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Project HOPE reopens office in Honduras

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Millwood — After a coup, conflict, and — most recently — a bit of calm, Project HOPE officials decided Thursday to reopen their office in Honduras.

The international health aid organization decided to temporarily suspend its work in the Central American nation after a bloodless coup last week triggered sporadic unrest.

From the headquarters of Project HOPE — Health Opportunities for People Everywhere — in this Clarke County community, Senior Vice President Stuart Myers has received daily updates from the nonprofit agency's regional director in Mexico City, as well as from the country director in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa.

Myers decided to shutter Project HOPE's operations there June 29 — the day after President Manuel Zelaya was ousted from the country and replaced by de facto president Roberto Micheletti.

Protests began, the government imposed a curfew, and Honduras drew disapproval from governments around the world. In fact, the Organization of American States voted to suspend Honduras July 4.

With all the uncertainty unfolding, Myers advised HOPE's staff members in the country — about 40 — to stay home and maintain a low profile.

The fear in such situations of instability, he said, is that international groups might become a high-profile target for violence or that staff members working in the field could be caught in unexpected situations of upheaval.

Given that the immediate threat of violence has settled a bit, Myers decided that it would probably be safe to resume HOPE's projects.

"But as employees head back and return to their normal schedule, we've asked them that if anything appears threatening, to return home and report in by e-mail or telephone," he said. "But so far it appears to be very quiet."

HOPE has maintained a presence in Honduras since 1982, when the organization arrived to strengthen medical and nurse training at the country's National Autonomous University.

Since then, it has offered programs in child health education for health professionals, as well as child survival programs; village health bank programs with a focus on domestic violence and human rights; humanitarian assistance in response to natural disasters; and HIV/AIDS



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care and education.

The nearly two-week gap in services will disrupt some of the loan distribution cycles and extend the span of the health education courses, but Myers predicted that operations would be functioning at previous levels by month's end.

"We're glad that the situation seems to be stabilizing," he said. "Hopefully it will continue to improve and sort itself out."

In the meantime, officials in Millwood will be watching every move.

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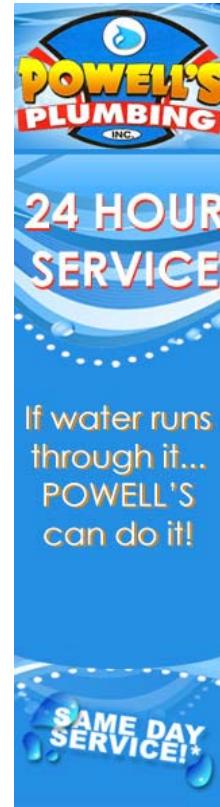
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