

PROJECT PEANUT BUTTER: ANNUAL REPORT 2010



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Mission

Project Peanut Butter (PPB) seeks to advance the treatment of childhood malnutrition, the greatest contributor to child mortality in the world today, using effective, locally produced ready-to-use therapeutic foods. This corporation is formed to provide needed nutritional and medical support to children and adults suffering from severe malnutrition in sub-Saharan Africa and beyond.

Programs and Activities

Project Peanut Butter was formed to treat moderately and severely malnourished children and adults in sub-Saharan Africa, and other countries as needed. We provide locally reduced RUTF (Ready-To-Use-Therapeutic Food), and improve distribution through education and training of local clinical offices and health providers. Project Peanut Butter has facilities in Malawi, Sierra Leone, and a new start-up program in Mali. We have a partnership with clinics in Payatas, Philippines. We serve as the the advisor to several small programs and orphanages that produce or distribute RUTF for use in their programs. As well, Project Peanut Butter continues to contribute to the irradiation of malnutrition through improved formulas for treatment of target groups, such as HIV+ Adults. Since the use of RUTF began in the treatment of malnutrition, recovery rates have skyrocket from 25-40% to 90-95%. We strive to improve this rate through improved recipes and improved distribution compliance.

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OUR YEAR IN REVIEW: 2010 was a great year for Project Peanut Butter.

Sierra Leone: We have completed the factory in Sierra Leone, including installation of the new sachet packaging machine. We have been producing enough RUTF for our own clinics. This has allowed us to dry run the factory on a slow production basis and eliminate any problems. We have spoken to UNICEF, World Food Program, and Doctors Without Borders and have begun the preliminary paperwork needed for an inspection. After the inspection, Sierra Leone will begin producing for these three groups on a cost-recovery basis.

Malawi: Malawi, the mothership has undergone a change in leadership, when Ms. Alima Kagaso replaced Mr. Liyaka Nchilamwela as Factory Manager. Lynda Khalati has stepped into the production manager role. This factory is running at full production and the sachet machine is now functioning well, after the summer work of our faithful volunteer, Zachary Linneman and dear friend, Nicholas Bouhet. The clinics in Malawi are running smoothly and Dr. Indi Trehan oversees the new formula trials.

Mali: Malnutrition is a public health problem for children in Mali; 22% of children have moderate malnutrition, defined as simple wasting, 10% are severely malnourished and 34% do not reach their physical and intellectual potential because they do not get enough to eat during the critical first 5 years of life. Peanuts, the primary ingredient in RUTF, are available locally in Mali.

The children of Mali are in need of an effective method to treat malnutrition, which PPB has to offer. An estimated 57% of deaths among children were related to malnutrition. Malnutrition-related child mortality is 136 deaths/1000.

During the summer of 2010, Stephanie Cole and Dr. Mark Manary visited Mali to ascertain the possibility of beginning our third program there. Stephanie remained there start the official paperwork needed to begin our work there. If all goes as planned, the Mali project will begin in summer of 2011.

Philippines: Payatas is an area outside Manila, Philippines where the garbage is dumped. It is home to thousands of garbage-pickers, intensely poor families who sort through the garbage looking for items to sell or use. Most of these families never leave the three mile square garbage dump and many suffer from chronic malnutrition and contagious diseases such as tuberculosis. In the Philippines, the Payatas Orione Foundation, Inc-PAOFI is committed to a feeding program for preschool children with moderate and severe malnutrition. Clinical feedings trials have shown that adequate nutritional support can save lives. In 2010, Project Peanut Butter established a small ready-to-use food production facility at PAOFI for tuberculosis patients. It was discovered that malnourished people did not fully benefit from anti-tubercular medications. We began using RUTF as an adjunct to the medications and achieved a high rate of success.

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Financial Report: As a 501(C)3 under the IRS, Project Peanut Butter files each year a Form 990. As soon as this is completed by our accountant, it is posted on our website. As well, this private accounting firm audits the finances of Project Peanut Butter annually. A copy of these audits is available upon request.

Thank you for your interest in Project Peanut Butter. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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