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FOOD FOR THE POOR (GUYANA) INC.

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VISION STATEMENT

Food for the Poor is God's instrument to help the materially poor and to renew the poor in spirit.

Our ministry is a reflection of our Lord's unconditional love - a love that surrenders all, that inspires trust and faith, and that embraces all people, regardless of race, status or creed.

It is also shaped by our belief that Christ is alive and can be served directly by serving those in greatest need. (Matthew 25:40)

For guidance and to maintain the purity of our mission, we stress the need for regular prayer.

Through surrender, service and prayer, we seek a closer union with our Lord.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit.

The materially poor are served by local churches, clergy and lay leaders who have been empowered and supplied with goods by Food for the Poor. The poor in spirit are renewed by their relationship with and service to the poor through our direct ministry of teaching, encouragement and prayer. Ultimately, we seek to bring both benefactors and recipients to a closer union with our Lord.



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COMPANY OVERVIEW

Food for the Poor (Guyana) Incorporated (FFP), the largest charitable Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Guyana.

Food for the Poor Guyana Fund was founded on March 22, 1991 under the governance of a Trust Deed. The organization Food for the Poor (Guyana) Inc, however, commenced operations in Guyana on 3rd June, 1991 and is one of seventeen (17) countries which are associated with Food for the Poor Inc. of Coconut Creek, Florida U.S.A, which was founded by Mr. Ferdinand Mahfood in 1982. The Organization was subsequently incorporated under the Companies Act as Food for the Poor (Guyana) Inc., a Private Limited Company with share Capital on October 23, 1997. Food for the Poor Guyana is headed by a Board of Directors, chaired by Mr. Paul Chan-A-Sue



while the daily operations are managed by Mr. Kent Vincent, Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O). The work of FFTP Guyana is restricted to charitable purposes within the ten (10) Administrative Regions of Guyana. The organization has grown tremendously over the 30 years of its existence and has become the largest charitable organization in Guyana.



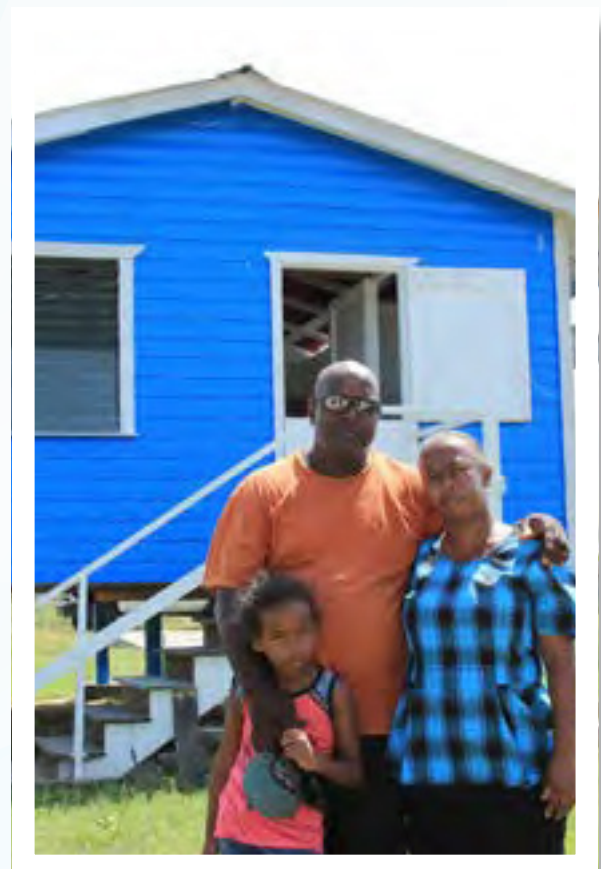
This year 2021, has also been a challenging year because of the impact of Covid-19. Despite the unforeseen challenges, FFTP (Guy) Inc continued to be steadfast to its objectives of bringing relief to those in deepest need, creating sustainable development in poor communities and elevating the poor out of poverty.

While FFTP Guyana receives local donations and holds a variety of Fundraisers to support its mission to the poor, its funding is mainly from Food for the Poor Inc. of Florida USA.

One of the major activities of the organization is the Distribution/Outreach Program. Items such as food, clothing, footwear and personal care items, to name a few are distributed to the poor and needy throughout the ten regions of Guyana. Medical equipment and supplies are also distributed to the Ministry of Health, Public Hospitals and Health Centres across the country. Schools also benefit from school furniture, books, teaching aids and stationery.

Another key area of the operations is the execution of a number of Projects which are geared to bring about sustainable development in poor communities and to elevate the poor out of poverty. These include: The General Housing Project, Farming Projects, Livestock Rearing, Water Projects, Transportation (Boats and engines) Projects and Training pertaining to specific projects.

Food for the Poor was founded on Christian principles and prayer continues to be the foundation of its Vision and Mission.



ANGELS OF HOPE

The main objective of our Angel of Hope Program is to improve the lives of children who have suffered much trauma, by helping to provide a safe and clean environment that's conducive to growth and stability.

Our Angels of Hope Program caters for 198 children in 9 homes. Each of the nine homes receive additional support to assist with cushioning the impact of COVID-19; under our Basic Needs Support Program, essential food and cleaning items and toiletries (milk, sugar, meat, oil, bleach, toothpaste etc.) were procured every quarter for each home based on their needs. Regular monthly support continues throughout the year.

Our annual Christmas festivities are held in December; activities

are held at each of the homes for the children to celebrate the season. The children enjoy food and drinks and personalized gifts were provided to each child.

Nineteen children participated in our skills training and development program during the July/August holiday; the children were all trained in coding through STEM Guyana. The children at Bless the Children Home participated in the International Youth Robotic Competition through STEM Guyana and won third place.



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Food for the Poor(Guy) Inc collaborated with **LITERACY EMPOWERMENT ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION - LEAF**

FFTP collaborated with Literacy Empowerment Assistance Foundation (L.E.A.F), a charitable, non-profit and non-governmental organization consisting of an organized group of individuals based locally and internationally, whose main goal is to promote and bring awareness of the importance of education, literacy and learning to the financially vulnerable and at-risk children and youths of New Amsterdam and its environs. The organization was established by Ms. Marva Gordon, a Guyanese re-migrant in 2011.

In 2021, Food For the Poor (Guyana) Inc. established a partnership with LEAF to promote education and literacy in Region 6 as part of its capacity building and empowerment program. During 2021, reading materials and school supplies were donate to the organization for organized distribution to underprivileged students in New Amsterdam who were at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The distribution drive aimed to provide children with learning materials to be used as home.





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In January, early February, 2022, an average of 560 bag packs and school lunch bags were allocated to L.E.A.F for distribution to vulnerable children; the organization launched a "Bag pack to Basic program" to distribute the items to nursery, primary and secondary school students in March and July, 2022. L.E.A.F will be adding bag packs from private donations they receive bring the total to just over 600; the organization will work directly with the Department of Education, the schools and the Ministry of Social Service - Welfare department to identify the students to benefit from the initiative.

A quantity of reusable facemasks, sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizers were donate to L.E.A.F the items were used to launched the "Protect our Children" Campaign. The facemasks were distributed to children attending schools while the sanitizers were given to schools to be used in the classrooms. Ms. Gordon has stated the initiative was well received by the schools; see list attached with schools that have benefited from the program thus far.

Stuff toys donated to the organization was used for their "Cuddle and Learn" initiative which saw storytelling activities with nursery school children all of whom received a stuff toy.

Over 500 children participated in this activity. ■

GENERAL HOUSING PROGRAM



Our housing initiative is aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 11, which is aimed at ensuring access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services. Over the year, FFTP under the General Housing Program constructed ninety-two homes for families,

with an average of six persons per family; a total of 552 persons were provided with safe, adequate shelter and easy access to modern sanitary facilities and clean water. Each home was partially furnished with beds (2), table top gas stove (1), chairs (4 metal folding) table (1). Families without

access to the national electricity grid received solar panel systems which are designed to power three bulbs and charge cell phones.

FFTP houses have improved with the inclusion of the exterior painted using oil paint and the shedding of one of the two stairs.

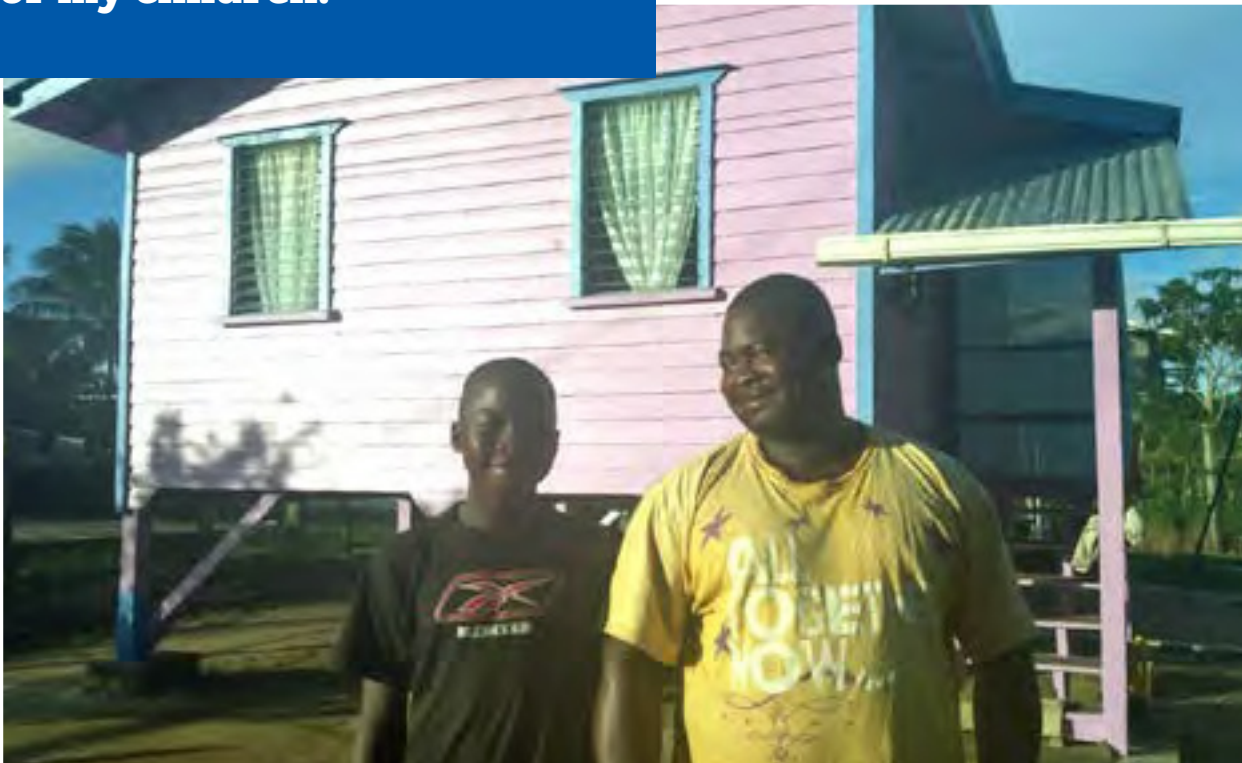
Houses were constructed in Regions 2, 5 and 6. An additional 10 houses were constructed in Region 4; 8 at Waiakabra, Soesdyke Linden Highway and 2 at Soesdyke, East Bank Demerara under the Hope is Rising Project.

One of the beneficiaries, Neil Eleixie Archer, 43, a single father of three boys, of Lot 800 Glasgow New Housing Scheme, East Bank Berbice, broke into tears while expressing his gratitude towards FFTP.

He said, "Today is a happy day for the children, they are happy and I would like to say thanks to Food for the Poor for what they have done for my children."



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SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM



Over the years Food for the Poor (Guyana) Inc. has been supporting a number of schools via our school feeding program. Under this program students from impoverish communities would have access to a hot nutritious meal each school day and weekly breakfast hampers. This helped to encourage attendance, punctuality, improve grades and aid in the overall well-being of the students.

Almost 500 children benefitted from our school feeding program during the year; the children who were involved in remote learning received our weekly breakfast hampers while those engaged in face to face learning received a hot nutritional lunch each school day.





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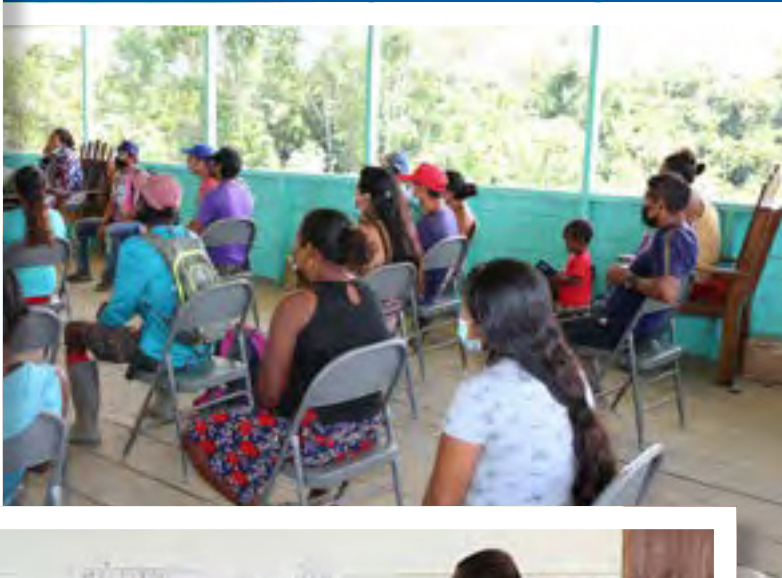
FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Two projects were implemented at Baramita village to improve food security and livelihood development. The projects are Baramita Agricultural Sustainable Project and Baramita Chicken Project. Twenty-five farmers received training, farming inputs and technical support to boost their

capacity to cultivate vegetables. The project aimed to promote and improve food security in the community and reduce hunger through sustainable agriculture. The farmers are being trained in crop cultivation using the Farmer Field School method of training; this method promotes and encourages onsite

field training that includes experiments and analysis and best practices relative to resources available in one's environment. Twelve families are beneficiaries of a chicken project aim to improve access to nutrition-chicken and eggs.





SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY FLOOD

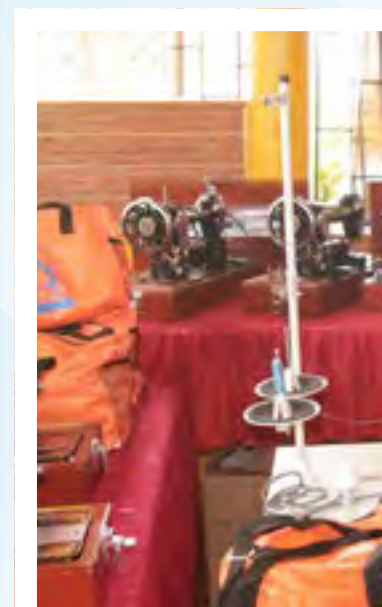
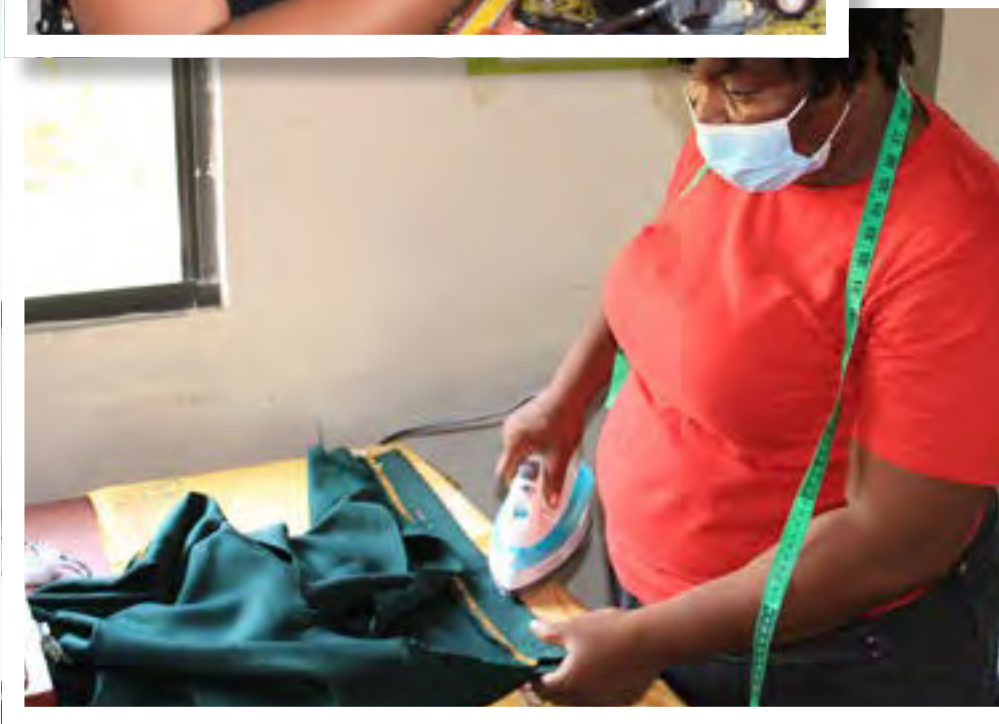
Four hundred families received support packages to assist with their recovery from the flooding during April-June, 2021 and prepared them for any future occurrence; each family received a 5-gallon collapsible jar to assist with transporting and storing water, mosquito nets for protection and water treatment tablets for water purification.





SKILLS TRAINING

Seventy-two sewing machines were presented to the Board of Industrial Training, Ministry of Labour to equip their garment Construction Training Centers in several regions in Guyana including Regions 2, 4, 7 and 9. Over 160 persons have graduated thus far from these training centers.





FOOD HAMPERS DISTRIBUTION



As the pandemic continued to ravage through the country, assessment reports and request from our partners and individuals in communities greatly affected by the economic downturn forced us to focus more on our Food Distribution Program.

The GIK department decided to continue its Food Hamper Program that provided over 2000 hampers for families in need. We visited several communities across the country such as Upper and Lower Pomeroon River Mashabo Village (Region #2), East & West Berbice (Region 5 & 6), and Kwakwani (Region 10) This program allowed opportunities for collaboration among departments, donors and other partners such as the Rotary Club of Georgetown and Demerara.

As we are aware Covid-19 is a life changer and we realized that distribution procedures needed to change to accommodate those in need. We decided to work along with key partners in communities who had the capacity and capability to receive items in large quantity, create food hampers and distribute them among their communities.





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In May, families from regions 5, 8, 9 & 10 were affected by severe flooding due to heavy rainfall. We received several requests for assistance from community leaders and Organizations. One such organization was the Civil Defense Commission (CDC), we assisted with such need items such as Rice, Beans, Flour & Corn Meal. Additionally, we received a generous donation from an overseas donor to provide cleaning items to families affected by the flooding.



COMMITTEES SUPPORTED DURING THE PANDEMIC

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



“Because of the ongoing pandemic, we regrettably had to cancel our Annual Children Christmas party.

We supplemented this with a Christmas Gift Drive which enabled us to distribute small hampers to over 200 children in the Tucville Community.

The hampers included party bags, toys, confectionaries, juice boxes, and pastries.

The children were delighted to receive their treats.

Some of our community groups in the various regions across Guyana, also did their Christmas Drives”.





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ANNUAL PRISON RELEASE

For more than two decades, FFTP has honored the tradition of securing the release of nonviolent offenders in Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, and Jamaica by paying their accumulated fines twice a year, at Easter and Christmas.

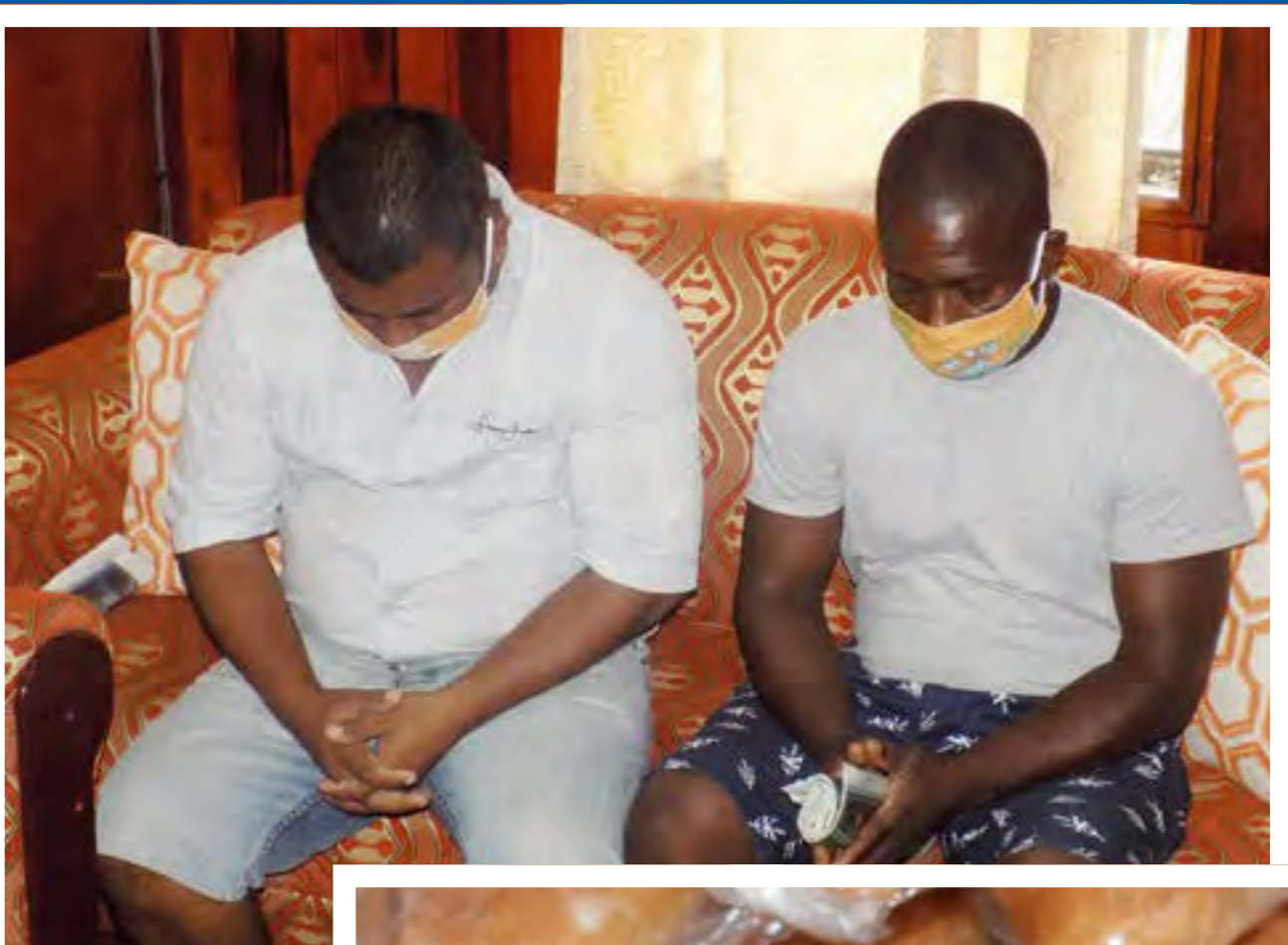
At Easter and December, a total of 7(seven) men in Guyana

were freed from the Lusignan Prison on the East Coast of Demerara. They were presented with a copy of the Bible, a loaf of bread, a bag of personal care items, clothes and travel money to return home to their families. The prisoners expressed gratitude to the charity for “an unexpected and good surprise” and the opportunity to reunite

with their families.

At a ceremony for the inmates’ release, FFTP Guyana CEO Kent Vincent offered words of encouragement. “Make the best of your lives and extend to others the kindness gift that was granted you, and always believe in the word of God,” Vincent said.





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SCHOOL EDUCATION DONATION

In August, Food for the Poor (Guyana) Inc donated eleven(11) containers of school furniture to the Ministry of Education. These shipments came at a very critical time, as the Ministry was in preparation for the reopening of schools.

Many schools were able to receive furniture for classes as new social distancing guidelines were in place, especially the schools in the hinterlands.

Chief Executive Officer of FFTP, Mr. Kent Vincent stated he looks forward to continued collaboration between the organization and the Ministry of Education to make the lives of both learners and teachers better.

Minister of Education Priya Manickchand expressed similar sentiments and noted that the two entities should highlight priority areas to make the established partnership even more meaningful.





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INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE



Over the years, individuals' assistance has always been one of our priorities, especially in the area of Natural and Unnatural Disasters. In 2021, we received a large quantity of request not only for food and clothing but from person that were affected by Fire Disasters. These sorts of request are given top priority because of the need of the individuals. We understand the level of devastation that occurs during a fire, so we ensure that maximum support is given.

These families received the following items:

- ★ Clothing
- ★ Personal Care Items
- ★ Household Furniture & Appliances
- ★ Internal Building Materials



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MEDICAL DONATIONS

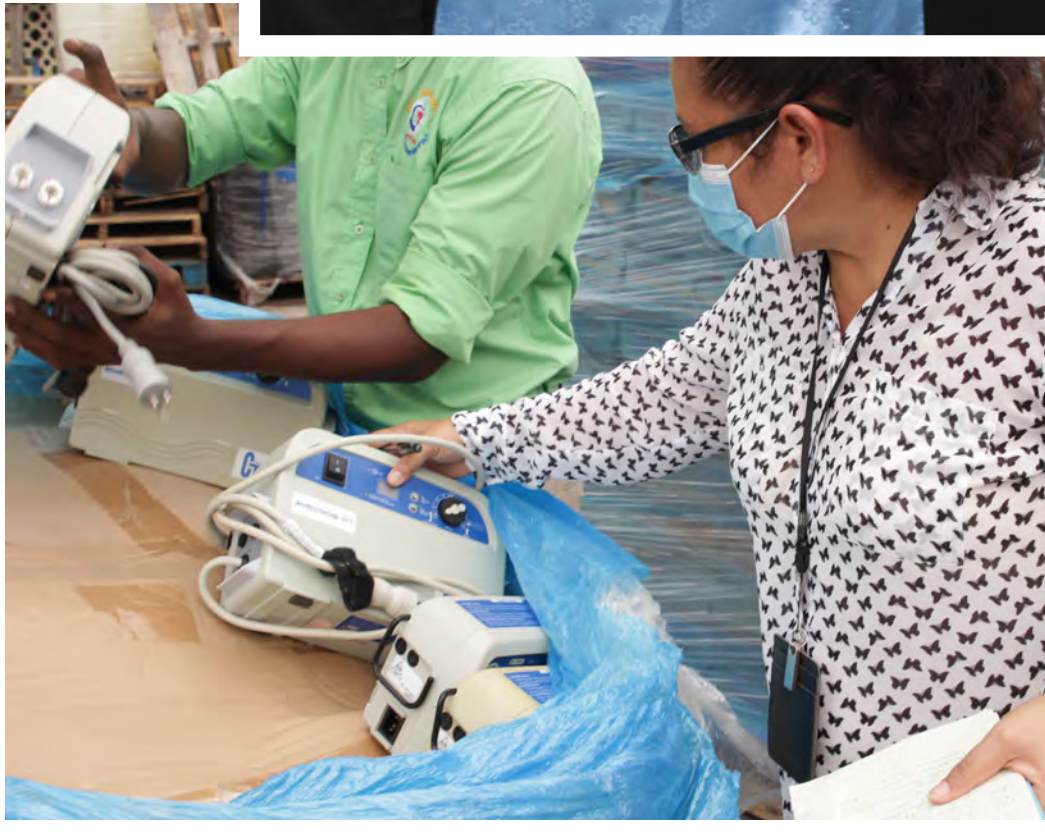
As we continue to support the medical sector, several donations were made to the Ministry of Public Health, Health Centers and Regional Hospitals across the country. In 2021, our focus was particularly on supporting the fight against the spread of COVID-19. We donated a total of 17 containers of medical supplies such as Covid-19 Testing Kits, Vitamins, PPEs, Surgical Supplies, etc.

Health Institutions that received items are as follows:

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- ★ Enterprise – Region #4
- ★ Lusignan - Region #4
- ★ Linden Hospital Complex – Region #10
- ★ Bartica Hospital – Region #7
- ★ Georgetown Public Hospital - Region #4
- ★ New Amsterdam Hospital – Region #6
- ★ West Demerara Region Hospital – Region #3
- ★ Maburuma Hospital – Region #1
- ★ Mahaicony Hospital – Region #5
- ★ Palms Geriatric Home – Region #4





FOOD FOR THE POOR (GUYANA) INC. DONATED 50,000 INDIVIDUAL SANITARY NAPKINS TO THE FIRST LADY MENSTRUAL HYGIENE INITIATIVE

Food for the Poor (Guyana) Inc. partnered with the office of the First Lady in her Menstrual Hygiene Initiative. This great initiative was launched in January and positively impacts the lives of girls and women since it is a meaningful step in the eradication of period poverty.

Mr. Kent Vincent, CEO FFTP (Guyana) Inc emphasized that “Food for the Poor is always at the forefront wherever there is a need for humanitarian assistance and wherever there is a need to bring assistance to the poor and needy,

in this regard we will support any initiative that is geared to help the underprivileged and that will bring needed assistance to the vulnerable in our society.

We are cognizant of and applaud the First Lady's Menstrual Hygiene Initiative which brings much assistance to young girls in schools all across the country. Education as we are aware, is key to bringing the poor out of poverty and any programme or initiative that will help to keep our children in school is to be commended. It is therefore, our great pleasure to announce today, that FFTP (Guyana) Inc. will be donating 15 pallets





of Sanitary Napkins (which is about 50,000 individual napkins) to the First Lady's Menstrual Hygiene Initiative. We are sure that this will greatly assist you with your most commendable enterprise."

The First lady expressed her thanks to FFTP (Guyana) Inc. for this generous donation that will definitely take her initiative very far. She emphasized how impactful this donation will be, because many girls do not go to school because they cannot afford sanitary products. She highlighted that this is a huge gender-based issue and we need to revolutionize feminine hygiene and end the taboo and stigma.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to affect fundraising activities, with a number of activities having to be cancelled. One major fundraising activity was the Annual Schools Raffle and this had to be cancelled because most of the Students were still not back in class during the 2021 school year. Also, our monthly food and cake sale at the hospital was not re-started since the hospital was still used as one of the main centre for sick Covid 19 patients. We also did not have our Annual Anniversary Dinner due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

The following are some of the fundraising activities that were carried out during the year.-

- Valentine Hampers
- Cross Buns Sale
- Mother's Day Hamper
- Pre- Father's Day Take away Lunch

Some of the committees had activities to raise funds for the organisation.





PALMS GERIATRIC HOME CELEBRATION

160 residents of the Palms Geriatric Home were treated to a delicious lunch and care packages as Food for the Poor (Guyana) Inc. kicked off the joyous Christmas season.

Some of the residents were also entertained by a small concert of praying, dancing, and singing of Christmas carols. They were then served by the CEO- Mr. Kent Vincent and some staff members of FFTP (Guyana) Inc.



Mr. Vincent extended warm Christmas greetings, good health, and a prosperous 2022 to the staff and residents on behalf of the Board of Directors, Management, and staff of FFTP (Guyana) Inc.

Mr. Gordon Baird a resident at the Palms for 17 years expressed his gratitude and reiterated that he always looks forward to this merry time of the year when FFTP visits and makes them feel very special.

The CEO met and interacted briefly with Ms. Zhoria DeMatteos who is 106 years old and is the oldest resident of the Palms Geriatric Home.



