

# Access to Health Project



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- Access to Health Project
- Health and Human Rights Class
  - Interdisciplinary
  - Diabetes, AIDS/HIV among sex workers, family planning, and maternity health
- Needs Assessment Trip



# Guaymate

- Demographics
- Character of the Town
- Central Romana





# Interviews & Tours

- Conducted interviews in Santo Domingo, Guaymate, and La Romana
- Toured medical facilities



Community Advisory Board Meeting

# Scope of Health Issues

- Cholera, TB, Dengue
- Diabetes, Diarrhea, Upper Respiratory Problems, Hypertension, High Blood Pressure
- Reproductive Health
- STIs & HIV/AIDS



# Social Norms

- Condom use & machismo
- Domestic violence
- Religion as a solution
- Nutrition



# Social Norms Cont'd: Haitians/Dominican Divide

- Prejudice toward Haitians
- Documentation issue
- Less access to quality health care
- Life in the bateyes



# Resource Constraints

- Hospital lacked running water during the day
- Resource poor
  - Lack of sufficient levels of insulin, ARVs
- Fixed hospital budget, little communication between Ministry and hospital



# Conclusion

