Harvard and Haiti: A collaborative response to the January 12 earthquake

Dr. Paul Farmer and his colleagues from Harvard Medical School, Partners In Health and Brigham and Women’s Hospital will provide an update on the situation in Haiti since the January 12 earthquake.

Thursday, February 11
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
Joseph B. Martin Conference Center
77 Avenue Louis Pasteur

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Medical anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer is a founding director of Partners In Health (PIH), an international non-profit organization that provides direct health care services and has undertaken research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. For more than twenty years, PIH has been providing vital health care services in Haiti’s Central Plateau and Artibonite Valley. Working alongside the Ministry of Health to serve a catchment area of 1.2 million people, PIH has become one of the largest health care providers in the country. PIH had more than 100 doctors, 600 nurses, and a total of 4,000 employees on the ground in Haiti working from twelve existing PIH medical facilities in Haiti before the earthquake struck on January 12.

Dr. Paul Farmer will be joined by Jeffrey S. Flier, MD, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Harvard Medical School.

Visit http://hms.harvard.edu/public/haiti/ for a live broadcast of the program and for a video posting the following day. Details on the panel discussion will be available shortly.