Lifesaving Partnership With Nonprofit Organizations: A Case Study



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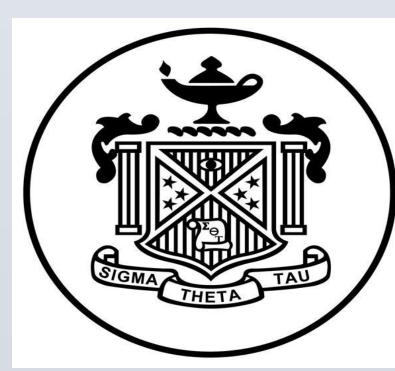
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this project is to assess the process of establishing, implementing, and evaluating a lifesaving partnership between an international organization and nonprofit organizations. The partnership is between Worldwide Community First Responder, Inc. (WCFR) and nonprofit organizations in the USA and Haiti. The nonprofit organizations include: Haitian American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International, and Volunteer New York.

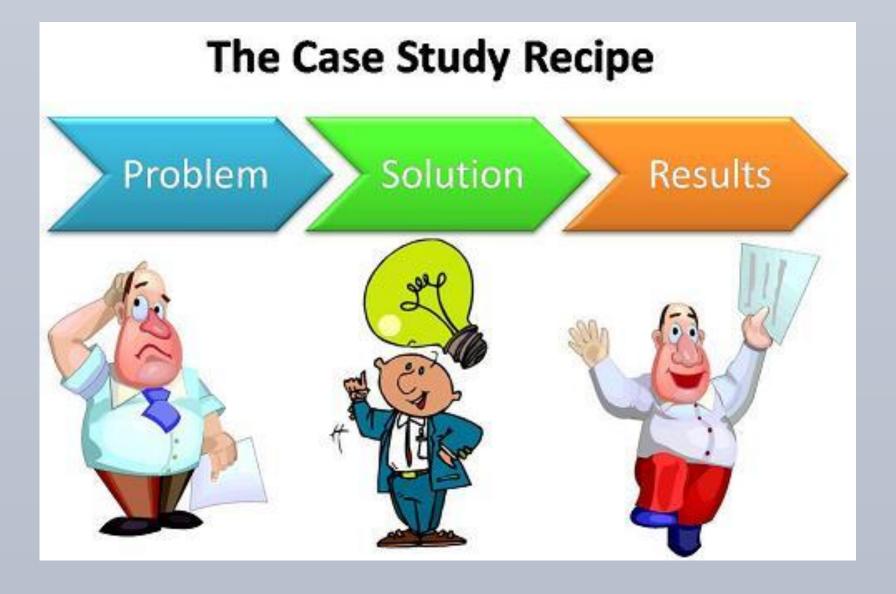






METHOD

In order to facilitate an in-depth examination of the project impact, a case study methodology was employed.



SERVICES

Communities worldwide have benefited from the services that WCFR has provided through lifesaving partnership.

A reflection of WCFR lifesaving partnership shows that the partnership impacts education by providing education to community members worldwide about fatal health conditions and preventative measures. The partnership also impacts training by providing worldwide community-based first response and first aid training. The services that WCFR provides can serve as a source of research for faculty and students.

<u>Haiti</u>



United States



RESULTS

The projects engage faculty and students at Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de Léogâne (FSIL), a nursing school in Haiti. Faculty and students respond directly to community needs by conducting community health assessments through surveys; analyzing data collected and recommending interventions to improve community health. Additionally, faculty guide students in assessing communities risk and vulnerability for disasters; and developing disaster preparedness plans including first response and first aid training. These opportunities help students practice critical thinking, and problem-solving skills necessary for professional life. Moreover, the projects engage participants in promoting healthy lifestyles in their community, and making their community safer, better prepared, and more resilient to disasters.





CONCLUSION

Through the projects, WCFR seeks to empower individuals in their communities and save lives. The lifesaving partnership between WCFR and nonprofit organizations has proven to be beneficial for all stakeholders. WCFR research findings and initiatives are impacting nursing practice, education, training, research and health globally. Although these projects were initiated in the United States and Haiti, they can be utilized for further interventions to prevent deaths through education and training in other parts of the world.



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