

## **Country Facts**

**Area:** 18,791 square miles – slightly more than twice the size of New Jersey

**Population:** 10,815,857 (2024 est.)

Languages: Spanish, English widely spoken

**Issues:** Marked income inequality, high unemployment, and underemployment; water shortages, soil erosion, deforestation; subject to

severe storms from June to October

# NPH Dominican Republic At a Glance

Opened: January 6, 2003

Location: Casa Santa Ana is outside of San Pedro de Macorís, about 40

miles east of Santo Domingo.

#### **NPH Operates:**



Family-style home



Temporary home for at-risk children



Medical clinic



Farm and greenhouse



School (grades K - 12)



Vocational workshops



Community Programs include transitional homes, the Extension San Marcos Program for people with special needs, and the Ambulatory Surgery Center - a collaborative project with our partner organization, One World Surgery



NPH Dominican Republic **2024 Impact** 



780 children and adults supported

190 local people employed

**39**K - University graduates



### **Did You Know?**

- In 2004, the bishop of San Pedro de Macorís, Francisco Ozoria Acosta, donated land to NPH on behalf of his diocese. Two adjacent parcels were purchased and construction began on the NPH home, Casa Santa Ana. The NPH family moved to the property in September 2005.
- The property is on nearly 50 acres and has small family-style homes, each with its own kitchen and garden.
- Approximately 11 acres are used for cultivation and livestock (pigs and sheep). This provides a healthy, sustainable source of food for the home, reducing expenses and time required to travel to the city to buy food.
- The baseball field was built and improved by Lindos Sueños, a community outreach program of the Boston Red Sox.
- Niños de Dios ("Children of God") in Monte Plata is a temporary home to provide protection, emergency, or short-term care to children and adolescents, focusing on family reintegration.
- The Extension San Marcos Program provides economic support, food, medicine, and transport to people with limited resources who live with severe disabilities or health conditions.
- NPH collaborator One World Surgery at Casa Santa Ana carried out 18 medical missions in 2024.
- In 2024, official permission was obtained to develop a polytechnic school. By expanding vocational and technical education, students living at NPH as well as many in the surrounding community will be better prepared for self-sufficiency and success in the workforce.

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