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Charity Navigator, the nation’s largest and most prestigious charity monitor, has not only rated MAP International as a 4 Star charity once again, but has also given MAP a PERFECT 100 score!

Charity Navigator says MAP executes our mission in a “fiscally responsible way while adhering to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities.”

MAP earned perfect scores in Financial Health, Accountability and Transparency. We are 100 percent committed to bringing health and hope to children and families with the most need in over 100 countries around the world.
**Zika: A Mosquito Borne Epidemic**

Families in many South and Latin American countries are facing a heartbreaking dilemma: Avoid pregnancy altogether or risk a stillbirth or the birth of a baby with severe mental and physical disabilities.

With the Zika virus continuing to spread, the impact is personal for many. “We have already lost four babies in our congregation,” said Pastor Maria Cristina Gregorio, of the Tabernacle Church of Salvation and Praise in the Dominican Republic. “The virus is everywhere.”

The Aedes aegypti mosquito is spreading the Zika virus rapidly throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, and it’s estimated that there are over 1,500 cases in the United States as well. “This is the cockroach of mosquitoes,” said Dr. Tom Frieden, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC). “It lives indoors and out, bites in the day and in the night. The eggs can last more than a year, and they can hatch in a drop of water.”

Though not life-threatening to healthy adults, unborn babies are at high risk for the Zika virus, which can cause severe birth defects if the baby survives pregnancy. Symptoms are very similar to those of malaria, chikungunya, dengue, yellow fever and other diseases. This complicates matters, causing many people to think that they’ve been infected with the Zika virus by providing mosquito repellents and to alleviate the effects of those infected by the virus through pain relievers and fever reducers.

Francesca, a young mother of two in the Dominican Republic, is like many others living in Zika infected regions. “I think that my children had Zika last month,” said Francesca. “They had diarrhea, headaches, and fevers.”

MAP’s primary goal is to protect pregnant women from the Zika virus by providing mosquito repellents and to alleviate the effects of those infected by the virus through pain relievers and fever reducers. Since February, MAP has provided over $119 million in relief to Zika infected regions and will continue to provide as much aid as possible to field partners.

The speed of an epidemic is a speed of days and weeks,” said Frieden. “We have a narrow window of opportunity to scale up Zika prevention measures, and that window is closing.”

You can help protect and treat those living in Zika areas in South and Latin America. Learn more about MAP’s Zika response and how you can help, at [www.map.org/zika](http://www.map.org/zika).

**The Facts on Zika**

- Discovered in 1947 in the Zika Forest in Uganda
- Spread by the Aedes aegypti mosquito
- Symptoms: fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis
- Can cause microcephaly in unborn children
- February 2016, declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the WHO
- Prevention is key

**Hope in an Unlikely Place**

Angelina, a pregnant mother of three, lives with her children in a slum near the enormous garbage dump in Guatemala City.

Her life isn’t easy. Toxic fumes and burning garbage threaten her family’s health and gangs threaten their safety. But in the middle of this horrific setting, Angelina and her family find hope at a clinic filled with medicines from MAP.

Angelina’s youngest daughter, Charon, is just five years old and is already suffering from respiratory issues from the burning trash at the dump. This family has no other option; this is their home. Living without hope was unbearable, but then they found the clinic.

“In the midst of one of the filthiest areas I’ve ever seen, the children were joyful and thankful to have a clinic in their zone,” said Kathryn Hean, MAP’s Partnership Development Officer, who was visiting the area. “The children all had smiles on their faces because of the joy that health brought to the community. In such a horrible place to live, they found light because of the clinic staff, it was uplifting.”

The Heart of Love clinic, started by nurse Lelah and her husband pastor Saul, provides Angelina and her children with medicines for their respiratory issues as well as vitamins free of charge. “We are very grateful for helping this very poor community,” said nurse Lelah “These medicines are helping a lot of people and bring so much hope. Even just one bandage comes in the name of Christ.”

Medicines from MAP help restore hope every day in more than 100 countries. You can help provide medical aid to the world’s most underserved children and families by going to [www.map.org/hope](http://www.map.org/hope).

**MAP Zika Relief**

Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Columbia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Nicaragua
Panama
Peru
Paraguay
Venezuela

**You Ask MAP, We Answer**

**How does MAP have medicines ready to ship in case of emergency?**

MAP International’s Medicines Program provides a combination of donated and purchased essential medicines and medical supplies to those in need. The supplies are housed in our 40,000 sq foot distribution center in Brunswick, GA, ready to be shipped out of the nearby port or airlifted to disaster zones. Maximizing humanitarian impact practically anywhere on earth, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**MAP accesses high-quality medicines and medical supplies globally from trusted manufacturers and wholesalers and effectively delivers them to healthcare agencies and medical assistance programs around the world.**

**www.map.org/zika**

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Angelina and her three children hold medicines supplied by MAP International.
Crisis Preparedness

When a disaster hits, MAP is often among the first responders, all thanks to your faithful support. MAP ensures that medical teams on the ground have medicine, emergency supplies, and so much more. This year your generous gifts reached thousands of people who needed help and hope when it mattered most in Nepal, West Africa, Jordan, Armenia, Ecuador, and many more difficult places.

When the devastating earthquake hit Nepal last April, MAP was ready. Medicines were packed and in the air within 48 hours, saving lives of those in desperate need.

Just a few months ago, a series of earthquakes hit Ecuador, destroying entire towns. MAP was prepositioned with Emergency Health Kits, each containing enough medicines and supplies to treat 10,000 people for 90 days, ready to be airlifted into the most devastated areas.

MAP’s partnership with the Integral Alliance of Christian relief organizations means aid is pre-positioned with leading partners around the world. Being prepared changes everything in a disaster response. You can help us prepare for the next disaster today by partnering with our disaster response team at www.map.org/disasters.

Saving Lives of Children Under Five

In remote regions of the world, a large percentage of children die before they reach their fifth birthday. Sadly, many die from conditions that are not only preventable, but also easily treated. MAP International aims to change that staggering statistic and offers simple, yet highly effective solutions that will save young lives.

By providing Vitamin A and deworming medicines, MAP improves the quality of life and save the lives of young children in Cote d’Ivoire and many other countries. Vitamin A deficiency makes infants vulnerable to diarrheal and other diseases, a leading cause of death in children under five in sub-Saharan Africa. Vitamin A deficiency also leads to anemia and blindness.

Worm infections cause and worsen malnutrition and anemia, both of which have significant negative impacts on children of preschool age who are in a period of intense physical and mental growth.

MAP and our partners can administer both of these life-saving treatments at the same time to dramatically reduce children’s susceptibility to disease.

While children five and over often receive these interventions through school-based programs, children under five years old, who are most at risk of death from disease, often do not receive these critical treatments.

Good Samaritans

Would you give up your vacation to help the less fortunate? That’s exactly what Jordan Chapman, a nursing student at Kentucky Christian University, did when she volunteered during her spring break in Grand Gaove, Haiti.

Jordan is a shining example of the humanitarians that MAP works with on a daily basis to provide medical care to remote regions of the world.

“Every single patient was important to us, and every single one taught us more about the medical field, the Haitian people, about ourselves, and more about the love of God.”

MAP celebrates the amazing physicians, nurses, clinic workers, and missionaries that save lives in developing countries with medicines and medical supplies. This is truly MAP’s original mission: serving the servants.

On World Humanitarian Day, August 19, and every other day of the year, MAP celebrates those who give so selflessly to the welfare of others.

Please join MAP on Facebook with the hashtag #MAPhumanitarians and share a photo of someone you appreciate doing humanitarian work.

Around the world, over 2 million children under age five die from easily treatable illnesses each year.

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” — Mother Teresa

www.map.org/disasters
Retired United States Navy Captain, nurse Ginny Beeson, checking a new mother’s blood pressure in the Dominican Republic on a mission with MAP medicines.

When the members of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, planned their mission trip to the Dominican Republic they hoped to work on a building project and teach Vacation Bible School. But when they were able to take Medical Mission Packs from MAP International, they learned how they could save lives.

Working with a local Santo Domingo church, the team established a pop-up clinic in a community with limited access to healthcare. The team saw 100 families, and more than 500 patients in a single day, treating everything from serious, life-threatening infections to colds. Foundation for Peace Medical Director, Dr. Cici Lugo, said, “It was such a blessing to have medicines from MAP. The quality was so good and we’ve never been able to treat so many people with what they truly needed.”

“I didn’t know that by partnering with MAP our mission trip would have so much more impact,” said Pastor Donna Marsh. “It took the impact of our mission trip to a new level entirely. We were able to really meet a need in the community because of the medicines we brought with us.”

Are you traveling to a country or region where medical resources are limited? Whether you are part of a church mission trip, a school program or traveling alone or with friends, bringing much-needed medicines and supplies can be life-changing and life-saving for those you visit. Learn how to procure medicines for your next mission at www.map.org/medicines.