9:00 to 1:00 At the Wateree Storage facility on Lake Wateree near Juanita Mendenhall's house. A memo will be sent with directions for participation and HELP is needed!

Next shipments will be sent to Tortola and the British Virgin Islands and Anguilla in March.

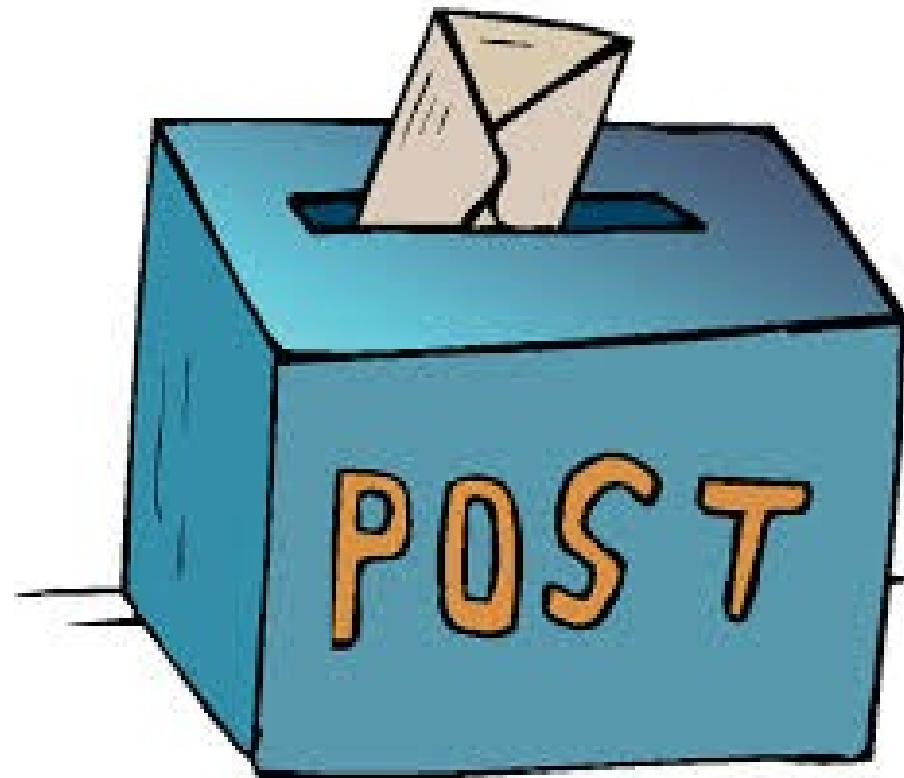
DAP SALES TABLES AT CONVENTIONS PRIMARILY FUND SHIPPING TO PROJECTS

- In 2010, the Disaste Assistance Partnerships held it's first Product Sales Table at AAFCS in Cleveland. Since that time we have held 16 Sales Tables, raising over \$16,000. IFHE-US holds DAP Funds as a Partner, making ALL donations tax deductible.
- Materials and equipment have been sent to St. Lucia, Antigua, the Phillipines, Haiti, Samoa, Sierre Leone, West Aftica and Honduras.
- Many volunteers have helped at the Sales Tables, some faithfully for years and many others have contributed items to be sold. A great number of persons have shopped the tables.
- Especially in South Carolina, home economists and generous friends have joined in suppling and packing the many, many boxes that have been shipped around the world, totalling over 160 boxes and in some cases, suitcases full of supplies carried since 2010.
- OUR PARTNERSHIP WOULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT YOU! THANKS!



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