



MEDICS FOR NEGRIL

A PARTNERSHIP TO
SAVE LIVES





PROJECT PROPOSAL

April 2019

OBJECTIVE

The JAHJAH foundation along with CAT BLACK, the alumni association of the Israeli Air Force Combat Search and Rescue Unit, have partnered to work with local communities in North West Jamaica to assist with pre-hospital emergency ambulatory care. Today, in the city of Negril and the surrounding area, there is an inadequate ambulatory service for the local population. In our research, we have found that for the over 200,000 residents of the North-Western region of Jamaica centered around the city of Negril, as well as the over 400,000 tourists who visit the region annually, exist opportunities to enhance public health systems. In an emergency life-threatening situation, there are limited resources currently in place that could be called to provide effective care within a prescribed amount of time.

UNIT 669

Unit 669 is Israel's premier search and rescue unit specializing in administering advanced life-saving treatment for soldiers and civilians in the harshest conditions around the globe. Unit 669 was founded in 1974, with its initial mandate to extract and provide initial medical treatment to downed pilots beyond enemy lines. However, in later years the unit's missions have increased and today, rescue over 800 victims annually. Aside from their military training they soldiers go through a two-year paramedics course where they learn advanced medical treatments.

JAHJAH

The JAHJAH Foundation has consistently shown its commitment to improving Jamaican society through infrastructure and awareness projects surrounding the medical field. They have achieved major success globally in bringing foreign medical personnel to Jamaica to bring premier care to the region. The impetus for this project stems from the JAHJAH Foundation's care for the people of Jamaica.





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MISSION

Beginning in September 2019, a delegation of four paramedics from Unit 660 will be sent from Israel to Negril with the purpose of founding a three-week intensive EMT course with the goal of certifying 20 local EMT's trained both as caregivers and emergency vehicle drivers. This team of 20 EMTs will be the inaugural class of trained medical personnel who will serve the people of Negril and the surrounding area with all their pre-hospital emergency medical needs. These certified EMTs will be employed by the Negril Chamber of Commerce and will conduct 24-hour shift work. They will respond to emergency calls and safely bring victims to local medical centers while administering life-saving pre-hospital care.

PRIMARY GOAL

- To improve access to pre-hospital care in North West Jamaica.
 - To facilitate immediate emergency care to victims until they can reach a primary health care center.
 - Create more public awareness on preventative measures to decrease loss of lives
 - Improve the wellbeing and lives of its residents and tourists.
- Highly trained medical personnel from Unit 669, designated for the mission.

SECONDARY GOALS

- Promote the local economy and through medical vocational education.
- Strengthen the local community.
- Educate and promote community-specific public health strategies.



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TRAINING RESOURCES

- Highly trained medical personnel from Unit 669, designated for the mission.
- Emergency medical training curriculum development.
- Instructional staff for the duration of the courses.
- Recruiting local residents for the course.
- Location space for training sessions

OPERATIONAL RESOURCES

- 1 modified emergency mobile unit with a future commitment of a second for rescue and evacuation to local hospitals.
- Central command station with dispatching capabilities.
- Designated emergency telephone number
- Living quarters to house on-call EMT's.
- Organizing oversight committee
- Establish partnership with all relevant government agencies

FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICAL NEEDS:

- Long term budgeting for salaries and equipment maintenance.
- Workers incentives.
- Medical insurance as operational liability insurance.
- Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Room and board for instructional staff for the duration of training courses
- Transportation of Unit 669 instructors from Israel to Jamaica.
- Meals and subsistence for training officers
- Public awareness campaign
- Operational and sundry expenses for central command station

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

CAT BLACK 669
Negril Chamber of Commerce

JAHJAH Foundation
Ministry of Health

