

Child Family Health International

1) How has the current economy affected the need of services that you give to the community?

There is a greater need for quality primary healthcare. Especially in difficult times, many people forego basic preventative healthcare and end up being seen once an illness has progressed. The earlier we can catch something the better for the patient and early intervention is less costly than more involved treatment. This is true here in the US and around the world.

2) How has the current economy affected the donations of goods and services that your organization receives?

We have received fewer donations during this time and we have fewer volunteers able to go abroad. We have had some increase in local volunteers and we have been very happy to make use of the time and talent that people are generously giving.

3) How have the services that your organization provides to the community affected our local economy?

We have had to do significant cost cutting. We are an international organization and we have been fortunate that we have been able to maintain our programs in underserved and resource-poor communities in developing countries. This has been due to staff reductions in our San Francisco office and across the board cost cutting. We also had several innovative projects in process before the problems with the economy. Those projects have had to be placed on hold while we prioritize to deal with core business and basic needs.