MAP Bolivia impacted over 30,000 children and families through eight projects that include Maternal and Child Health and Protection, Neglected Tropical Disease prevention, Health Promotion, and Essential Medicines.

MAP’s joint Chagas project with the AbbVie Foundation targeted 40 communities in Bolivia, impacting 8,825 people. 77 educational activities and 3,203 people were impacted at 256 workshops in 2015 on Chagas prevention and detection. 94 adobe homes were repaired to prevent the Chagas vector.

MAP Bolivia worked with nearly 300 disabled children and provided them with access to healthcare and education. 4,455 local authorities were trained at 53 workshops on sexual violence, disability prevention and early childhood development. 93 victims of sexual violence received legal and psychological support. 500 students and teachers joined with MAP in Morochata in a March of Solidarity with victims of sexual violence.

The Health Clinic treated 67 people bitten by dogs and has now vaccinated 1,900 local dogs and cats against rabies. There were 1,925 consultations, 2,010 injections administered for various needs, 910 people were provided with dental care, and 882 people were assisted with wounds care. Bolivia’s Maternal and Child Health Program, Focus 1365, was very active in the Chilimarca community this year. More than 300 additional children and their families participated in multiple activities, including brain development, nutrition, reading, disabilities, water pollution and organic gardening activities.

The community pharmacy in Chilimarca operates 24/7, providing over 2,000 prescriptions each year, primarily antibiotics for women and children. The pharmacy has also played a key role in alleviating iron and vitamin A deficiency in the local children.

High in the mountains of Bolivia, in a very simple one room home, Mayra lives with her grandmother Valentina where the adobe homes are a breeding ground for Chagas vector. Chagas, if left untreated is lifelong and can cause severe pain, debilitation, brain swelling, heart arrhythmias, and other life-threatening medical problems.

Soon after her birth, Mayra’s parents abandoned her with her grandmother, that was five years ago. When Valentina learned about MAP and the AbbVie Foundation’s Chagas Prevention project she realized that they were living in conditions that put them at high risk for Chagas disease. Due to their very poor living conditions, Valentina and Mayra were one of the families in extreme need that were chosen to participate in this project. Not only was Valentina and Mayra’s home fortified from Chagas, but they were also trained on Chagas prevention and learned skills to improve their physical and mental health. Today, Valentina and Mayra are healthy and have a clean, safe home protected from Chagas disease.
MAP Cote d'Ivoire impacted over 1.2 million children and families throughout six projects that include Maternal and Child Health and Protection, Neglected Tropical Disease prevention and treatment, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), and Holistic Health Development.

MAP worked with 143,518 people in 450 villages to gain Open Defecation Free certification by the government, increasing good hygiene and sanitation practices and giving them new sanitation facilities and hand-washing stations. 44,335 people in 133 villages now have access to safe water through 53 new boreholes and 80 water hand pumps that were replaced. 19 Water Point Management Committees were established to keep the hand pumps functioning properly.

Two Neglected Tropical Disease projects trained 97 health professionals on Buruli ulcer and leprosy diagnosis and treatment. 149 Buruli ulcer patients and 28 Leprosy patients were identified, diagnosed and treated. 100% of identified leprosy patients completed their full course of antibiotic treatments and Buruli treatment completion rose to 97% overall.

The Assenze Clinic received solar power equipment to safely conserve immunization and biomedical products safely. MAP worked to rehabilitate two primary schools to increase student capacity from 240 students to 480, this education work was implemented in partnership with the Vibrant Village Foundation. MAP also launched a campaign to increase local school attendance rates. A new kindergarten opened in the Abouakro village with the first class of 50 students.

A new surgical theater was constructed at the Beoumi General Hospital and now has two operating rooms to improve maternal and child health for nearly 30,000 women. MAP provided the Beoumi Health District with essential medicines and medical supplies for maternal and child health at two rural clinics benefiting over 50,000 women.

MAP Cote d’Ivoire dewormed the entire community of over 1,000 children and families in Beoumi.
Impacting Ecuador

MAP Ecuador impacted over 7,000 children and families throughout three projects that include Maternal and Child Health and Protection, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), and Holistic Health Development.

The Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Project provided nearly 400 people in the Chachi and Ita communities with access to clean water, improving their health and hygiene. MAP also provided both communities with deworming medicines to mitigate already existing health issues. An additional 52 families were provided with training on latrine care and use.

Life is very different in Santa Barbara, a small village perched on the side of the Arajuno River deep in the Ecuadorian jungle. The children in Santa Barbara know hunger, their nearest doctor is hours away - since the village is only accessible by boat. Their primary school is across the river, but the high school is a two hour walk along a jungle path through the Amazon.

The Vision Trip was extraordinary and it was easy to see why MAP’s formula for development work is so successful. Aid is not simply a hand out, we partner with the local community to understand what they need to succeed.

I had the privilege of meeting Filomena, an extraordinary woman from Santa Barbara who was the first to step forward to be trained by MAP to become a Community Health Promoter. Filomena told our group “I have learned so much, I am able to help children and mothers when they are sick and I’m able to teach others about health and hygiene.” She told us she wants to learn more, she now sees the impact health education can make on her community.

Santa Barbara is a community with hope, they see the big improvements that can be made with small changes. The health education and enhancements made since MAP arrived have allowed the young girl I photographed to attend school regularly. The same is true for her peers –help from Filomena, a new health clinic, and the health education and the Sawyer water filtration programs have all contributed to providing a more normal life in Santa Barbara. One that is not interrupted by children and families suffering from unknown illnesses and lack of access to medical care. The people of Santa Barbara see the impact they can have on their own community, and this has fueled their desire for more improvements. They now look towards the future with hope and can see the possibilities ahead of them.

- Jennifer Hardie, Senior Philanthropy Officer
MAP Ghana impacted over 4,400 children and families throughout six projects that include Neglected Tropical Disease prevention and treatment, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, Maternal and Child Health, and Protection, and Holistic Health Development.

MAP increased the capacity of 255 healthcare workers and volunteers to detect and manage Buruli ulcer and leprosy patients. Over 2,300 people were screened for Buruli ulcer and leprosy in 4 regions and now the communities can better identify cases of both. 170 Buruli cases were detected, while 38 cases were confirmed with testing. Wound care materials and medicines were provided to all patients with an additional 12 patients being supported to enroll in a WHO drug trial.

10 Community Based Agents were trained on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene as well as Maternal and Child Health, and Protection. Antenatal Clinics and Postnatal Clinics have now been incorporated into the Ghana Health Services outreach programs in Kobedi and Tumiamayo. Our team attended to 27 pregnant mothers, focused on Antenatal care before delivery – all 27 mothers delivered safely by a skilled health attendant at the local health facility.

Sarah’s case of Buruli ulcer had gone undetected since she was young causing issues with her arm and her foot to turn up like a warped piece of wood.

A few hours north of Sunyani in Kukuom, Ghana we met Sarah, a 25 year old single mother with three of the cutest little boys I’ve ever seen. Our Buruli ulcer team has been working with her since late 2012 after unearthing her case while performing a case detection program with American Leprosy Missions.

In addition to the obvious physical pain and struggles that the deformities caused, there was now a stigma surrounding her family and many in her village believed that she was cursed by a witch. Eventually her husband left, not wanting to take on the responsibility of caring for her. She was left with three young children and no source of income. Her elderly parents were the only ones willing to help and her mother searched for a way to support her daughter and grandsons.

One day her mother heard that MAP International was working in a nearby village. Sarah received the course of antibiotics that she needed to be cured of Buruli ulcer, but then there were the deformities. Our teams joined together and decided that this young vibrant woman needed a chance to have a good life and make a living for her family, so we started the Project for Empowering Buruli Ulcer Related Disabled Persons, now called Sarah’s Project. Through this partnership with American Leprosy Missions and effect:hope we have helped Sarah to open a small mini mart in Kukuom. Our teams are training her on the items that will sell in the local community and how to manage inventory. This has given her the opportunity to work to support her family.

Our goal through this partnership, is to prevent people like Sarah from getting to the point of disability, training health care workers and volunteers to recognize Buruli ulcer and leprosy early on. Our team is now working to find surgical options for Sarah’s foot so that someday she can lead a normal life.

- Katie Pace, Marketing Communications Officer
MAP’s Tello Mobile Clinic treated 1,600 patients on Pulau Batu Island and referred 20 of them to the hospital on the main island for further treatment. The Tuberculosis program found 1,227 suspected cases in the South Nias District and 124 of them were found positive for TB and are now undergoing treatment. 14,671 people in the same district were trained on TB prevention and 1,630 people were educated on personal hygiene, nutrition, safe water, and sanitation.

Ina Sumarni is a 50 year old mother of 4 children living in the Bawo Amahelato village in Indonesia. Ina was selected and trained by MAP as lead volunteer to train and assist local farmers on Tello Island to adopt organic farming methods. The organic method is the best alternative for the farmers to increase their income while providing more nutritious food for their families.

After 3 months of the organic method with MAP, her harvest was larger and healthier. This improved her income which allowed her to provide for her children’s school fees while also ensuring they are eating healthy.

Ina’s experience has given her the ability to encourage other local farmers to improve their lives through organic farming methods. Her passion is the reason MAP’s team selected her for this role where she shares her experience and knowledge daily.

“I am happy to share my experiences with others, I want to help them improve their lives through organic farming. God has blessed me and I want to be a blessing to others.”

MAP Indonesia impacted over 1,000 children and families throughout six projects that include Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, and Sanitation, Essential Medicines, Maternal and Child Health, and Protection, and Holistic Health Development.

Education programs were conducted throughout Tello Island, raising awareness for environmental sustainability and proper nutrition. The local fishermen were trained on efficient fishing techniques and raising fresh water tilapia and catfish to feed their families.

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The WASH Projects mapped 3,012 households to determine that 43% now have pit latrines, while overall latrine coverage increased by 14% in Kagwa. 240 community members and 46 Health Promoters were trained on WASH practices. Two water tanks were constructed in the Kilonga village, providing clean water to 50 young children and their families. Homes with hand washing facilities increased by 37%, increasing overall wellbeing. 24 school teachers were trained and assisted in the installation of hand washing facilities in their schools, providing for nearly 2,000 children in Kagwa.

Our teams have worked with 30 pastors in Burangi to reach 3,000 members with health, immunization, and WASH information. 543 people were treated at a medical camp in Burangi and a health facility that will benefit the entire community of 49,000 people was constructed.

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Our Neglected Tropical Disease projects counseled and tested 232 people for HIV in the Kagwa village, dewormed 222 children in the Burangi community and tracked down 205 HIV/AIDS patients that had defaulted on their Antiretroviral Therapy and connected them with a support facility to restart treatment.

The Maternal, Child Health, and Protection projects provided health services to 256 women were provided with access to health care services. 161 were screened for breast cancer and cervical cancer. MAP worked in the remote village of Esonoru to treat 575 children for many illnesses, including malnutrition. Reproductive Health Clubs empowered 244 young women with sexual and reproductive health messages.
MAP Liberia impacted 81,640 children and families throughout three projects that include Maternal, Child Health, and Protection, Neglected Tropical Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, and Relief.

Ebola prevention kits were provided to 1,500 families in seven Ebola infected counties. This quickly gave the community access to hand washing materials to help stop the spread of the virus. Ebola Prevention and action videos were shown in nine Ebola prevention resistant communities for education. MAP also provided support for Ebola messaging to 13 local radio stations to promote community awareness. 1,200 Personal Protective Suits were provided to health facilities.

Nine counties with high infection rates were provided with 45 cartons of Personal Protection Suits (PPE’s). An additional 6,000 PPE’s and 100 MAP Medical Mission Packs were provided directly to the Ministry of Health to help stop the Ebola outbreak. The provision of PPE’s to the Government of Liberia greatly contributed to the reduction in the spread of the Ebola virus in high risk communities. 350 General Community Health Volunteers were trained in three counties on case detection and referrals.

The Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene project replaced 27 water pumps in Rivercess, Bong and Grand Bassa counties and provided training, materials, and supplies to 162 local schools, impacting over 150,000 people in three communities. Five water treatment systems were installed in five different locations throughout the country.

MAP Liberia’s Neglected Tropical Disease project procured and supplied Buruli ulcer specific antibiotics and wound care items worth over $9k to all pilot counties. During the Ebola crisis, all counties ran out of Buruli specific antibiotics. Health workers in the pilot counties of Bong, Lofa and Nimba have been trained in Buruli identification and treatment and identified 42 new cases, 38 of those people are now completely healed.

278 people in Whynormon Town received health education and awareness on Buruli and leprosy and one new case was identified that same day. Two lab technicians in Bong and Nimba counties have now been trained on ZN staining to confirm Buruli cases. 11 strategic health workers were trained on Buruli and leprosy case identification, treatment, lab testing, and reporting and five health facilities were provided with surgical instruments to manage Buruli complications.

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MAP constructed two sand dams in Namogosit and Nayese that will directly impact 1,600 children and families as well as over 1,500 of their livestock. This is a simple, low cost, low maintenance technology that retains rainwater and recharges groundwater, providing communities with water for a lifetime. This will improve food and income security throughout the surrounding communities as well as nursery development. MAP rehabilitated three boreholes in the Karamoja region that receives little rainfall, this will help sustain the communities. Sanitation in the Karamoja region is very poor and seven communities do not currently use latrines, MAP has worked with these communities to instate Open Defecation Free Plans for each village.

“In the past, our communities had feces littered everywhere, we defecated in the bush, behind our homes and near the rivers. In 2013, MAP educated our village on the importance of hygiene and sanitation, it was a challenge to get our community to use a latrine and we had poor soil conditions. Amidst these challenges, MAP staff demonstrated how we were easily contracting diseases like cholera and dysentery through open defecation. I am really grateful to MAP for opening our eyes and bringing medicines, clean water, and latrines to our community. I can now live healthy.” – Nakong Lina

MAP Uganda impacted over 23,000 children and families throughout 4 activities that include Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Essential Medicines, Health Promotion and Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) Treatment and Prevention.

MAP has addressed NTDs such as Trachoma and Hookworm through the provision of essential medicines impacting over 22,000 people in Kacheri, Uganda.

The TOGETHER Program, supported the expansion of two Immunization Outreach projects where 7,412 children were immunized and children under five were dewormed. 100 treated bed-nets and “Mama Kits” were provided to support antenatal care at the local health center to identify pregnancy issues and reduce rates. 800 people in seven communities were trained on danger signs in ill children and how to seek medical attention.
Each day, more than 50 children worldwide are diagnosed with leprosy. An additional 50 children will go undiagnosed and many of them will face permanent disabilities from the disease. If detected early, leprosy can be cured.

Recently in West Africa, our team had the pleasure of meeting numerous leprosy patients including cases caught early as well as severe cases that have left permanent deformities.

Even though leprosy is curable, many people with leprosy are stigmatized and shunned from their communities – at times comparable to that of biblical times.

We were lucky enough to meet Leticia, she lives in the Taabo Village of Cote d’Ivoire in West Africa. Even though she’s just seven years old she has been through more than most people in her life. She was born with cleft lip and MAP International and our partners worked to provide her with surgery, a surgery that sutures and wound care items were essential for.

In early 2015, Leticia was brought back into a clinic that MAP works with because of the high number of leprosy and Buruli ulcer cases. Her right arm was noticeably swollen and the doctors were called in for a consult. This seven year old child had somehow contracted leprosy and Buruli ulcer, both strains of flesh eating bacteria. Thankfully, the staff trained on identification by MAP immediately began with the courses of antibiotics needed for treatment, but that wasn’t all her wounds needed to heal. The clinic had gauze, bandages and ointments on hand from MAP, and they were able to save her from the scars that come with leprosy. Eight months later, Leticia is healed and healthy because of MAP and their generous partners.

- Katie Pace, Marketing Communications Officer

Leprosy statistics from American Leprosy Missions

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