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APOPA MUNICIPAL MEDICAL CLINIC
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With the objective of expanded health facilities for the population in Apopa, through the responsibility of the Municipal Mayor, Dr. Osmin Estrada, the Coordinador para la Reconstruccion y el Desarrollo (CRD), and the international cooperation of the Larson family, the Apopa Clinic has relocated to the recently constructed Santa Catarina Complex. Dedicated Feb. 8, it also includes a library, and large meeting room.

Owing to the fact that access to medical attention for the majority population is very difficult, the Clinic offers their services at a very low cost and many instances gratis. The most common illnesses are: respiratory infections, tonsillitis, gastroenteritis, mental disorders resulting from interfamilial abuses and trauma resulting from the civil war.

Medical Services: general consultations, child growth and development, prenatal and postpartum control, family planning, small surgery, physical and respiratory therapy, dental, lab and pharmacy services, adult and child disease control.

Medical Brigades: With the objective to provide medical attention to isolated, rural communities 2x's per year and local markets each Friday. All consultations and services gratis. Emergency medical supplies are provided for each canton and community. 1,863 patients have been seen in 2000.

Social Assistance: An average of 94 children in childcare centers, cost exoneration for the 1673 patients and medicines for mothers who have no other clinic services, paying medical services/transportation for critically ill patients to specialized institutions, including cataract surgeries for 33 seniors and providing eye glasses.

All activities are supervised by Medical Director Dra. Yazika Chinchilla and coordinated by Dra. Luz Estrella

If you would like to help us with this important work, these are the most profound necessities:

* Funds for 1 additional physician
* Thermometers, Stethoscopes
* Antibiotics, Anti-diabetics
* Skin Ointments
* Liquid and Pill Vitamins (Children & Adults)

You really can save lives and ease the suffering of those who most need help in El Salvador!