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## Kirby Lester Aids Humanitarian Cause

Flood victims in Honduras' second largest city were able to receive their medications thanks to Kirby Lester's donation. The Little Friends International group was able to dispense >100,000 vitamin tablets and filled 3700 prescriptions using Kirby Lester's KL15e tablet counter.



Little Friends International, in partnership with Cure International, sent a team of physicians, nurses, dentists, and other volunteers, plus nearly 7 tons of supplies for a massive humanitarian project in San Pedro Sula in the northeast corner of Honduras.

The humanitarian group treated >3000 Hondurans, many of whom were displaced by devastating floods in October. Each patient was given 30 vitamin tablets, in addition to any necessary prescription medications. Using the KL15e counter, the 4-person field pharmacy staff finished packing all medications and vitamins in <5 days, or about 25% less time than it would have taken counting by hand.

"This is the first time we dispensed vitamins to each patient and to every member of the patient's family. This presented an unexpected amount of work for our pharmacy. The Kirby Lester machine was a godsend," commented Dr. Mary Pergiovanni, founder and president of Little Friends International. "Honduras endures about 95% humidity with frequent rains—that is not an ideal environment for any machine. We worked with Kirby Lester very hard, and it held up perfectly."