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**U.S. Embassy Makes G\$60M Donation to Ministry of Health, CDC**

On Monday, the Military Liaison Office (MLO) of the U.S. Embassy donated \$5M Guyana dollars of equipment to the Ministry of Health and \$55M Guyana dollars of supplies and equipment to the Civil Defense Commission. For the Ministry of Health, the items included two dozen hospital beds, with mattresses and bed tables, a dozen exam tables, and over 1,000 medical utility kits. For the Civil Defense Commission, the items range from tents to generators, from tools to refrigerators, from blankets to cots, and the list goes on. These items, along with the 15,000 emergency relief meals donated in August, will be managed by the CDC for disaster relief.

Close collaboration with the Government of Guyana, the Guyanese Defense Force, NGOs and health care providers on activities like New Horizons, Continuing Promise, and Southern Partnership has increased the partnership between the U.S. Embassy and the Guyanese government. As a result, when the Military Liaison Office team learned of the availability of medical disaster and preparedness items, they were well positioned to petition the U.S. Department of Defense to consider Guyana, and were awarded these items for use here.

“We come together today as partners in health. Over the past 6 years, we have been working together to create a stronger, sustainable health system in Guyana that will not only fight and win the battle against HIV/AIDS, but will also reinforce the efforts of Guyanese medical personnel in their daily duties,” said US Embassy Charge d’Affaires Thomas Pierce during his remarks.

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Health Minister Leslie Ramsammy gives remarks at ceremony for the donation of the \$5M Guyana dollars.



Supplies in the Civil Defense Commission warehouse (L); Display of specific items on a table (R).