Access to Health Project

Guaymate, Dominican Republic
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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