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Surplus Sleep Sacks Keep Newborns Safe

Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) is tragic when it happens to a family. Sleep sacks (pictured above) help keep babies safe from SIDS and suffocation during their first few months of life. UPMC Harrisburg had extra sleep sacks and recognized how crucial they were to babies' safety. So rather than discard the sacks, the hospital donated them to Global Links.

These sacks were then given to Nicaraguan medical facilities like Hospital Jacinto Hernández and Maternal Homes (*Casas Maternas*) to be used on newborns. Additionally, they will be sent to Bolivia where the thicker material will be perfect for keeping infants warm. Thanks to the generosity of UPMC Harrisburg, nurses and mothers in underserved areas can keep their babies safe while sleeping.