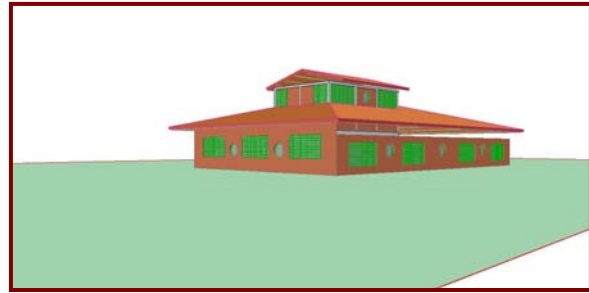


Catholic University of Mozambique Prepares to Open Model HIV Clinic and Training Center

The Universidade Católica de Moçambique (UCM) in Beira, Mozambique, will soon be home to a new model clinic and training center.

UCM has been working with the University of Pittsburgh through a Twinning Center partnership designed to improve educational and skills-building opportunities for healthcare professionals in Sofala Province.



An artist rendering depicts the HIV/AIDS Clinic that will soon open at Catholic University of Mozambique's campus in Beira.

The new clinic will help partners further this goal in support of a Ministry of Health initiative to train additional healthcare workers to provide quality treatment and care to people living with HIV or AIDS.

Partners have been working to establish an organizational structure for the training center and define clinical competencies, as well as to design training curricula and monitoring and evaluation policies and procedures.

So far, they have trained 25 local instructors using updated materials that are consistent with the latest evidence-based research and current Ministry of Health guidelines.

The partners are collaborating with Amsterdam Medical Center, a current provider of technical assistance to UCM's Medical School in the form of onsite teaching and curriculum development. In addition, they are working with a local faith-based organization, ESMABAMA, to provide enhanced prevention and adherence support to the rural community surrounding the UCM-affiliated clinic in Mangunde.