



THE GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE





INNOVATION

We must reduce disparities and demand good health as a basic human right, both internationally and at home. There is much work to be done.

At the Global Health Initiative (GHI), we focus our efforts on sharing Henry Ford Health System expertise with our global partners as well as identifying and adapting health innovations from abroad to support long-lasting solutions to many of our local health challenges.

GHI EXPORTS THIS DETROIT KNOW-HOW TO COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE, AND WE SEE OPPORTUNITY IN IMPORTING GLOBAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS LOCAL DISPARITIES AND CHALLENGES.

The success of our work hinges on developing strong relationships built on information exchange and partnerships. We focus on problem solving around regional needs and barriers. It is our belief that the next great innovation in health care will come from emerging economies who know how to overcome the issues related to limited-resource settings.



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INSPIRATION

GHI engages in impactful, efficient work with communities all over the world.

We focus on mutually beneficial connections that improve health around the world. Because we know that GHI dollars are best invested in people, much of our work is based around building local capacity.

International networks enhance what we are able to accomplish with all of our community partners, at home and overseas. By facilitating a global dialogue about health, we build opportunities for wellness here in Detroit and for communities we support abroad. In an increasingly global society, our futures and our health are linked. Honor this connection by becoming part of the conversation with us.

EMPOWER US TO SUPPORT UNDERSERVED AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS NEAR AND FAR TO SECURE SUSTAINABLE HEALTH SOLUTIONS.

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO YOUR NEIGHBORS IN THIS COMMUNITY AND YOUR FELLOW GLOBAL CITIZENS.

CASE STUDY: HAITI

THE COUNTRY OF HAITI HAS THE LOWEST GDP IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND IN RECENT YEARS HAS EXPERIENCED DEVASTATING NATURAL DISASTERS, including multiple hurricanes and a magnitude 7.0 earthquake. These ecological disasters have contributed to a major health crisis that also includes limited access to clean water and sanitation, and a higher risk for disease. In collaboration with our U.S. and Haitian partners, GHI is working to address some of these challenges through an innovative education and training program:

- With an investment of less than \$50,000 USD to date, we have trained more than 230 Haitian medical students, community health workers and faculty members.
- We launched a research program at the Université Quisqueya Faculté des Sciences de la Santé (University Quisqueya School of Health Sciences) in Port-au-Prince.
- Our relationships with Haitian professionals have resulted in journal publications and presentations at international conferences.

The incredible, and continuing, effort of our staff and partners in Haiti has catalyzed development in medical education and research that will carry forward far into the future.

“I think that Haiti truly has a thirst for help in the development ... and implementation of scientific research ... I know that it is not easy to develop scientific culture here. However, it’s very necessary, crucial to our development.”

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