

HAITIAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION <hrdf.org>

Aldy Castor, M.D., President

United States: 854 Marina Drive, Weston, Florida 33327
Ph 954.659.7953. 954.873.0064, fax 954.659.7957, aldyc@att.net

Haiti: 17, 2ème ruelle Wilson, Pacot, Port-au-Prince, ph 509.3.461.5225
25, Rue Sténlo Vincent, Aquin



The Haitian Resource Development Foundation (HRDF), a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, with United States Federal Tax I.D. No. 72-1074482, was established in 1987 in the State of Louisiana. This Foundation is also recognized by the government of Haiti as a Non-Governmental Organization (N.G.O.) under the RE: No. MPCEFP/1993/94/17 and registered in the archives of Le Ministère de la Planification et la Coopération Externe under the number B-0167. HRDF's mission is to initiate or support projects whose goals are to develop Haiti's resources and focuses its effort on outcome-based programs in the fields of health care, education, scientific research, arts and culture and economy.

Dr. Aldy Castor's Observation Port-au-Prince Mardi Gras 2015 Mass Casualty Simulation Exercise, February 13, 2015

This mass casualty Simulation Exercise was conducted as a field mock drill with actors playing the role of victims at an emergency site in the Champ de Mars in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

- The simulation was well-planned and implemented
- It was a good idea to have the simulation at the Carnival site actually in-construction. This provided a real environment and setting where the event will be taken place three days later.
- The utilization of resources was maximized with a multi-sectorial approach.

Some weaknesses to be strengthened

- The triage area was at times over-crowded and looks every now and then chaotic
- The mass-casualty perimeter of security was not established to separate the onlookers from victims.
- Two severely-injured poly-traumatized patients layed unseen for twenty-four minutes behind the truck used in the simulation, before being taken care of. Moreover, emphasis was only placed in their transportation.
- No still- and video-photographers recorded the scene for forensic and evidence collection.
- Many items of evidence in the accident scene were compromised
- The truck driver was neither taken into custody nor the vehicle impounded
- The truck driver was not checked for sobriety

Aldy Castor, M.D., President, Haitian Resource Development Foundation (HRDF),
Director, Emergency Medical Services, Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad (AMHE) Haiti Medical Relief Mission



Two severely-injured poly-traumatized "victims" during mass-casualty simulation exercise, February 13, 2015