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Real Medicine Foundation Marks One Year Anniversary of Work in Haiti Following Earthquake of 2010

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA--(Marketwire - Jan. 12, 2011) - Today Real Medicine Foundation joins the world in marking the one year since [the catastrophic 7.0 earthquake](#) that took place in Haiti on January 12, 2010.

According to the Haitian government, an estimated three million people were affected by the quake; 230,000 people had died, 300,000 had been injured and 1,000,000 made homeless. They also estimated that 250,000 residences and 30,000 commercial buildings had collapsed or were severely damaged. The loss of hospitals compounded the medical tragedies of the earthquake, prompting RMF to orchestrate teams to go to Haiti and provide trauma aid.

Immediately following the earthquake, Real Medicine Foundation began providing medical staffing, in-kind medical supplies and strategic coordination to help meet the surging needs of the health crisis on the ground. Working in close partnership with other relief organizations, Real Medicine:

- Organized [deployments of volunteer medical specialists](#) to meet the needs of partner hospitals and clinics at the Haiti/Dominican Republic border and in Port-au-Prince
- Provided direct funding, [medical supplies](#) and pharmaceuticals to [local health facilities and partner hospitals](#)
- Provided advisory services and coordination to local health facilities, including physical therapy support
- Coordinated mobile health outreaches, field clinics and [food supplies](#) to outlying villages overlooked in the relief effort

Meanwhile, Real Medicine has worked to develop health services projects that will meet the long-term healthcare needs of the local population, including the establishment of a primary healthcare clinic in the Pernier neighborhood that is run under Haitian management and offers healthcare access to more than 15,000 local Haitians.

RMF also entered into a partnership with Hôpital Lambert Santé in [Pétion-Ville](#), funding additional physicians, nurses, and medical supplies to support operation of a Free Clinic that provides the public with access to 24-hour emergency and general practice healthcare in the community. Pétion-Ville and the surrounding communes are home to more than 100,000 displaced persons, living in [tent communities](#).

RMF has also presented a comprehensive health strategy for Haiti to the White House and other government agencies, multi-national organizations and NGOs in an effort to raise funding and awareness for Haiti. The organization is currently seeking financial support for its [Hospital Consortium Project](#) that includes three public/private partner hospitals in Port-au-Prince, and would designate core health services responsibilities to each facility while building a comprehensive platform for subsidized public healthcare coverage in the local community. The projected result of the Hospital Consortium Project would be to increase capacity from 5,800 to 20,500 patients per month within the first year.

Fuchs says, "Real Medicine is committed to staying in Haiti, or anywhere our projects are around the world, as long as needed to properly serve those who need us, even where the public spotlight has

moved on. Haiti has been proof of this promise; we are thrilled with the results and how we have put the donations we received to immediate and clear use. It's been a tremendous year for us, and we will do more for Haiti in 2011."

Earlier this month Dr. Fuchs was honored by Lifetime as one of *Lifetime's Remarkable Women* for her work in Haiti and around the world.

About Real Medicine Foundation

Real Medicine Foundation (www.realmedicinefoundation.org), a 501c3 registered non-profit organization based in Los Angeles, provides humanitarian support to people living in disaster and poverty stricken areas. RMF believes that "real" medicine is focused on the person as a whole, including medical/physical, emotional, economic and social support. RMF's unique approach to humanitarian relief involves partnering with local groups wherever they are to ensure that the clinics and solutions it creates will be sustainable long after the public spotlight has moved on. RMF currently has clinics and projects around the world, including Haiti, Peru, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda, the United States, and more. For complete listings of RMF's projects, please visit www.realmedicinefoundation.org/our-work.

If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation to RMF's relief efforts in Haiti please visit the donation page of the website (www.realmedicinefoundation.org/donors) and choose among several different online or offline methods of donating.

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