

Haitian Relief: Operation Dignity

Purchase Sanitary Products to Provide Health, Hygiene and Dignity

In order to help with the Haitian Relief Efforts, we have started a project (**Operation Dignity**) to gather tampons, sanitary napkins and diapers for women and babies. While numerous urgent humanitarian disaster relief & rescue efforts are already underway, these personal sanitary products are often *overlooked* in the weeks that follow a natural disaster. These items are extremely important for good health, hygiene and dignity for many of the survivors.

We have contacted the **Afya Foundation**, <http://afyafoundation.org>. (The AFYA Foundation maintains a warehouse in New York and an inventory menu from which international health organizations and professionals can self-select medical supplies from the warehouse via the web that match the needs of recipient health centers/patients in Africa and other countries. These goods include consumables, sustainable equipment, medical office and community outreach supplies.)

We were told that they desperately need these personal sanitary products! They have not gotten much response for items of this nature, so they very much welcome our efforts.

Afya Foundation has partnered with organizations, such as **Partners in Health** (www.pih.org) that have clinics, staff and direct contacts in the field to ensure supplies we gather from our community match the immediate need in Haiti. Partners in Health is already mobilizing resources and bringing medical assistance and supplies to areas that have been hardest hit.

Please purchase an extra box of sanitary pads/tampons or diapers when you are out shopping during the next several weeks. Then bring these products to your OB/Gyns office or to Dr. Jacobs's Buffalo Grove or Crystal Lake offices. We will then ship them to Afya in New York for placement in large containers and shipment to Partners in Health in Haiti for immediate distribution.

You can also mail the sanitary products directly to Afya.



In Haitian Kreyol, "tout moun se moun" means every person is a person ... and every person can take part in bringing badly needed relief to the people of Haiti. Please help participate in this worthwhile project to provide sanitary products and dignity to those who have been touched by this tragedy.

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