



INTER-AMERICAN
FOUNDATION



Haiti Portfolio

Who We Are

The Inter-American Foundation (IAF) is a nimble and transformative U.S. government agency that invests in community-led development across Latin America and the Caribbean. We directly engage local leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs in underserved areas to create more prosperous, peaceful, and democratic communities. The IAF's active portfolio includes more than 300 projects in 24 countries.

Country Strategy

Haiti continues to struggle with severe poverty and malnutrition, exacerbated by political instability and vulnerability to natural disasters. Our 17 grantee partners work with women and other traditionally underserved populations in seven of the country's ten departments to enhance food security in rural areas, foster local entrepreneurship, and improve access to capital through savings and loan associations. These investments build community resilience, complement the work of other U.S. government agencies, and advance U.S. strategic priorities in Haiti, including the Caribbean 2020 framework and the U.S.-Caribbean Resilience Partnership.

Key Program Areas



SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE AND
FOOD SECURITY



COMMUNITY ASSET
MOBILIZATION



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
AND HUMAN RIGHTS



ENTERPRISE
DEVELOPMENT
AND JOB SKILLS



17
ACTIVE
Grants

\$5.0 M

IAF INVESTMENT

\$3.7 M

COUNTERPART
INVESTMENT

\$8.7 M

TOTAL INVESTMENT

136

PARTNERSHIPS
DEVELOPED



65,000 HAITIANS BENEFITING

What We're Accomplishing with Our Grantees

Building Economic Opportunity through sustainable smallholder agriculture, local entrepreneurship, and enhanced food security. Women in Camp Louise are running a cassava bakery, building their savings, and providing microloans that empower hundreds of other women to grow their microenterprises. In Désarmes, an IAF grantee is improving the health of the local watershed through conservation and reforestation so that community members can prevent soil erosion and improve agricultural productivity.

Enhancing Peace and Security by training youth in conflict resolution techniques and strengthening women's economic status so that they can break the cycle of chronic violence. In three neighborhoods on the periphery of Port-au-Prince, young people are putting their knowledge into practice by implementing community peacebuilding projects.

Unlocking Public, Private and Community Resources for development by leveraging cash and in-kind support from corporations, foundations, and international donors. The Haiti Community Foundation, an IAF partner, is now able to mobilize local, national, and international financial resources to support grassroots development efforts in the Grand'Anse.

IAF Legacy in Haiti

The IAF awarded its first grant in Haiti in 1975 and has since awarded \$24 million through 179 grants to local organizations creating opportunities and tackling development challenges throughout the country. Our investments in Haitian grassroots organizations have yielded results. The IAF supported **Comite Artisanal Haitien** in the 1980s to establish a revolving credit fund, transforming the organization into a thriving wholesale outlet that today maintains more than 180 groups of artisans in production and exports products internationally. We played a seminal role in supporting **Mouvman Peyizan 3yèm Seksyon Kanperen**, which received the United Nations Development Program's 2014 Equator Prize for sustainably improving food security and raising community incomes by 200 percent. With an eye for innovation, the IAF helped local artists launch **The Artists Institute**, which now creates opportunities for Haitian youth to build careers in film, music production, and audio engineering.



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