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# Honduras: Local, Regional and Global Partnerships to Improve Health in Olancho

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## Summary/Abstract

The Honduran Mission Team-New Hampshire (HMT-NH) in partnership with the Olancho Aid Foundation (OAF), works in the Olancho department to improve the health and education of the Honduran people. The HMT-NH 2012 Healthcare Team included UMass Boston faculty and a nursing student working with American and Honduran doctors and nurses to provide culturally-appropriate healthcare and collect data about the needs of the Honduran people in Olancho.



## Goals and Objectives

- Organize clinics in remote villages in Olancho to meet the healthcare needs of the communities.
- Collect information about the people serviced by the clinics including demographic information, common problems, treatments and referrals.
- Dispense vitamins, antiparasitic treatment and medications as needed.
- Facilitate referrals and transport for people needing specialized care.
- Share data with OAF and other OAF service groups to enhance referrals and treatment.
- Meet with local healthcare providers to enhance treatment and referrals.

## Approaches and Methods

Service trip to provide healthcare, collect information, provide educational experiences, and develop sustainable partnerships to improve the health and well being of the Honduran people in Olancho.



## Results/Impacts

2012 HMT-NH team of 27 volunteers completed a ten day trip to Olancho in 2012. HMT-NH Healthcare Team included two Honduran doctors- a family doctor trained in Honduras and the other a pediatric resident training in Cuba, in addition to American nurses and doctors.

- N = 603 people were seen in six clinics as well as two home visits.
- >47% were children < 10 years old.
- Meeting with doctors at San Francisco de Asis Hospital to discuss future partnerships with OAF and HMT-NH.



## Conclusion/Next Steps

Local, regional and global partnerships provide unique service opportunities to provide healthcare, conduct research, enhance educational experiences and strengthen organizations. Partnerships enhance sustainable changes in health programs and create richer educational models.

## Additional Partnerships, Interests, Information and/or Contacts

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