



**We're not waiting.  
We're creating  
the future of Haiti  
NOW.**

UFONDWA USA  
2022 ANNUAL REPORT



156

STUDENTS ENROLLED  
FOR THE 2022-2023  
ACADEMIC YEAR

60

STUDENTS IN  
AGRONOMY IN  
2022-2023

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INCOMING STUDENTS  
FOR THE 2021-2022  
ACADEMIC YEAR —  
THE LARGEST EVER!

## Our Missions

Inspired by the vision of the University of Fondwa in Haiti (UNIF), — **Haiti's first rural University** — uFondwa USA was organized by U.S. citizens to:

- Raise Funds to Support UNIF
- Provide Technical Assistance to UNIF
- To be Ambassadors for UNIF and for the Development of Rural Haiti

UNIF's mission is to train generations of citizens who participate with determination and conviction in the sustainable and integrated development of the country throughout the rural areas.

In this report, you will learn not only about the work of uFondwa USA, but that of our primary partner, the University of Fondwa (UNIF) in Haiti.

# A message from the Board of Directors

## We're not waiting ... We're creating the future of Haiti NOW!

The Board of the University of Fondwa USA (uFondwa USA) is deeply inspired by the relentless focus of our partner in Haiti, the University of Fondwa (UNIF).

Does UNIF wait for their government to provide free access to higher education? Do they wait for Haiti's economy to improve? Do they wait for violent gangs to suddenly change their ways? No.

*Lespwa Fè Viv. Hope makes life*, as they say in Haitian Creole. Rather than wait, UNIF students, professors, and partners create the future of Haiti daily. With a deep belief that higher education for Haiti's rural youth in Agronomy, Veterinary Science, and Business Management, coupled with a focus on returning to and improving one's own rural community, they know they can transform their country.

And, as their U.S. partner — inspired by UNIF and the dreams of the faculty, students, and partners, we are strengthening and building resilient operations by adding board members with diverse backgrounds, completing our third independent and clean audit, and reinforcing best practices for a USA 501(c)3. We have earned a 4 Star rating from Charity Navigator and a Platinum Transparency rating from Candid. By continuing to keep our operating expenses low (and covered by specific donors) other donations and grants go directly to UNIF without deductions except for credit card fees incurred for online donations.

It is UNIF we want to lift up in this report. In 2022-23, in the midst of unprecedented challenges in Haiti, UNIF:

- Completed construction of Haiti's first Veterinary Science School, and put in place a new Dean;
- Increased the number of students by 27% over 2021, with one of UNIF's largest new classes ever;
- Enrolled 36 students in UNIF's School of Veterinary Science, 55 in Agronomy, and 65 in Business Management;

- Continued to strengthen staff capacity, infrastructure, and academic excellence;
- Sent administrative staff for training in the U.S., hosted by partner, Virginia Tech University; and
- Published two academic research papers, one with partner University of Arkansas, and the other with partner Virginia Technical University.

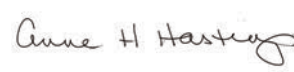
In the Annual Report, you will get a glimpse into real success in Haiti. Through student and alumni testimonies, you will experience the impact of UNIF on the students, and on the communities to which they return to serve. By reviewing uFondwa USA's audited financial statements and learning about both institutions and their leadership, you can feel confident in the use of your donated funds toward this important work. And, through beautiful photography, you will experience rural Haiti, as well as see the structural growth taking place.

As you review this report, it is our hope you will see the future is being created now ... by the faculty and students of UNIF, by our partners in Haiti and the U.S., and by you, our donors.

With your continued support and partnership, we are not waiting. We are creating the future of Haiti now. With gratitude,



Myron F. Steves Jr.  
President



Anne H. Hastings  
Vice President

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STUDENTS IN  
VETERINARY MEDICINE  
IN 2022-2023

<sup>1</sup> Richardson, Matthew; Nalley, Lawton Lanier; Durand-Morat, Alvaro; Crandall, Phil; Scruggs, Andrew; Joseph, Lesly; Chouloute, Jerome, "A Broken Market: Can Increased Access to Broken Rice Decrease Food Insecurity in Haiti?" in *Food Security*, May 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Lesly Joseph, Max Stephenson Jr., Laura Zanotti, Scott Ricot (2023). "Sustainable agriculture and food sovereignty in Haiti: Sharing knowledge and shaping understanding of food systems at the University of Fondwa." *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*, 13 November, 2023.

# Our impact

Testimonials  
of success  
from students  
and alumni

65

STUDENTS IN  
BUSINESS  
MANAGEMENT  
IN 2022–2023

## Slanta Nicolas

### STUDENT OF AGRONOMY

“I am from Port-au-Prince. It was a difficult decision for me to study here at a rural university. But I wanted to study agronomy.

In Port-au-Prince we have lots of insecurity. I was still sad about leaving my friends in the city. Now I am happy to be here in this peaceful setting where I can concentrate on my studies.

My favorite thing about studying here at the University of Fondwa is the professors. The way they teach is rooted in reality. Especially my classes in agriculture. When we go out on the land, each student gets a chance to practice what we have learned.

We don’t just have the theory in our heads, we have the experience in our hands. UNIF helps us understand the significance of everything we learn.

We are being trained as citizens. UNIF encourages us to be creative. When we graduate, we are ready to work. And we know how to think of solutions for positive change. We can help people with reforestation and sustainable farming.

My dream is for all the people who have left Haiti to come back. I want everyone to come back and work the land so that Haiti can advance.”





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STUDENTS FINISHED  
CLASSWORK AT THE  
END OF THE 2021-2022  
ACADEMIC YEAR

## Roselet Latouche

### STUDENT OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

“My name is Roselet Latouche. I’m 29 years old. I’m from Fondwa. I came to the University of Fondwa to study Veterinary Medicine. I’m about to tackle my fourth year.

I chose UNIF, because it’s a good opportunity for me to be able to live at home and study. It’s the only rural university in my communal section and it’s the only institution in Haiti with a veterinary medicine department.

But the thing I like most about UNIF is what they give us in terms of intellectual capacity. My professors have a way of explaining things. Even if we are in a theoretical class, it feels practical. It’s so perfectly adapted to reality.

We are situated in an ideal locality to learn about agriculture and veterinary medicine. The farms are here. The animals are here. There’s no reason why UNIF shouldn’t become a world-renowned center of higher learning. I want to see students from other countries choosing to study here.

The University prepares us to respond to real needs. The three academic departments correspond to solutions to Haiti’s problems: agronomy, veterinary medicine and business management. We will solve hunger in a way that creates wealth locally.

The University doesn’t just educate us with information and practice. It shapes us as people.

My dream is to see my country become equal with every other country in the world. I don’t want young people in Haiti to have so few choices that they pick up guns and turn them on each other.

We need more young people who are educated and who can represent our country. At UNIF we learn to be agents of development.”

“We don’t just have the theory in our heads, we have the experience in our hands. UNIF helps us understand the significance of everything we learn.”

— SLANTA NICOLAS

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MORE STUDENTS  
WERE ENROLLED IN THE  
2022–2023 ACADEMIC  
YEAR THAN THE  
PREVIOUS ONE

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— MOUSSANTO DANTIL



## Moussanto Dantil

### VETERINARY MEDICINE ALUMNI

“I live in Pignon in the Communal Section of Savanette. Growing up, I worked the land here with my father and raised animals.

I studied Veterinary Medicine as a way to improve life in rural areas like my hometown. We include meat, eggs, and milk among the solutions to our hunger problem in Haiti. Livestock also provides labor for many farmers. And, raising animals is a way to create and maintain wealth.

Upon graduation, I had a little job helping out at a chicken farm. While I was working there I started a small veterinary pharmacy. My next step was to take out a loan to begin raising goats. And from there my wife and I launched our own chicken business. Eventually, we opened the veterinary clinic where I see all kinds of animals every day.

And of course, we have always been farming. We never stop growing food.

UNIF changed my life by providing me with an education that is adapted to our context. I was inspired to go back home and apply what I learned which was perfectly suited to the environment. As the son of peasants in Haiti, that was very important to me.

One of the most important things I learned at UNIF is that the livelihood of my family is married to the development of the whole community.

I help the community by keeping our animals healthy and thus helping to secure our wealth and food supply. I’ve also built roads and other infrastructure for everyone to use.

Each year, I am happy to welcome UNIF students as interns. UNIF students understand that the development of our country is up to us. We believe in change and we know how to make it happen.”

# Jhonny Ambroise

## PROFESSOR OF AGRONOMY

“I’ve been teaching at UNIF for the past 10 years. I hold an undergraduate degree in Agronomy and a Master’s in Agricultural Education. The classes I teach at UNIF are Biology, Agriculture II and Agronomy. Of course all the subjects are related. To be a successful agronomist, one must also be strong in veterinary medicine and business management.

The reason I choose to teach at UNIF is because here we are a learning family. Mutual respect is foundational. It’s a pleasure for me to be a professor here at one of the rare institutions situated in the countryside where we work hand in hand with local farmers.

In fact, we are immersed in a laboratory that is perfectly suited to the academic subjects we teach. We have the land, the sun and the soil. The set of challenges that farmers face are the exact ones we are facing together in real-time here at UNIF.

My vocation is to prepare the next generation of Haiti’s leaders. When students graduate from UNIF they have all the tools they need to go back home and develop their communities while making a decent living.

I am proud to be on this team that teaches students to work collaboratively to create wealth using existing resources.”

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—JHONNY AMBROISE



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MORE FIRST-YEAR  
AGRONOMY STUDENTS  
IN 2022–2023 THAN  
THE PREVIOUS  
ACADEMIC YEAR

# New veterinary science building

In the midst of challenging times in Haiti, and with the support of a very generous donor, UNIF undertook and completed the construction of a Veterinary Science School building. Inauguration of the new building is scheduled for January 2024.



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# Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

|                                                        | 2022             | 2021           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</b>           |                  |                |
| <b>Revenue and Other Support</b>                       |                  |                |
| Contributions and grants                               | \$ 1,241,117     | \$ 989,789     |
| Net assets released from restrictions                  | 20,191           | -              |
| <b>Total Revenue and Other Support</b>                 | <b>1,261,308</b> | <b>989,789</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                        |                  |                |
| Program services                                       | 1,078,003        | 948,520        |
| General and administrative                             | 66,176           | 40,575         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                  | <b>1,144,179</b> | <b>989,095</b> |
| <b>Change in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions</b> | <b>117,129</b>   | <b>694</b>     |

# Statements of Financial Position

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

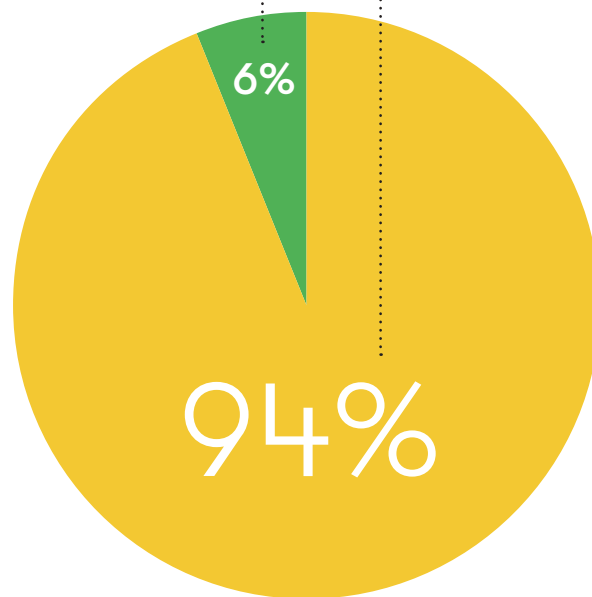
|                                         | 2022                | 2021             |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                           |                     |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | \$ 1,478,429        | \$ 40,555        |
| Pledges receivable, net                 | 105,236             | 1,210            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                     | <b>\$ 1,583,665</b> | <b>\$ 41,765</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>       |                     |                  |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                      |                     |                  |
| Accounts payable                        | \$ 2,619            | \$ 480           |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                       |                     |                  |
| Without donor restrictions              | 136,902             | 19,773           |
| With donor restrictions                 | 1,444,144           | 21,512           |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                 | <b>1,581,046</b>    | <b>41,285</b>    |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b> | <b>\$ 1,583,665</b> | <b>\$ 41,765</b> |

# Statement of Functional Expenses

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

|                           | Program<br>Services | General and<br>Administrative | Totals              |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Grants                    | \$ 1,052,664        | \$ -                          | \$ 1,052,664        |
| Outside contract services | 14,900              | 21,400                        | 36,300              |
| Accounting fees           | -                   | 29,400                        | 29,400              |
| Insurance                 | -                   | 5,825                         | 5,825               |
| Travel and meetings       | 10,439              | -                             | 10,439              |
| Miscellaneous expenses    | -                   | 9,551                         | 9,551               |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>     | <b>\$ 1,078,003</b> | <b>\$ 66,176</b>              | <b>\$ 1,144,179</b> |

**94% of our expenses in 2022  
went toward our program in Haiti,  
while only 6% went toward  
administration and fundraising**



# 2022 Donors

## \$500,000 – \$2 MILLION

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation –  
Catholic Sisters Initiative  
Julian and Ruth Schroeder

## \$50,000 – \$500,000

Blue Bonnet Foundation  
The Julian Grace Foundation  
Anne H. Hastings

## \$10,000 – \$50,000

The Donnelley Fund  
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## \$2,500 AND BELOW

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uFondwa USA makes every effort to recognize all of our donors. If you donated, but do not see your name in this list, please reach out to us.

### Generous grant received from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation – Catholic Sisters Initiative

uFondwa USA is honored to serve as the fiscal agent for the Father Joseph Network (FJN) to receive this grant. The \$1.6 million is for developing the capacity of the Haitian Association of Indigenous Religious Orders (AKESNA) and Indigenous Orders of Women Religious throughout Haiti. UNIF is providing much of the technical training offered to sisters through this grant, especially in business management, agronomy, animal husbandry, and computer training. Please contact us for more information on this particular project.

# Leadership

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Leigh Carter

Angela Galbreath  
(joined May 2023)

Brian Stevens  
(joined December 2022)

Kathleen Wright, CPA

Mary Kate Porath, Intern

## IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN 2023

Two new individuals joined the uFondwa USA Board in 2023, Lon Kreger, an entrepreneur with extensive experience in the Ag Industry based in Idaho and Jude Raymond Fish, of Haitian decent, with experience in technology, online education and international consulting. Also, Sister Kathy Wright, CPA, has joined uFondwa USA as our Acting CFO. She is based in Florida. Sister Kathy is a member of the Sisters of Loretto, based in Kansas, an order that has advocated for Haiti for three decades.

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