



Your Support for Children With Medical Needs in the Dominican Republic

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Access to medical care is overwhelming for many families



Providing Access to Critical Care

Seeking treatment for a sick or injured child is often impossible for families living in extreme poverty. Compassion's medical fund provides treatment for beneficiaries who have an injury, illness or disease. Children with special needs or disabilities often require ongoing care that their families can't afford.

Franklin is a 7-year-old boy in the Dominican Republic (*shown in cover photo*) who received critical care through Compassion's medical fund. Franklin lives in the Bahoruco province, which has a 74% poverty rate, and his family has to walk for more than 30 minutes to get safe water. Two days after Franklin was born, he started trembling. His mother had to take a motorcycle in the rain to get him to the hospital. Franklin was diagnosed with asthma and a heart murmur which led to repeated illnesses.

Franklin's early years were full of hospital visits and isolation. To prevent asthma attacks, he wasn't allowed to run or play outside. At the age of 4, when he was registered at a Compassion Child Development Center, he was thin, sickly and withdrawn. The center provided consistent nurture, meals, transportation to doctor visits, and medication.

After three years of consistent care, Franklin's health and social skills dramatically improved. He plays with friends, participates in class, laughs, talks and shares. The medical care, nutritional support and nurture from his tutor were key for Franklin's recovery and progress. His life is on track to break the cycle of poverty. Your gifts help children like Franklin access the medical care that they need. Thank you for helping children in the Dominican Republic!

Dominican Republic FY19 Medical Fund Use



3,042
beneficiaries treated



874 caregivers and
siblings treated



Top medical needs:
respiratory, skin
ailments, special
needs/disabilities



5 beneficiaries
required therapeutic
feeding to treat
malnutrition