



IFHE NEWSLETTER

DAP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIPS

for HOME ECONOMICS/FCS Programmes
in Developing Countries

An IFHE Council Committee



INITIATING SUPPORT FOR HOME ECONOMISTS HOUR OF NEED

We all are emotionally touched by pictures showing destructions and homeless families, who lost all they owned through disasters such as Tsunami's, Floods or Hurricanes, which are happening from time to time all over the world. ➡

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Juanita MENDENHALL,
IHES (the International
Home Economics Services, Inc.)



IHES (the International Home Economics Services, Inc.) under the leadership of Juanita MENDENHALL and her Board of Directors, not only realised the distress and problems of families and individuals, they also saw the hour of need of colleagues, teachers and Home Economists, who lost buildings, total equipment of schools, learning materials nearly everything, which is necessary to educate children especially to conduct Home Economics lessons.

The outgrowth of Board discussions initiated a new, worldwide Home Economics initiative called **“Disaster Assistance Partnership”** in 2010. In 2013 at the IFHE Leadership Meeting of the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE), the name of the group internationally was decided as the **“Disaster Assistance Partnerships to Home Economics Programs in Developing Countries”**, which is called the Disaster Assistance Partnerships or DAP.

The DAP is an IFHE Council Committee, its **“DAP - Guidelines and Procedures”** were approved by the IFHE Executive Committee and are the basis for the DAP activities. The document includes the Mission and Purpose, Membership and Leadership as well as the Operational Procedures.

Partnerships is an organisation that takes action to assist with rebuilding Home Economics programs in developing countries after disaster strikes and they request assistance with program reestablishment.



DEVELOPMENT BASED ON TIRELESS COMMITMENT



Carol Weatherford—dresses



Women's group with new treadle's



During 2016 – 2018, the Disaster Assistance Partnerships, has continued working in several parts of the world: With the new Madina Village School and the Village Women's Cooperative projects in Sierra Leone, West Africa; the Honduras Initiative in Santa Barbara and Jutiapa, Honduras, Central America; and, most recently, hurricane recovery efforts after hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Caribbean. Significant resources have been donated and distributed by DAP colleagues and friends of Home Economics during this timeframe as reported below.

DAP and it's Partners have been working with the first ever school that is now in it's sixth year of operation in Madina Village, Sierra Leone. Due to the efforts of Francis MUSTUPHA and wife Bobbie, their life dream of returning to the home village of Francis, a US National Teacher of the Year, to build a school and bring education to the village is being realised. This year the first class to reach grade six took exit exams to advance to secondary school and every student passed the exam! Great proof the children are learning well. DAP/IHES has sent about 60 boxes of supplies over the last several years to the Village.



Classroom in new school, **Madina Village, Sierra Leone**

In 2017, Carol WEATHERFORD, Past-President of SCAFCS from South Carolina, spearheaded the making of 245 dresses for the girls and collected donations for underwear for all of the students. This year her dozen seamstresses hope to make something for the boys. Six treadle sewing machines have been provided to the women of Madina and we have sent boxes of fabric and sewing supplies for the Women's Cooperative. We will be working with the Women's group as they send us an updated proposal based on the village now having solar panels providing electricity – another first that was installed last spring.

THE HONDURAS INITIATIVE



Pictures from 2016–2017 from the **Honduras Initiative**

Significant time has been spent working with Leda HERNANDEZ, introduced to DAP by IFHE, to try to get our Honduras Initiative going. Dr. Mary KEITH did exploratory work in 2016 and Dr. Nancy GRANOVSKY held visioning workshops in several identified Honduran sights in 2017.

We have sent six sewing machines and 15 boxes of fabric and notions plus welding and shop materials requested by the Jutiapa Career Center and are in contact with them to see what is needed this year. We just received word from Leda HERNANDEZ that it is currently too dangerous for us to go to Honduras until things calm down as murders are rampant right now, even where we thought we could work. As an alternative we are working with a women's cooperative in Marcala, Honduras and are awaiting their proposal for a sewing income generating project. We hope to send machines, fabric and supplies to this group this year although we are not sure what our next steps will be with the Honduras Initiative because of the dangerous situation.



CARIBBEAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE, 2017-2018



Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated much of the northern Caribbean in the fall of 2017. DAP contacted our Caribbean Coordinator, Audrey JONES-DRAYTON to see how we could best help in the recovery. A call went out immediately to DAP members and friends requesting donations for assisting our colleagues. Response has been tremendous from across the US and Canada as well as some donations from Europe.

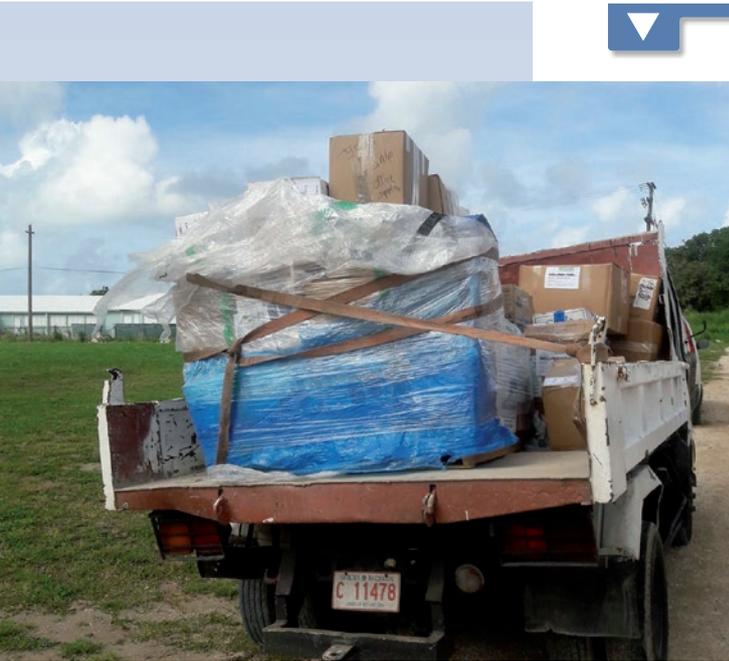


Money has been donated to both DAP and IHES for the Caribbean recovery. All shipping costs will be paid through DAP. IHES is helping with other expenses.

Collected supplies are stored in three storage units and 60 boxes were delivered to Antigua the first week of January. They are now being distributed to refugee students from Barbuda and Dominica that are in Home Economics classes in Antiguan schools. Home Economists there are helping to distribute the materials that include several new sewing machines provided by IHES donations.

Packing and shipping in **South Carolina**

Carol THIE from Indiana drove two car loads full of supplies from Indiana and Sharon and Sam NICKOLS brought a car full from Texas and brought another in February. Another came from Tennessee. Many colleagues shipped boxes to SC for sending. In addition to the generosity of colleagues, a huge thanks must be given to friends in South Carolina who help pack boxes on "Packing Days". Most are not Home Economists but want to do their part. We have a great time! They are invaluable! Packing items securely is critical and actually a lot of work! ▶



Receiving and sorting in **Antigua**



Antigua was selected first because their infrastructure was still operational and many islands will not be able to accept Home Economics donations until they have schools rebuilt and school can begin again. We will send to other islands as requested when they are ready to receive shipments in coordination with CAHE and Audrey JONES-DRAYTON's recommendations. All materials sent go through the Ministry's of Education and DAP must have a contact in Home Economics who is responsible for each place supplies are sent. We want to assure everyone that their donations are going safely to those for whom they are intended. With this in mind DAP will continue to need donations of both usable items for Home Economics programs and monetary donations. Assistance requests have been received from Tortola and Anguilla and their boxes are currently being packed. Shipment should be in April, 2018.

Sincere thanks

to all who are supporting the work of the Disaster Assistance Partnerships for Home Economics in Developing Countries. Everyone is invited to participate! A helping hand is always appreciated. Many hands make lighter work!

Monetary Donations are to be sent to:

Luann BOYER, IFHE-US Treasurer, 22500 County Rd. 21, Ft. Morgan, CO 80701-9337 (Sorry, no electronic options)

Donations of supplies need to be gotten to:

Juanita MENDENHALL, 122 Point Lane, Ridgeway, SC 29130, juanitam@usit.net

YOU CAN BE AN **ACTIVE PART** OF THE DAP PROJECT NOW!



We need small donated items for our **“Partnerships Project”** Product Sales Tables at various professional meetings. The money raised will help fund (primarily shipping) the **“Disaster Assistance Partnerships Project”** supplies, with money currently held by the IFHE-US (a 501(c)(3) organisation, and other Partner’s identified as Home Economics collection organisations in other countries.



ANYONE can contribute by making and/or bringing items to AAFCS, IFHE or other meetings and/or sending them to Juanita to raise funds for THIS PROJECT or by making a direct monetary donation. Please contact juanitam@usit.net if you need specific instructions or simply bring donations to our conferences. The DAP has a sales table at next IFHE Annual Meeting 2019 in Trinidad & Tobago and the Caribbean Association Home Economists conferences as well as AAFCS. Simply bring new or gently used or handmade items to the sales table or send items to Juanita.

This effort is ongoing, so it is never too late to contribute in some way. This will be the 10th year we have done this and it has proven to be very popular as well as life giving to the recipients. (HINT: Involving students during the school year in making items makes a great service project!! Women’s groups you belong to might be asked to make sales items. Several already are!)

Current Projects

- Madina Village School and Village Women’s projects Sierra Leone
- The Honduras Initiative
- The Caribbean Hurricane recovery Projects ▶



Judy BROCK and Juanita MENDENHALL Packing for DAP

The Disaster Assistance Partnerships Project is a great opportunity for international involvement by FCS professionals and other partners. Partnerships is an organisation that takes action to assist with rebuilding Home Economics programs in developing countries after disaster strikes and they request assistance with program reestablishment. YOU are welcome to be a part of the worldwide network that includes the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) and IFHE-US, American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences/ Global Perspectives Community, Caribbean Association of Home Economists, Canada, Region of the Americas, Thailand, Australia and Japan Associations and the International Home Economics Services, plus multiple, state, university and other organisations and individuals worldwide. The International Home Economics Services, Inc. initiated the DAP.

If you belong to any of these groups you are already a DAP member!

An application form for assistance can be requested from juanitam@usit.net. In the meantime, please remember that the Product Sales Tables will continue at various Home Economics meetings. We will continue to need items made or donated for these sales OR you may organise one at other professional meetings (such as a state or country Home Economics/FCS meeting) and deposit funds raised in an existing DAP Funds account or send the proceeds to the IFHE-US treasurer, **Luann BOYER**, 22500 Rd. 21, Ft. Morgan, CO 80701 USA, clearly indicating it is for the DAP Fund and send a copy of the donation amount to juanitam@usit.net for the records. Together we can do so much to help where help is needed!! Stop by our booth to learn more.

Requests for more information or expressions of interest to participate should be made to:

Juanita MENDENHALL, DAPartnership's Coordinator at juanitam@usit.net
Mailing Address: 122 Point Lane, Ridgeway, SC 29130

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Sidiga WASHI,
IFHE President 2016–2020



With gratitude and respect, I want to acknowledge the wonderful commitment and incredible efforts of Juanita and George MENDELHALL as well as their core DAP-TEAM and the many supporters from around the world.

Their strong vision and aims to assist with rebuilding Home Economics programs in developing countries after disaster strikes and they request assistance with program reestablishment has come to reality and is working very successfully.

We all have experienced the sales tables at different IFHE Events and IFHE Congresses. It is inconceivable how much time and energy the members of the DAP-Team spent in the last 10 years to generate donations for the DAP.

On behalf of the IFHE Executive Committee and all partners in the developing countries I want to thank all committed DAP supporters for their exemplary activities. As well, would like to encourage all Home Economists around the globe to contribute to DAP efforts for the future of our children and families who were hardly affected by disasters of various kinds. We wish you all the best for the challenges you are dealing with day by day!



Sidiga WASHI
IFHE President 2016–2020

DAP IN THE CONTEXT OF HOME ECONOMICS, IFHE AND THE SDGs



Looking at the IFHE Position Paper Home Economics it is obvious that the DAP is active in three Home Economics dimensions:

1. Curriculum Area

that facilitates students to discover and further develop their own resources and capabilities to be used in their personal life, by directing their professional decisions and actions or preparing them for life.

2. Arena for Everyday Living

in households, families and communities for developing human growth potential and human necessities or basic needs to be met.

3. Societal Arena

to influence and develop policy to advocate for individuals, families and communities to achieve empowerment and wellbeing, to utilise transformative practices, and to facilitate sustainable futures.

They support the reestablishment of Home Economics programmes and enable and empower children, youth and adults to manage their life and improve well-being. They co-operate with governments and promote Home Economics Education.



DAP in the IFHE

From the perspective of the IFHE, the DAP is inline with the IFHE Objectives stated in the IFHE Constitution, which include: The development, implementation and assessment of education programmes and projects in the field of Home Economics worldwide, the promotion of education for families and households at all age levels both in formal and informal settings. ►



DAP Relation to the SDGs

The United Nations **Sustainable Development Goal 4 “Education”** achieving inclusive and equitable quality education for all highlights the significance of education as basis for development and human growth. Reestablishing Home Economics programmes contribute to this important SDG 4.

Another key goal of the **United Nations number 17 reads: “Partnerships for the Goals – Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development”**.

This is the key of DAP to build bridges between Home Economists from developing countries and Home Economists in developed countries. These partnerships are valuable for the future development in the regions, destroyed by disasters.

In addition to these two direct links to the SDGs it is obvious that Home Economics Education has much more impact for the life of pupils and students, which the IFHE Statements related to SDG 1, SDG 3, SDG 5, SDG 6 and SDG 12 demonstrates. See the following link

<https://www.ifhe.org/united-nations/ifhe-statements/>

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