

# **Solar Cooking in Haiti**

#### Advancing the SDGs before & during COVID-19

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The Public-Private Alliance Foundation (PPAF) promotes the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through projects and seminars involving multi-stakeholder cooperation.

A special focus is clean cookstoves and fuel in Haiti.

The COVID-19 crisis has presented a grave challenge but also an opportunity.

# A view of Haiti we all want to see



Most Haitian families depend on charcoal for cooking – with ruinous consequences for health, environment and economy.

The Public-Private Alliance Foundation (PPAF) and colleagues have put the sun to work for clean cooking.

We are engaged at a university and a children's center.

#### The colleagues bring many hands to the collaboration.

























# University Notre Dame d'Haiti at Hinche

- 200 students in Nursing and Biological/Medical Sciences.
- The first known Haitian college course on solar cooking.
- The Vice-Rector -- Sought and supports this since 2017.
- Faculty and students -- Exposition, classwork & fieldwork.
- Teamwork Expertise to prepare & implement the course.

## Before COVID -19 -- Solar cookers for class work and practice



# Vice-Rector, student committee & visiting team



# Nursing and Biological/Medical Sciences students in class



# Students learned new skills.





# Students enjoyed solar-cooked lunches together



# **COVID-19 -- Crisis and Opportunity**

#### Crisis ----

- UNDH-Hinche campus & country locked down since March.
- No school, no work, people worried, prices become unbearable.

#### Opportunity ----

Adaptation & innovation

# Staff & students now provide clinic services & outreach.







# New - Solar cookers to 35 students for home use & reports.

















## **Art Creation Foundation for Children - Jacmel**

 Aims -- Personal growth, empowerment & education of children in need.

 How -- Art instruction, tutoring, medical care, meals, educational expenses.



# PPAF supports ACFFC "Young Entrepreneurs" baking and sewing classes and related photos. \* Photo credits: Meristene Pierre



## Students also learn to cook with the sun.





# **COVID-19 – Crisis and Opportunity**

- Crisis ---
- Jacmel & the country locked down since March.
- No more than 10 people allowed in buildings, city dangerous, food & fuel prices jump
- ACFFC struggles to help its students and families

- Opportunity ----
- Adaptation & innovation

## Sewing class members now make masks. Eleven hundred so far.







# And they distribute them in the neighborhood.





# Cooking class members help feed visitors & limit propane use.





# Solar cookers new initiative - to student homes to use & report.

















#### The goals we all want to achieve – Solar cooking contributes to these!







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