Donations of Medical Equipment

If possible, all accessories and manuals should be included. Most developing countries prefer equipment that is simple and easy to use. Non-electrical tables and equipment are preferred over equipment that is dependent upon electricity to operate. Equipment that requires electricity to operate should function on both 50 and 60 Hz or be easily convertible to different voltage and frequency inputs.

Because FAME cares about what we send to our ministry partners, we accept only clinically and technically appropriate materials for the medical field. Not all medical equipment is practical or appropriate for use in developing countries. If equipment is not listed here, please contact FAME to discuss the items you would like to donate. If we cannot use them, we may know of others who can.

Medical Equipment Needs

Medical/Surgical/Diagnostic/Etc

- Electrosurgical Unit
- Monitor, ECG
- Monitor, Vital Signs
- Pulse Oximeter
- EKG Recorder
- Defib/Monitor
- Suction Pump
- Endoscope & Light Source
- Diagnostic Ultrasound
- Fetal Doppler
- Exam Lamp
- Exam Table
- Sterilizers
- Oxygen Generators
- Surgical/Delivery Table
- Microscope
- Stethoscope
- Blood Pressure Cuff/Monitor
- Oto/Ophthalmoscope
- Laryngoscope
- Centrifuge
- Blood Gas Analyzer
- Scales (Adult and Infant)
- Stretchers
- Dental Chairs & Equipment
- Ophthalmic Chairs & Equipment

Mobility

- Wheelchairs (Must Not Be Broken)
- Transfer Chairs
- Walkers (Folding)
- Crutches
- Canes (Adjustable)
- Hoyer Lifts (Manual)
- Shower chairs (Aluminum Frame)
- Commodes

Hospital Beds-Specific Guidelines

Hospital Grade Beds (Such as Hill-Rom or Stryker)
Must Be in Working Order

Home Hospital Beds
Must Have Manual Functionality

We can accept beds without mattresses.
However regarding the mattresses, we can only accept hospital-type mattresses that can be sanitized, and are NOT fabric-covered, ripped, torn or otherwise damaged.

Items typically *not* used or requested by our ministry partners include:

All-plastic Shower Chairs
Lift Chair Recliners
Power Scooters/Power Wheelchairs

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Donations of Medical Supplies

FAME cares about what we send to our ministry partners, therefore we only accept items that are not damaged, dirty, or obsolete. Sterile items should be in the manufacturer's packaging and should be unopened. We cannot accept expired items since nearly all of our medical supplies are sent to international ministry partners, and expired items will not clear customs. Because of this, **we prefer items with at least 6 months of dating remaining.** If you have any questions about medical supplies you wish to donate, especially items not on this list, please contact us to discuss.

Medical Supply Needs

Patient Care/Exam Items

- IV Supplies (Catheter placement, Butterflies, Injection Sites, Extensions, NaCl Flush)
- Syringes/Needles
- Tongue Depressors & Containers
- Cotton-tipped Applicators & Containers
- Gloves (Surgical & Exam)
- Catheters (Suction, Urinary)
- EKG Supplies (Electrodes, Recording Paper, Leads, etc.)
- Gowns (Surgical & Exam)
- Instant Hot & Cold Packs
- Oxygen Tubing, Masks & Cannulas
- Blood Draw Supplies
- Nebulizers & Supplies

Hygiene

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo-Travel Size Preferred
- Soap-Travel Size Preferred
- Adult & Pediatric Diapers
- Underpads/Chux

Surgical

- Anesthesia Supplies (Face Masks, Manual Resuscitators)
- Electrosurgical Supplies (Cautery Pencils, Patient Electrodes, etc.)
- Endotracheal & Tracheal Tubes
- Scalpels & Blades
- Scrub/Prep (Surgical Scrub, Iodine, Brushes, Sponges)
- Stainless Steel Containers
- Surgical Instruments
- Surgical Towels Drapes (Cloth Preferred)
- Surgical Tape
- Sutures & Wound Closure Supplies

Orthopedic Items

- Ace Bandages
- Casting Materials
- Braces
- Slings
- Splints
- Supports
- Prosthetics

Wound Care & Dressings

- Absorbable Hemostats
- Dressings
- Gauze, Rolled
  Gauze, Pads (4x4's etc)
- Bandages
- BandAids
- Medical Tape
- Iodine/Hydrogen Peroxide
- Antibiotic Ointments

Diabetic Supplies

- Glucometers
- Test Strips
- Lancets

Our partners can only use meters that *do not use* sensors/or are not the continuous glucose monitoring type.

Other

- CPAP Machines & Supplies

Items typically *not* used or requested by our ministry partners include:

Feeding Supplies & Cans of Enteral Nutrition
Dialysis Equipment & Supplies
Cryocuffs & Coolers
Trach Supplies
Hearing Aids
Eyeglasses-*prescription eyeglasses can be donated to Lions Club, we do take readers*

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