

HAITI

CLM+ (CHEMIN LAVI MIYÒ – PATHWAY TO A BETTER LIFE)



The impact of the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in 2010 still remains. Families strive to earn a livelihood but often lack opportunities to engage in the economy. Women especially struggle to get ahead, which has implications for their families and communities. Without these opportunities, women and their families do not benefit from stable incomes– forcing them into greater poverty.



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QUICKFACTS

- Over 50% of Haiti's population lives in extreme poverty
- Less than 50% of school age children attend school
- 45% of the households in Haiti are headed by women, and are substantially poorer than the male-led households
- Agriculture contributes to close to 50% of the country's employment
- Haiti is ranked 123 out of 146 on the Gender Inequality Index

Background

Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. In the midst of its poverty, however, a measure of stability has slowly emerged. After a number of recent democratic elections, evidence exists that the nation may be moving away from frequent coups d'état. With this political stability, improvements in a range of sectors have begun. Roads across Haiti are slowly improving, and more and more children, especially in and around the capital, are attending school.



MEDA's Assessment

In 2007 Fonkoze Foundation launched their CLM (*Chemin Lavi Miyò – or Pathway to a Better Life*) program. Aiming to improve the livelihoods of ultra-poor women (who barely had enough to eat each day), the program started with fifty participants. The results were excellent. Over 95% of the women graduated from the program with two income generating activities, more productive assets, plans for their future, and the confidence to know that they would be able to succeed. Fonkoze has been

building on these successes as the CLM program has continued.

In 2015, MEDA partnered with Fonkoze to build upon the CLM program. For this project MEDA will assist Fonkoze in introducing more market-driven and business-oriented solutions that will help these Haitian women undertake sustainable agricultural income generating activities. In this new initiative, called CLM+, MEDA and Fonkoze will work to ensure the success of women by

helping them achieve stable and reliable incomes and connecting them to improved technical assistance, stronger markets, and seeds and fertilizer.

With a special focus on peanuts and hot peppers in Haiti's Central Plateau Region, 1,500 Haitian women and their dependents will realize their potential to earn a livelihood and become integral members of the Haitian economy.

Outcome | 4 Year Project Budget

- Haiti's most vulnerable women become producers and successful market actors in the peanut and hot pepper subsectors
- 1,500 ultra-poor Haitian women and their 6,000 dependents reached
- Integration into economic systems provide women and their families a more stable and reliable income

