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Project HOPE strives to make high quality health care available to people around the globe. With support from strong partnerships in the public and private sector, including Ministries of Health, HOPE provides training, technical assistance and expert mentoring in order to build capacity and skill at all levels of a country's health care system.

## The Need

- Globally, there are only 13.9 physicians per 10,000 people.
- Globally, there are approximately 30 hospital beds per 10,000 people.
- In low income countries, there is less than one hospital per 100,000 people.

Source: World Health Organization

## Case Study *Strategic Medical Resupply Program*

In 2007, Macedonia became the first site for Project HOPE's Strategic Medical Resupply Program (SMRP), which supplies critically needed donated medicines to health facilities. Participating institutions use the donated medicines to treat patients, allowing the Ministries of Health to redirect resources to help build a sustainable health care infrastructure throughout the country. Project HOPE provides training and stringent monitoring of donated materials throughout the distribution process. Below are some examples of the program's achievements.

- Close to 80 hospitals and university clinics participating
- More than 1,000,000 patients treated
- More than \$70 million worth of medicines and supplies delivered

SMRP has demonstrated a cost savings of up to 70% for participating medical institutions. The program has been active in Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania, Bosnia, Zanzibar and Tanzania, and continues to improve health systems around the world.



Monte Plata Women's and Children's Health Clinic – Dominican Republic

## Our Expertise

**HOPE Children's Hospital Network:** Since 1974, HOPE has supported the establishment and sustainability of children's hospitals and their services in Iraq, Poland and China. These health centers offer high quality health care to children through expert medical professionals (trained as part of Project HOPE's health education programs) and donations of state-of-the-art medical equipment.

**Training and Capacity Building:** HOPE establishes strong partnerships with Ministries of Health, medical and nursing schools, training institutions and other professional associations from the public and private sectors to improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes of their staff, increasing their capacity to provide sustainable, quality health care. HOPE uses a "train-the-trainer" model that teaches health professionals to convey newly

learned methods – enabling entire health systems to continually train and improve the knowledge of their staff.

**Strategic Medical Resupply:** Project HOPE's Strategic Medical Resupply Program provides donations of priority medical materials – including pharmaceuticals, vaccines, medical devices, consumer products and medical equipment and supplies – to a network of partner health care facilities across Central and Eastern Europe and Africa. Partner institutions benefit from the ability to enhance patient care by offering higher quality medicine and services to patients. The resulting savings help support educational programs, health facility renovations, health infrastructure improvements and other priority health reforms for each country.



Strategic Medical Resupply Program- Albania



Rural Health Fellows Program – Shanghai Children's Medical Center