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**MEDICAL  
PROFESSIONALS  
FOR AFRICA**



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# Outline

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# Introduction

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The organization was conceived in an effort to foster support amongst medical professionals towards the goal of attenuating the health disparities in African communities around the world.

Inaugural meeting was on October 11, 2014 at which time the name “Medical Students for Africa” was adopted.

Inspiration drawn from NMA-SNMA

Student arm: Medical Students for Africa

Physician arm: Medical Professionals for Africa

# Our Vision

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The vision of the Medical Professionals for Africa is to “Unite American medical professionals towards the goal of improving the health of African communities around the world.”

Our meetings will also be a space to discuss matters related to the health of various African countries, to develop a better understanding of their healthcare needs, and how we can use our future careers in medicine to address them.

# Our Strength

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## MSA

We have the numbers

- HUCM/HUH is very likely the largest collection of African medical students, residents, and physicians in the United States.

We will have the support needed

- With support from the student body, staff, and alumni, we are confident we can gather the resources necessary to bring our plans to fruition.

## MPA

We have the passion

- With all these dedicated professionals eager to apply their skills to benefit communities here and abroad, we hope to coordinate and oversee efforts to improve healthcare throughout Africa.

# Medical Students for Africa!

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# Past Events

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## Health Screening

- When: Winter 2016, 2017
- Location: Jesus House D.C.
- Provided health screenings
- Administered survey to link diet with diseases such as DM and HTN



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# International Clinical Rotation

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## Elective Rotation in Nigeria

- March 24, 2017 - April 19, 2017
- 4<sup>th</sup> year HUCM medical students will spend 4 weeks at various primary care, surgery, and OBGYN clinics in Nigeria.
- Dr Adegbenga Kiladejo, an OBGYN in Nigeria currently doing research in DC, worked with us to establish contacts with UNIMED in Ondo State.

# University of Medical Sciences, Ondo

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