

Health

The project provides free health care for its workers at project facility clinics, a valued job benefit in Chad and Cameroon where health care can be difficult to obtain, especially in rural areas. Project health clinics provided over 20,000 health care consultations to workers in the past year. The bulk of this care involved illnesses or other health conditions unrelated to the workplace.

◀ Consultations at Project Clinics

	3Q2009	4Q2009	1Q2010	2Q2010
Chad	5,027	4,400	4,017	4,036
Cameroon	842	798	557	503
Project Total	5,869	5,198	4,574	4,539

◀ Project Worker Health Data

	STDs ¹		SSS ² Events (excluding Malaria & STDs)		Hospitalizations/ Observations		Medevacs	
	1Q2010	2Q2010	1Q2010	2Q2010	1Q2010	2Q2010	1Q2010	2Q2010
Chad	67	66	248	214	15	12	3	2
Cameroon	6	4	1	2	0	4	0	1
Project Total	73	70	249	216	15	16	3	3

1. STDs: Sexually Transmitted Diseases. 2. SSS: Sentinel Surveillance System, an epidemiological early warning system. Some examples of diseases tracked by the SSS include tuberculosis, dust exposure, meningitis, skin rashes and flu. The SSS focuses on additional diseases outside the two that have been priority targeted — malaria and sexually transmitted diseases. Trends in disease rates can help alert project health experts to a health problem before it reaches epidemic level.

For information on the project's extensive malaria fighting efforts in Chad and Cameroon, see the chapter on *Community Investment*.