

GULU-NAP: A SUCCESS OF ITALY-UGANDA COOPERATION

On 23 January 2010, 40 young Ugandans graduated in Medicine and Surgery through an Italy-Uganda cooperation project called GULU-NAP (for Naples) . On the same day, a new a new 3-storey building with 6 Classrooms, Library and Laboratories, called 'Italian-Block', was inaugurated.

GULU-NAP: Project to support the development of a New Faculty of Medicine in Northern Uganda

DURATION: Three years from 2003 to 2006, extended with local funds (Naples) from 2006 to 2009

FINANCING: \$780,000 from a counterpart fund from a donation of rice from Italy to Uganda. Since 2006, local institutions (Campania Region, Province and Municipality of Naples, Neapolitan Citizens) have contributed the sum of € 600,000 .

ACTIVITIES:

- Construction and rehabilitation of buildings for the new Faculty of Medicine
- Supply of scientific equipment and assistance in its use
- Provision of 2 Multimedia Classrooms with 25 Workstations each (Province of Naples)
- Provision of Books and Scientific Journals for students
- 38 Italian professors, the majority from the Federico II University of Naples, went on a short mission short mission, with only travel reimbursement, to teach in compact courses of 4-6 weeks for all the semesters of the 5-year course of the Faculty of Medicine from 2004 to 2009

RESULTS

There is currently an established Faculty of Medicine in Gulu, Northern Uganda with :

- 360 Students (85% with Ugandan Government Scholarships)
- A Faculty of Medicine with about 30 Teachers (Professors, Lecturers, Assistants)
- A decent scientific-didactic structure for the training of Doctors
- Two Clinical Hospitals (Teaching Hospital): the Regional Hospital of Gulu and the Italian Missionary Hospital of St. Mary's Hospital Lacor.

EVALUATIONS

85% of the Faculty's students passed national level examinations with results judged to be excellent at international level. 40 out of 52 (80%) graduate exactly on time.

The students have developed and produced the '*Gulu Medical Journal*' currently in its 5th edition and have organised the first international Mental Health Congress in Uganda.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI awarded on 12 December 2009, on the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, the 'Cardinal Van-Thuan' Award to the GULUNAP project for its outstanding contribution to to Human Development.