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Dear Friends,

The coronavirus COVID-19 has now reached Haiti. This can be devastating. PPAF and the University Notre Dame d'Haiti at Hinche (UNDH-H) are gearing up for action within available resources. We need your help. <u>Donate here.</u>

The university has a public clinic which is an excellent spot for targeted action. It is staffed by a medical director and other specialists, its nurses and biologists have been trained at UNDH-H, current students take internships there, and it charges low fees or no fees for services, depending on ability to pay. Building upon work by PPAF and collaborators for teaching innovations in the nursing and biomedical/biosciences programs, we will provide funds to help restock the rapidly depleting clinic supplies and help support public awareness of COVID-19 and the importance of hand washing and social distancing.

The Haiti President declared a national emergency on Thursday, March 19, upon the initial reports of positive tests for COVID-19. Panic buying has ensued in some quarters, but many people remain unaware of the disease and its prevention, mitigation and consequences. The cholera epidemic of recent years, the 2010 earthquake and the hurricanes since then have caused great distress. Haiti and Haitians are extremely vulnerable to this new epidemic.

The nursing and biomedical/biosciences program at UNDH-H, which has 202 students, seeks to improve public health in an underserved region of the country. Hinche is the seat of the Central Department and is a community of 50,000 population. As readers know, PPAF and collaborators have introduced coursework and practice on solar cooking and on biodigesters for biogas cooking and garden fertilizer at UNDH-H. Further action and innovation to combat COVID-19, based at the university clinic, builds upon established capabilities at a time of great need. Please help us raise funds.

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What can YOU do? Educate those around you on the present situation in Haiti so all can be aware of what is occurring and can consider supporting our programs.

Warm regards,

David

David Stillman, PhD

### **Executive Director**



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