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## MEDICAL CARTS

### Impact Story



**Guatemala**

## Guatemala

The most populous country in Central America, Guatemala is home to more than 15 million people. An estimated 59.3 percent of all Guatemalans live in poverty. A sad result of this widespread poverty is that Guatemala has one of the highest rates of chronic child malnutrition in the world.

Less than half of all rural Guatemalans have access to running water, only a quarter have access to electricity, and only about 1 in 10 have access to modern sanitation facilities. Guatemala's severe food insecurity and lack of accessible, affordable medical care has led to high infant, child and maternal mortality rates.

In 1996, Food For The Poor began working in Guatemala. The charity later began providing destitute families in the Central American country secure homes with sanitation, clean water and self-sustaining projects as a source of income and nutrition. Food For The Poor works with in-country partners Caritas Arquidiocesana and The Order of Malta, which works in the healthcare field. Through Food For The Poor, The Order of Malta provides dispensaries, clinics and hospitals throughout the country with medical donations.

The Order of Malta received a donation of medical carts from Food For The Poor donor Brother's Brother Foundation. The medical carts were distributed to Fundacion Ayudame a Vivir that is in charge of managing the donations for the only children's hospital that is equipped to treat adolescents with cancer in Guatemala.

## Beneficiary

### Hospital Nacional de Pediatric Oncology (UNOP)

The Nacional de Pediatric Oncology currently treats 140 children through outpatient services and 75 inpatient children who are mostly bedridden. The hospital treats children ranging from newborns to 18 years old. The most common cancers treated at the hospital are leukemia, retinoblastoma and lymphomas.

This donation has proven to be very essential to the healthcare providers at the hospital allowing for better care and organization. The carts have been placed in several wings of the hospital and in the pharmacy allowing for easy distribution of medication and for better access and distribution of chemotherapy to the patients. The carts have allowed the pharmacist to order medications in a more adequate and hygienic way, while providing a safe way to transport them through the hospital.

Food For The Poor joins the staff at Hospital Nacional de Pediatric Oncology in thanking Brother's Brother Foundation for the donation of medical carts.

*Medical staffers at Hospital Nacional de Pediatric Oncology distribute medicine to patients using a donated medical cart from generous Food For The Poor donor Brother's Brother Foundation.*



*A medical staffer at Hospital Nacional de Pediatric Oncology restocks supplies and medication on a medical cart donated by Brother's Brother Foundation.*



*Food For The Poor and the staff at Hospital Nacional de Pediatric Oncology thank Brother's Brother Foundation for the caring donation of medical carts.*





*A medical worker at Hospital Nacional de Pediatric Oncology prepares to administer chemotherapy treatments to patients using a donated medical cart from thoughtful Food For The Poor donor Brother's Brother Foundation.*



## About Food For The Poor

Food For The Poor, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation, does much more than feed millions of the hungry poor primarily in 17 countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. This interdenominational Christian ministry provides emergency relief assistance, clean water, medicine, educational materials, homes, support for orphaned or abandoned children, care for the aged, skills training and micro-enterprise development assistance. For more information, please visit [www.FoodForThePoor.org](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org).