

Spring 5-29-2014

# Basic Human Health and Sustainable Community Development: A Case Study of a Community in Monte Plata, Dominican Republic

Rachelle H. Arnoux

*SIT Graduate Institute*, [rachelle.arnoux@mail.sit.edu](mailto:rachelle.arnoux@mail.sit.edu)

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalcollections.sit.edu/capstones>

---

## Recommended Citation

Arnoux, Rachelle H., "Basic Human Health and Sustainable Community Development: A Case Study of a Community in Monte Plata, Dominican Republic" (2014). *Capstone Collection*. Paper 2690.

This Thesis (Open Access) is brought to you for free and open access by the SIT Graduate Institute at DigitalCollections@SIT. It has been accepted for inclusion in Capstone Collection by an authorized administrator of DigitalCollections@SIT. For more information, please contact [digitalcollections@sit.edu](mailto:digitalcollections@sit.edu).

Rachelle H Arnoux – PIM 72  
**Basic Human Health and Sustainable Community Development:  
A Case Study of a Community in Monte Plata, Dominican Republic**  
May 2014

**Abstract**

One of my objectives in conducting this research is to enhance my skills in data collection while simultaneously improving my writing skills. More substantively, I wanted to explore how access to healthcare in a developing country like the Dominican Republic can contribute to sustainable development. As good health is fundamental and vital for all human beings, it is important in the context of this study to understand how the healthcare system in a particular country gives the population access to quality healthcare. Referring myself specifically to the situation at Batey Relief Alliance (BRA) Dominicana medical center in the Dominican Republic, I decided to do a patient satisfaction survey at my practicum site to see how people evaluated the medical service they received. Patient satisfaction is one of the key factors to determine how well the medical center of Batey Relief Alliance (BRA) Dominicana is doing. Its measures include access, outcome, effectiveness of service provided, and other variables intended to improve the community health. Therefore important economic decisions and judgments are being influenced with the result of this survey.

My practicum opportunity helped me understand the basic requirements of a community's health needs while learning how to approach community members to collect the primary data which would help me analyze and understand on a bigger scale the basic healthcare systems and the determinants of a country's sustainable development.