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UNIFA

The Université de la Fondation Dr. Aristide (UNIFA) is a shining star in the determined efforts of Haitians to build a new and democratic Haiti.

The story of UNIFA is one of Haitians serving Haitians. UNIFA is a fully accredited Haitian University, with Schools of Medicine, Engineering, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Dentistry, Law, Continuing Education, Agronomy, and Economics.

Founded by Haiti’s first democratically elected president, former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and his wife and colleague, Mildred Trouillot Aristide, and staffed by Haitian faculty, UNIFA now has over 2,200 students studying on its campus in Tabarre.

Most of these students—more than half of them women—come from sectors that have traditionally been excluded from access to higher education.

At UNIFA all students get a world-class education for less than it costs at other accredited private universities in Haiti.

BUILDING A NEW HAITI

Since reopening in 2011, UNIFA has graduated 230 new doctors, 78 new nurses, 8 physiotherapists and 30 lawyers, providing young people with the skills and knowledge to lead their country forward.

UNIFA is training Haitian professionals to solve Haitian problems

DOCTORS & NURSES who will remain in Haiti to treat and prevent cholera and provide urgently needed medical care for those who have been denied access to it.

ENGINEERS to build buildings that can withstand earthquakes and floods.

LAWYERS to champion the rights of Haiti’s poor majority.

A SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO RETURN AS TEACHERS, giving back to the same system that nurtured and trained them.

TEACHING HOSPITAL

Now UNIFA is launching its most ambitious project to date. It is constructing a new medical center and teaching hospital that will provide UNIFA’s students in the medical sciences with practical experience and at the same time provide urgent medical care to those in the region who are unable to access health care.

This new hospital will be a vital institution in a country in which the vast majority of people have little or no access to medical care.

In Haiti, there is only one trained doctor per 3,000 Haitians—and the statistics are even more alarming in the rural areas.

20% of all Haitians who are ill or injured are never taken to a hospital.

There are only 300 dentists in a country of over 10 million.

Haiti has the highest infant mortality rate in the Western hemisphere—partly due to the lack of access to prenatal and postnatal care.

Haiti’s overburdened and underfinanced health care system is still grappling with the devastating impact of the earthquake in 2010 that killed over 300,000 people, along with a cholera epidemic that has spread across the country, and the after-effects of Hurricane Matthew in 2016, the worst hurricane to hit Haiti in over a century.