

## Main health issues in haiti

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### Abstract

Haiti, known as the first free nation in the world to gain independence from France in 1804, considered the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere reports a chronic structural and organizational crisis dating back more than 30 years.

It is described 3 main tracks missing in the Haitian health system: geographic coverage, pointing to the problem of access to health care; financial coverage, and the inadequacy of basic health services. In two recent studies published by WHO and the World Bank, they presented the universal health service coverage index for each country and gave Haiti 47 points out of 100, ranking it 139th out of 183 member countries of the United Nations. For the Health Care Access and Quality Index, Haiti scored 32 out of 100 points and ranked 158th out of 195 countries. The poor quality of services and facilities in Haiti reduces the use of services. Out of 907 health facilities surveyed in Haiti, only 5% were fully prepared to provide minimum essential services: others were partially equipped with the necessary drugs (13%), equipment (54%) and infrastructure (7%). Of the 38 hospitals that were treating critically ill patients, only 39% had such training. Access to medical care in Haiti remains a financial and logistical obstacle. Difficulty of geographical access often meant a travel day for patients seeking care, while limiting the ability of doctors and hospital staff to get to their place of work.

The problem of infrastructure, organization and training leads to disparities in the population where the most vulnerable are the ones who pay the consequences. Through the results of published work, we present this review highlighted the main point's issues in the Haitian health system, which will help identify avenues for intervention in a view to change and improvement.

### Biography

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