

# MPOMANNUAL REPORT 2018

Medical Professionals On a Mission Inc
Authored by: Shanita Scotland RN, CLNC

# Mission

The Mission of Medical Professionals on a Mission Inc. is to work in partnership with islands in the Caribbean to respond to medical needs in the aftermath of disasters and provide sustaining volunteer medical personnel to respond to the health needs of the country.

#### **MPOM Year in Review**

#### **About US**



**Shanita Scotland RN, CLNC, Chair** 



Corinne Francis MA, MDIV
Treasurer



Anne-Marie Johnrose-Brown MD Secretary

Medical Professionals on a Mission Inc. was established in December 2017 to provide Healthcare Services to Caribbean Islands after the passage of Category 5 Hurricane Irma and Maria. This is a registered 501(c)(3) Medical non-profit Medical.

The organization was founded by three Dominicans residing in the United States. Shanita Scotland R.N, had been involved in providing Disaster Relief to Dominica after tropical Storm Ericka in 2015. Nurse Scotland was the co-founder and coordinator of two successful Medical Mission trips to Dominica in September and October of 2017 under the mentorship of the mentorship of Director General of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. The other two Dominicans are Anne-Marie Johnrose-Brown M.D, who had been part of the initial Medical Mission trip to Dominica in September 2017 and Corinne Francis, A Senior Vice President at Dignity Health and former Healthcare Executive at CHRISTUS Health with 20 years' experience, who was instrumental in securing medicines and medical supplies from CHRISTUS to support the two medical missions to Dominica.

The purpose of the organization is to source medical supplies and equipment to supply healthcare needs of Caribbean Islands. To provide assistance to victims of natural and manmade disasters. Additionally, to organize mission trips with qualified healthcare professionals to provide clinical expertise and service to patients in collaboration with public and private healthcare organizations. The organization also aims to assist critically ill patients seeking medical treatment which is unavailable in their Island.

# Activities



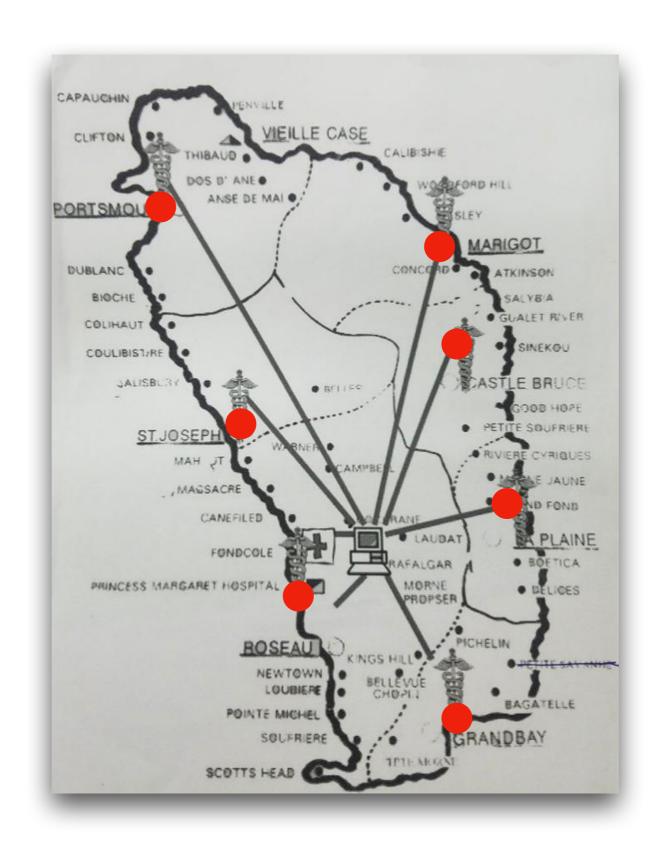
# Pre-hurricane Packages for Dominica





In May 2018, MPOM worked closely with a humanitarian aid organization called Direct Relief to secure pre-hurricane packages for the island of Dominica. Direct relief is an organization active in all 50 states and more than 80 countries. Thanks to the efforts of MPOM, Dominica was one of the recipients for Direct Relief Hurricane Prep Packs. Dominica joined countries which have already benefited from the Prep packs like, Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, US and British Virgin Islands. Hurricane Prep Packs includes antibiotics, syringes, basic first aid supplies, and medications which will help save lives during hurricanes and other emergencies.

#### **Health Centers in Dominica**



#### **Donations for Dominica Cancer Society**







Medical Professionals on a Mission Inc with the help of Oncologist Dr. Gregory Vidal shipped ten extra-large boxes of supplies to the Dominica Cancer Society. The contents of those boxes were, wound care, colostomy care and urinary supplies. In addition, to the patient care supplies the team also accepted donations in the form of diapers, gloves and assorted breast prosthesis.

## **Medical Mission Trip to St. Vincent**

In August of 2018 Medical Professionals on a Mission Inc assisted a team of St. Vincent Kalinago diaspora Dr. Jacqueline Gaymes, Dr. Cardrine Gill and Dr. Veronica Francois in acquiring two containers of medical supplies for their island. The Chair of MPOM nurse Scotland joined the team in an eight-day medical mission. The team comprised of 29 members, which included primary care doctors, an ophthalmologist, 2 cardiologists, an Orthopedic surgeon, 2 dentists, an oral surgeon, nurses, pharmacist, 2 public health educators and 5 students. During the eight-day medical mission trip the team worked in 2 clinics, 4 hospitals and hosted a community Health Fair. The team cared for 733 patients, distributed medications and supplies. The cardiologists assessed several patients and identified two patients who needed urgent medical/surgical intervention which was not available on island requiring them to travel to Trinidad.



## **Medical Mission Trip to St. Vincent**



#### Number of Patients Seen by SVG Team 2018

Thursday, August 2, 2018		Friday, August 3, 2018		Saturday, August 4, 2018		Monday, August 6, 2018		Tuesday, August 7, 2018	
Georgetown Hospital		Georgetown Hospital		Health Fair at Calliqua		Bequia Hospital		Chateaubelair Hospital	
Dentist	6	Dentist	26	Dental	1	Dental	12	Dental	14
Ophthalmologist	20	Ophthalmologist	39	Ophthalmologist	1	Ophthalmologist	25	Ophthalmologist	26
Cardiologist	20*	Cardiologist	20*	Internal Medicine	22	Internal Medicine	41	Internal	89
Orthopedic Surgeon	15	Orthopedic Surgeon	24	Orthopedic Surgeon	6	Cardiology	14	Family Medicine	36
								Orthopedic Surgeon	26
Sandy Bay Clinic		Sandy Bay Clinic		Kingstown Hospital		Kingstown Hospital			
Internal Medicine	78	Internal Medicine	40	Cardiology	24	Orthopedic Surgeon	8		
Owia Clinic		Owia Clinic							
Internal Medicine	44	Internal Medicine	53						
		Kingstown Hospital							
		Oral Surgeon	3						
TOTAL	183	TOTAL	205	TOTAL	54	TOTAL	100	TOTAL	191

<sup>\*</sup>Estimated Number of Patients Seen

# **Medical Mission Trip to St. Vincent**







#### **OECS Health Ministerial Meeting Invitation**



Figure 5. Shanita Scotland RN, CLNC and Hon. Delmaude Ryan Deputy Premier of Monserrat, Minister of Health and new Chair of OECS council of Health Ministers.

**OECS** Commission invited a representative of MPOM to their 5<sup>th</sup> Council of Ministers of Health two-day conference in October of 2018 which was held in Grenada. The theme of this conference was "Transformation of Universal Access". MPOM chair Ms. Scotland delivered a brief presentation on A civil Society Response in Dominica and the OECS. MPOM was asked to partner with the OECS health department in sharing MPOM list of medical volunteers who has roots in the Caribbean. The OECS Director of Health, Dr.Radix, believes this will help improve the quality of care in the islands.



## **Community Day of Service in Dominica**



Volunteers13 Patients

1 Day

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Anne-Marie Johnrose-Brown and Shanita Scotland RN volunteered at the Roseau Health Center under the guidance of Primary Health Director Dr. Espirit. Dr. Johnrose saw patients and was called other doctors to consult on wounds at the wound care clinic. Nurse Scotland worked in the wound care clinic where she dressed 5 wounds and help the doctor clean and treat two unstageable diabetic wounds.

# **Brooklyn Christmas Toy Drive**



Teri Coaxum receiving a gift from MPOM.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 MPOM participated in Brooklyn annual Toy Drive. Organizer Teri Coaxum and team distributed the toys to sick kids in every hospital in Brooklyn, NY.



Our most heartfelt thank you to our donors and supporters who help us make our Vision & Mission come to life. We couldn't do this work without you, and for that, we are forever grateful. Special thanks to Through These Hands for medical supplies we shipped to Dominica Cancer Society and the 2 containers of supplies for St. Vincent Mission trip.

