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BLU-MED Response Systems® donated a 50-Bed Deployable Medical Facility in the city of Leogane, Haiti. This was in response to the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that devastated Leogane on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The air-conditioned facility, providing 4,500 square feet of floor space, will be supported through the Medical Benevolence Foundation and Worldwide Village.

The absence of lifting equipment or electrical power did not delay construction, which was completed in less than two days without any special tools or equipment. The facility was rapidly erected by two BLU-MED personnel with an 8-man team of unskilled laborers from the local community. Working throughout the day, they seemed undaunted by the tropical humidity and 96°F heat. Physicians staffing the facility agree that air conditioning will be vital in treating patients and contributing to their recovery. Anchored to the ground on a wooden floor, the structures will readily withstand the hurricane force winds and rain which Haiti will likely experience within the next several months.

With the Leogane hospital destroyed in the earthquake, the BLU-MED mobile facility was greatly needed and is expected to be operational for more than five years. This facility will provide emergency care, outpatient treatment, surgery and postoperative care, as well as an inpatient ward for up to 30 persons.



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