

PROJECT PEANUT BUTTER: ANNUAL REPORT 2013



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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 produced 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 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 eradication 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.

IN REVIEW: 2012 was a tumultuous year for Project Peanut Butter; 2013 has been a year of resetting goals.

Sierra Leone: With increasing orders for RUTF in Sierra Leone, we faced a new hurdle, lack of peanuts that meet standards for RUTF production. To prevent substandard peanuts from being used in the factory, Project Peanut Butter added a second hand sorting procedure, a second roasting procedure, and more testing. This has allowed us to maintain our product quality, although adding a bit more cost. Our long-term solution is to work with the peanut farmers to show them better harvesting and storing procedures. We will offer “top value price” for peanuts that arrive properly stored, therefore making the extra work acceptable and even desirable to the farmers. We are also increasing the number of clinics and children who are treated in Sierra Leone. We said good-bye to Chelsea and Michael Beasley who began the work in Sierra Leone. After over four years of PPB service, they returned to the United States to continue their educations and for the birth of their beautiful son Michael, Jr. Stephanie and Andrew Peace, our expatriate workers in Mali, transferred to Sierra Leone to complete their time and to help with the new peanut issues. The Sierra Leone factory is now under Sierra Leonian management. At this time, the factory is producing a major order for use in UNICEF-Sierra Leone programs. As well, Amanda Maust head up a program to expand use of RUTF to more areas in Salone.

Malawi: in the last year, political turmoil placed great strain on the factory and clinics in Malawi, but both are staffs were able to continue to work (with a few days off during some restless events). Malawi, the mother ship continues to produce RUTF for Malawi and for other countries in need. We were able to send two additional shipments to Somalia again this year. Our peanut procurement in

Malawi goes very well with much of the peanuts coming from small hold women farmers.



New Malawi Factory: In late 2012, the shoe company, which had rented Project Peanut Butter space for our factory, informed us that they would need the space by early 2014. So, suddenly in 2013, PPB began a new factory. We have been blessed to find two wonderful building construction volunteers; Mark Histan and Alex Caskey, who arrived in Malawi in early 2013 and have assembled a fantastic construction crew. The factory is being built on what once was a garbage-strewn field. Incredible labor, initiative and work have gone into the new factory. We will own the land so there will be no need to ever move the factory again. We thank the volunteers at General Mills who have assisted us in the design and technical decisions for this factory. We hope to begin using the factory in early 2014.



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Mali: Rats!!! Or rather, civil war! We have had to put our efforts in Mali on hold after the coup and then the insurgency in the northern part of the country. This was a painful and costly decision, but one made for the safety of our expatriate and national staff. All PPB staff in Mali was helped to move away from areas of fighting and each person was paid out their contract and received a moving allowance. We pray for an end to the fighting and intend to continue our work there as soon as it is possible.

Ghana: Ghana is the new Project Peanut Butter country-wide program site. With a generous grant from the Milton Hershey foundation, Project Peanut Butter has begun to rehab an old factory building in Kumasi, Ghana as our factory. Megan Halterman was the first country manager for the Ghana program and we thank her for her work this year. Dietrich Alderfer and Luke Hostetter are now the construction managers.



The beginning of partition wall construction in Ghana

Philippines: In 2012, Project Peanut Butter completed an expansion of the Payatas production room. This improvement allows for the extra production capacity needed for the number of cases of moderate and severe malnutrition being seen in these clinics. In 2013, Payatas reports that they have been able to increase both their feeding programs.

Orione Kenya: Building on our relationship with the Orione brothers, Project Peanut Butter has assisted the Orione Mission in Kenya in designing a therapeutic supplement for their center for neurologically damaged children and adults. Due to their fragile status, many of those in their care eat poorly and therefore suffer chronic malnutrition. The supplement will decrease the number of infections suffered and the other chronic illnesses these residents suffer.

Somalia: While Margo Stoner of PPB was in Kenya, a group working with Dr. Hawa Abdi in Somalia met with Margo to begin the small capacity production program at the Hawa Abdi Hospital.



Dr. Amina on the left, Dr. Deqo in the right



Margo teaching RUTF production

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, the private accounting firm of Martz and Wilson, St. Louis, Missouri audits the finances of Project Peanut Butter annually.

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

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