

Is HEALTHCARE a HUMAN RIGHT?

Insights from Haiti, Cuba & Honduras

~ *Dr. Luther Castillo*

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of the *Honduran*
Democratic Resistance
& leader in implementing
peoples' medicine
in
Haiti & Honduras



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Harmony Cafe
Peace Room

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Luther Castillo is dedicated to bringing vital health services to isolated indigenous coastal communities. Since 1999, he has directed the *Luaga Hatuadi Wadubeñu Foundation* ("For the Health of our People" in Garifuna). He is notably featured in the film "*Salud*" about the training of medical students from around the world in Cuba. After his 2005 graduation from the Latin American Medical School in Havana, Cuba Dr. Castillo returned to the Honduran coast, where he led the Foundation's construction of Honduras' first *Garifuna Hospital*, now serving over half a million people in the surrounding communities free of cost.

The hospital opened in December 2007, a few months after Dr. Castillo was named "*Honduran Doctor of the Year*" by Rotary International's Tegucigalpa chapter. The hospital and its community health outreach are supported by a number of U.S. and other international organizations, including the *Sacramento, California*

Central Labor Council, Global Links, The Birthing Project, and MEDICC. Several US medical schools also have cooperative arrangements with the Garifuna hospital, including *Johns Hopkins, Emory, Charles Drew and University of California (SF).*

Just weeks before the Honduran coup, Dr. Castillo was named director of *International Cooperation in the Honduran Foreign Ministry.* Since then he has played a key role in the *National Front of People's Resistance* in its struggle to rebuild Honduran democracy.

Following the earthquake in Haiti, Dr. Castillo organized a group of his fellow doctors who had trained at the Latin America Medical School and led a team of doctors in Haiti, living with the people in the tent camps and providing urgent medical care.

Dr. Castillo is now a Spokesperson for the *Honduran People's Front for National Resistance.*

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