### **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

| 01 | PREFACE   | 14 | ICCO-COOPERATION                                     |
|----|---|----|--|
| 02 | ACT ALLIANCE IN HAITI   | 15 | LUTHERAN WORLD<br>FEDERATION (LWF)                   |
| 03 | CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER RISK<br>REDUCTION (CC/DRR) / INITIATIVE LES<br>PALMES (ILP) | 16 | LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF                                |
| 06 | BROT FÜR DIE WELT - BREAD FOR THE WORLD   | 17 | MISSION SOCIALE DES EGLISES HAÏTI-<br>ENNES (MISSEH) |
| 07 | CHRISTIAN AID   | 19 | NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID (NCA)                           |
| 09 | CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CWS)  | 21 | SERVICE CHRETIEN D'HAITI (SCH)                       |
| 10 | DIAKONIE KATASTROPHENHILFE (DKH)  | 22 | SERVICIO SOCIAL DE IGLESIAS<br>DOMINICANAS (SSID)    |
| 11 | HEKS – SWISS INTERCHURCH AID (EPER)   | 23 | UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR)         |
| 12 | FINN CHURCH AID (FCA)   | 24 | WORLD RENEW  |

## **PREFACE**

THE ACTION BY CHURCHES TOGETHER
(ACT) ALLIANCE
IS A COALITION OF MORE THAN

140 churches and affiliated organizations working together in over 140 countries to create positive and sustainable change in the lives of poor and marginalized people regardless of their religion, politics, gender, sexual orientation, race, or nationality, in keeping with the highest international codes and standards. A forum made of national and international church related members represent ACT Alliance at the national level.

ACT Alliance has been present in Haiti since 1999. At the time, ACT International was an alliance of church based organizations working in humanitarian aid.

In 2007, ACT Alliance Development, focusing on long-term development was formed and in 2010, the two alliances became one single alliance. The membership of the alliance is defined by a relation to the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation.

#### **ACT Alliance in Haiti**

ACT Alliance Forum in Haiti shares the same values and mission of the global alliance and the headquarters of its international members. The vision of ACT Alliance is to work towards a world community where all of God's creation lives with dignity, justice, peace, and full respect for human rights and the environment. As churches and church-related organizations, the members of the Alliance work together for positive and sustainable change in the lives of people affected by poverty and injustice through coordinated and effective humanitarian, development, and advocacy work. ACT Alliance members believe that all persons are created in the image of God, in a God of love who stands beside the poor and oppressed. The members are called to manifest God's gracious love for all people and work towards a reconciled human community.

In Haiti, over the last two decades, ACT Alliance and its members have been responding to major emergencies related to storm, flood, drought, and earthquake. To date, in addition to the major emergency operation taking place in the wake of the January 2010 earthquake, the Alliance has responded to emergencies in the wake of tropical storm Jeanne in September 2004, Wilma and Alpha in October 2006, the four hurricanes Fay, Gustav, Hanna, and Ike in August and September 2008, hurricane Thomas and the cholera outbreak in October/ November 2010, and storms Isaac and Sandy in 2012.

Today, 14 members compose the ACT Alliance Forum of Haiti. This includes two national organizations, Service Chrétien d'Haïti and Mission Sociale des Eglises Haïtiennes, and 12 organizations from Europe, North America, and the Caribbean: Finn Church Aid, Norwegian Church Aid, Christian Aid, Church World Service, EPER, Lutheran World Federation, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, Lutheran World Relief, ICCO Cooperation, Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas (SSID), Pain pourlLe Monde, and World Renew (WR).

ACT Alliance Haiti is working through joint projects which aim to assist the most vulnerable people affected by natural disaster, climate change, injustice, and poverty. Ongoing joint projects include the climate change and disaster risk reduction project, managed by Service Chrétien d'Haïti, and the Initiative Les Palmes rehabilitation project, managed by Norwegian Church Aid. In addition, the members carry out numerous activities operationally and with partners, often in cooperation with other ACT Alliance sister organizations.

#### Evaluation of the 2010 ACT Alliance eppeal HTI-101 Haiti Earthquake: Together We are Stronger

An external evaluation of the emergency response was conducted in the autumn of 2011, covering the period January 2010 – December 2011, and resulted in the publication of a report in January 2012. The evaluation aimed to assess the achievements, quality and overall impact of ACT Alliance humanitarian response to the Haiti emergency.

In the external evaluation team's view, ACT Alliance earthquake emergency response stood out as a model of an integrated and holistic response based on clear principles of human dignity and respect for the Haitian people. ACT Alliance earthquake response was better evaluated than that of other organizations, largely due to the Alliance's understanding of the context, its partnership approach and pre-existing relationships on the ground in Haiti. In short, the team observed that the majority of ACT Alliance members had a) experienced Haitian partner organizations, b) pre-existing working relationships in Haiti, c) solid knowledge of the context in its entirety, d) existing bonds characterized by trust and acceptance with the local Haitian population and communities. At the same time, ACT Alliance members and partners have made errors. However, once aware of their errors, the members acted quickly to review and amend. Across members and partners, the evaluators found that there has been a strong community engagement based on participation.

The "people first" assessment whereby the communities themselves are rating the impact of the Alliance's operation, showed that ACT Alliance's emergency response appeal program has had a clear, visible and undeniably positive impact on the communities in the aftermath of the earthquake.

#### The report put forward the following recommendations for ACT Alliance programming in Haiti:

#### 1. Continue to do what works

Respecting human dignity, Community approach, Dialectical participation

#### 2. Psychosocial support

In urban areas, Offer quality communication which has major impact on traumatized persons

#### 3. Rural support

Aftermath of population-out-flows from Port-au-Prince

### **4.** Support both rural and urban livelihoods Re-establishment of livelihoods

**5. Support access to and quality of rural health services**ACT Alliance should reinforce its cholera awareness,
prevention and control and make better use of

prevention and control and make better use of communication and social behavioral techniques to influence local leaders.

**6. Continued engagement with the shelter sector** *Wider shelter response strategies.* 

#### 7. Working with government

Building the capacity of government structures, Develop a strategy to strengthen coordination with government agencies, Allocate resources to support a comprehensive program of capacity building, Positive impact needs to be levelled out to increase community, government and business led action.

#### 8. Influence

Advocate for increased and genuine Haitian participation, Build much greater levels of engagement, accountability and impact.

#### 9. Church leadership development

Better use of religious leaders and institutions to humanitarian advantage

### CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER AND RISK REDUCTION (CC/DRR)

Since 2011, ACT alliance forum in Haiti has been implementing a joint program on Climate Change and Disaster and Risk Reduction. Through this program, the forum aims to strengthen the information spread and the awareness system at national and local level, as well as the networking of stakeholders to promote better policies on Climate Change and Disaster and Risk Reduction in Haiti.

The overall objective of this program is to strengthen the institutional capacity to tackle the risks associated with Climate Change and Disaster and Risk Reduction to promote the resilience of vulnerable communities, as actors of change. To be able to achieve the results, the program focuses on the implementation of a civil society platform on Climate Change to achieve the advocacy and implementation of community projects, run by local partners, focused on adaptation to Climate Change and Disaster and Risk Reduction.



To accomplish this work, the joint program has established a partnership with the public sector: the Ministry of Environment (MoE), the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), The Directorate for Civil Protection (DPC) various actors within the local society such as: CLIO, PAPDA, CONHANE, MPP, GRIAC, FNGA, GADEL, Solidarite Fwontalye, Fondation Seguin, Religions for Peace, and Saks.

During 2012, the government position on Climate Change, the results of international conferences and meetings on Climate Change, the causes and consequences of Climate Change, and the environmental challenges have been disseminated through the organization of 5 regional

workshops, 2 national workshops and 2 sectoral workshops. In addition, 3 community projects on Climate Change and Disaster and Risk Reduction adaptation have helped 3,426 direct beneficiaries.

For 2013, the priority was to reinforce achievements of 2012 and the implementation of the civil society Platform on Climate Change as a forum for advocacy and sustainability strategies.

#### **INITIATIVE LES PALMES (ILP)**

#### **BACKGROUND**

After the January 12, 2010 earthquake, more than a dozen ACT Alliance member organizations implemented emergency programs in Haiti under ACT Alliance HTI-101 appeal, which ran from February 2010 to December 2011. In November 2011, the Dutch ACT Alliance member and secondbiggest contributor to the ACT Alliance appeal, ICCO Cooperation solicited support from ACT Alliance Forum for the idea of launching a joint ACT Alliance rehabilitation program. The intention of the program was to bridge the gap between emergency assistance and long-term development. ICCO Cooperation pledged a contribution of approximately USD 2,2 million towards the endeavor. In April 2012, Norwegian Church Aid, the biggest contributor to ACT Alliance appeal, agreed to take the lead and coordinate the program in Haiti.



Transition from Emergency to Development through Local Partners and Projects

The primary goal of Initiative Les Palmes is to make an efficient contribution to the transition from emergency assistance to long-term development in Les Palmes region. The

operationalization of the strategy consists of funding rehabilitation projects in Les Palmes region through a variety of partners such as non-governmental organizations, community associations and local authorities. More than 125 organizations responded to the three calls for proposals made in the summer and autumn of 2012, and eventually, 17 projects were selected. Geographically, the programme has been implemented in the region of the epicenter of the earthquake, Les Palmes, including the municipalities of Leogane (3 projects), Gressier (2 projects), Petit-Goave (4 projects) and Grand Goave (8 projects), west of the capital Port-au-Prince. Rural communities, often difficult to access, represent the primary target.



#### **ILP Working Group**

A Working Group consisting of the ACT members FCA, LWF, NCA and World Renew was established in November 2011. The group was further Expanded in 2012 to include three more ACT members; HEKS/EPER, MISSEH and SCH as well as Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid (CORDAID); Direction Administrative et Technique de l'Intermunicipalité les Palmes (DATIP); and the two women organisations Femmes Intégrées d'Haïti (FIH) and Organization des Femmes Dévouées de Grand Goave (OFADEGG). The main idea of the Working Group was to tap into the experience and knowledge of all participating partners, and foster linkages between different sectors on public policies and issues of common concern. With NCA, the Working Group is responsible for supervising the initiative, assessing all proposals and giving recommendation for funding; monitoring progress; and implementing joint capacity building efforts for partners.

p. 2 p.



## OVERVIEW OF TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE ILP PROGRAM

| Thematic areas   | Projects | Budget       | %        |
|--|----------|--------------|----------|
| Agriculture / food security / livelihood (cultivation, breeding, production, training) |          | 623 072,56   | 31,90 %  |
| Infrastructure (irrigation systems, road rehabilitation)                               |          | 249 402,45   | 12,77 %  |
| Water, sanitation and hygiene (water cisterns, cholera prevention)                     |          | 104 391,00   | 5,34 %   |
| Disaster Risk Reduction (soil conservation, watersheds)                                |          | 57 031,00    | 2,92 %   |
| Capacity building of organisations and institutions                                    |          | 836 234,00   | 42,81 %  |
| Gender / strengthening of women / women's organisations                                |          | 83 306,00    | 4,26 %   |
| TOTAL  | 17       | 1 953 437,01 | 100,00 % |

#### **GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

Overall, the projects funded by the ILP program produce tangible results on the ground. The activities furthermore respond to the real needs of the population, and the implementing organizations, in particular the small, community-based associations have a good knowledge of the area in which they implement their activities. Their financial and administrative capacity is weak, but notable progress has been observed since the start of the program, as considerable investment has been made in the financial capacity building of these organizations. With the exception of women's organizations, there is a disproportionate involvement of men versus women in leadership in more or less all the organizations participating, which may suggest that more could have been done to gender mainstream the program. A second and final phase, focusing more on disaster risk reduction activities and exit strategies, will be launched in the second half of 2014.

#### **EXTERNAL EVALUATION**

An external evaluation has been planned for autumn 2014. It aims to get an insight into the performance, results and lessons learnt of the program in the period 2012 – 2014. Given that the set-up of the project has had the character of a "pilot" for the ACT Alliance and main funder ICCO, the evaluation will focus on the organizational / management structures surrounding the program, in addition to the focus on the actual impact level.

More information on:

# actaliance

ACT member organizations working in Haiti



## Brot für die Welt

#### BREAD FOR THE WORLI

Protestant Development Service is a globally active relief and development agency of the Protestant Churches of Germany. In almost 100 countries all across the globe, we empower the poor and marginalized to improve their living conditions on their own. Our priority areas of work are: strengthening the participation of civil society, health promotion, food security and sustainable rural development. As crosscutting themes we prioritize gender equity, promotion of the right to health and risk prevention. We work in various countries with independent cooperation partners.

Through lobbying, public relations and education in Germany and Europe we seek to influence political decisions in favor of the poor and to raise awareness for the necessity of a sustainable economy and way of life.

#### **Cooperation partners in Haiti**

For more than 25 years BftW has cooperated with different Haitian organizations through financial project funding, promotion of organizational development, support of networking, South-South exchange and the South-North-South dialogue. Today we are in cooperation with:

- CPFO through a project of reproductive health and civic and legal education, including gender equity and the prevention of violence for workers in the industrial park SONAPI, Port au Prince;
- Concert Action through an agroforestry and community awareness raising project with

the population in Delatte, a rural area of Petit Goave;

- FBM in the context of a community health project, awareness raising on reproductive health and support in family planning for the population and particularly women of child-bearing age in the communities of Damé and Mare Rouge, near Mole St. Nicolas;
- KORAL through a sustainable agriculture and livestock project with the Rara groups in Carrefour Cannon, in the rural area of Chantal;
- **RNDDH** with the project "Education in Human Rights for Change" with members of grass root organizations (OCB) in 10 "Départements" of Haiti and teachers of 28 schools in the "Départements" Artibonite, Centre and Nippes.

Bread for the World is a member of ACT Alliance.

## christian ald

#### **ABOUT CHRISTIAN AID**

Christian Aid is an international organization that insists the world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

We work for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality.

We have an integrated approach, working on humanitarian relief, long-term development, specific advocacy issues and campaigns to expose the scandal of poverty by challenging and changing systems and institutions that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalized.

We work with, and through, partners including civil society organizations (CSOs), research institutions, churches, faith groups and social movements, as well as governments, the private sector and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).



#### **CHRISTIAN AID IN HAITI AND DR**

Christian Aid's Haiti/DR program believes that to bring about big, deep and lasting change and reduce poverty, we must address inequality and vulnerability. The DR and Haiti are closely tied economically, socially, politically and environmentally and so a binational approach to work in both countries is imperative. Our vision is that while some work will remain country specific, partners will work in collaboration on interventions across the island while also sharing experiences,

approaches and learning. This will ensure the maximum impact of their work in enabling millions of marginalized women and men on the island to escape the cycle of poverty, become more resilient to shocks and live dignified lives.

Christian Aid has supported partners on the island of Hispaniola since the 1980s. We have always worked with poor Haitians, Dominicans and Haitian imigrants and their descendants who were – and continue to be – often excluded from state support in both countries.

In 1997, Christian Aid opened an office in Port-au-Prince and 10 years later in Santo Domingo. In both countries, we began supporting work on agriculture, human rights and health, including HIV. But, over time, our work has evolved to include climate change, human rights in prisons, tax and budget monitoring and corruption. Our program supports partners and communities to seek longer-term, sustainable solutions, and helps them identify the tools they need to do this. Working at the community level enables our partners to accurately identify who is the most vulnerable.

More information on:



This local knowledge means our work with communities is better informed and more effective both generally and in the aftermath of an emergency.

One of our strengths is supporting partners to hold their own political space to speak out in-country.

Our new strategy marks a new chapter for Christian Aid in Haiti and the DR as we unite our work in the two countries under one binational program. Our three areas of focus and collaboration to tackle issues in the two countries are: work on the ground in common areas, including climate change adaptation with farmers and human rights monitoring on both sides of the border; cross-border learning and sharing of tools, knowledge and experiences; and binational advocacy work.

### THE OBJECTIVES OF OUR STRATEGY ARE:

- 1. Empower citizens to hold the state to account to change systems and structures and create a fairer, more transparent society through reduced human rights abuses, stronger institutions and reducing the inequality of vulnerable people.
- 2. Support communities to be more resilient to shocks (including environmental, economic and social), and to play a more participatory role in improving their livelihoods.



Church World Service (CWS) is a global humanitarian organisation supported by ecumenical churches in the United States. The vision of CWS is to fight hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice. CWS has been involved in Haiti for sixty years. All programs and projects are implemented by local partner organisations. Together, CWS and its partners are working to build a world where there is enough for all, where individuals and communities can take ownership of their future.



CWS believes in accompanying the Haitian people to gain autonomy and to be able to provide for their daily needs. To that end, CWS supports food security programmes in the Northwest department, providing microcredit, agricultural training, improving access to water and vegetable production, and supporting income-generating community projects such as community stores and bakeries.

Child protection is another pillar of CWS work in Haiti. CWS supports a national network of Haitian organisations devoted to children's rights and the abolishment of the restavèk/child domestic servitude system in Haiti. Addressing this complex system requires direct provision of services to children, awareness raising among biological and host families, as well as close coordination with relevant government institutions.

Following the 2010 earthquake, CWS initiated various emergency programmes, including material aid, logistical support, house and school construction, cash transfers and livelihoods support. In order to promote decentralisation, these programmes not only focused on the Port-au-Prince area, but also supported rural areas. Construction activities included the repair of houses of people with disabilities as well as the construction of 4 schools for children living in child domestic servitude.

Five years after the earthquake, CWS continues to advocate for dignified housing not only for all those affected by the earthquake, but for any Haitian citizen in general. CWS and other ACT Alliance members collaborate in a housing and community development programme in Ganthier/Boen, where 181 houses were built and people are able to make a living thanks to access to seeds, goats, chicken and microcredit.

CWS encourages exchanges, learning and dialogue between the Dominican Republic and Haiti. In addition to programme work in Haiti, CWS also advocates in the US with international agencies and government for more just policies and more effective aid to Haiti.

More information on:

More information on:

# Diakonie E Katastrophenhilfe

#### Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe: Humanitarian Aid World Wide

Since 1954, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) has been providing aid where the need is greatest. We help people who have become victims of natural disasters, war and displacement and are unable to cope unaided with their desperate situation. We work hand in hand with local partners who understand the needs of the local people and speak their language. DKH is present is Haiti since 2006.

## **Emergency response after** the 2010 Haiti earthquake

Since 2010, DKH has realized more than 40 projects covering emergency aid, reconstruction, disaster risk reduction and rehabilitation of livelihood, 17.4 million Euros in donations went into the projects. Right after the earthquake, emergency aid was the highest priority: first aid kits for health care stations, equipment for water treatment and material for the set up of camps were flown in. The scope of supply contained multiple large tents for temporary medical clinics, 2000 family tents and several tons of non-food items including tools, blankets, mosquito nets, jerry cans and hygiene-kits.



## EPER 55

EPER acts on behalf of the Swiss Protestant churches, whose mandates determine its scope of action. At an international level these are: «collaboration with churches and reconstruction aid in Europe», «development cooperation in Africa, Asia and Latin America» and «humanitarian aid». Nationally they include: «refugee aid», «aid for the underprivileged » and «public relations work».

EPER fights against the causes of hardship and injustice, warlike conflicts and disasters. EPER stands up for the rights and integration of refugees and the underprivileged. The aim is to achieve a lasting improvement of living conditions so that future generations will benefit.

In Haiti, EPER focuses its activities in the Department of Grand'Anse trough projects aimed at developing agricultural vale chains and income generating activities, construction of infrastructures (school and roads) and disaster prevention. EPER works in Petit Goâve as well on humanitarian aid projects and specifically on construction of permanent houses destroyed after the earthquake of 2010.

#### Reconstruction of houses, schools, medical stations and water supply

DKH decided to maintain the focus mostly on rural areas in the South-East Department of Haiti. Since the fatal earthquake, we have assisted by building 2.000 houses, providing a home to more than 10.000 inhabitants. Three schools, several communal evacuation shelters and medical clinics were built or rehabilitated. All new buildings are designed to resist future earthquakes and were constructed in cooperation with the population fostering capacity building and skill transfer. 34 water distribution points were constructed along with numerous latrines in rural areas. Health and hygiene awareness programs reached up to 50.000 people.

#### Disaster prevention and rehabilitation of livelihood

As Haiti is regularly exposed to hurricanes, floods and now earthquakes, DKH strongly emphasizes the incorporation of disaster risk reduction measures as a cross cutting theme for all interventions. Emergency plans and evacuation trainings were developed and carried out in collaboration with local authorities and populations. As large parts of the agricultural fields were destroyed, Diakonie invested in food security by assisting farmers in rehabilitating their land and provided training opportunities in adapted cultivation methods. Alongside, reforestation programs help in reducing soil erosion for better potential of harvest production and decreased risk of flooding.



More information on:

More information on:

p. 10 p. 11



#### **FCA Haiti**

Finn Church Aid (FCA) is a Finnish non-governmental organization specializing in humanitarian aid, development cooperation and advocacy. Our vision is to change the world by supporting those who are in the most disadvantaged situations, regardless of their religious beliefs, political opinions and their racial or ethnic affiliations. We believe in the capacity of local communities to know best how to resolve the challenges they face in fulfilling their fundamental right to a decent life. We specialize in supporting the right to peace of local communities, the right of access to livelihood and the right to education.

In Haiti, we contribute to finding solutions to challenges that the country is facing, and to helping to save lives whenever the country faces a disaster. Moreover, since 2004, we support the efforts of the country to develop through our local partners. FCA opened its country office in Haiti after the earthquake 2010



## ACHIEVEMENTS OF FCA SINCE FOCUS ON EDUCATION IN SITUATIONS OF EMERGENCY

Since the earthquake, FCA has assisted more than 100 schools in the area of Leogane, Gressier, Petit Goave and Grand Goave. This assistance has been provided in form of classrooms in temporary tents, semi-permanent buildings, latrines, wells and water purification systems, cholera prevention, teacher training, psycho-social support for children, their families and teachers. To date, FCA has contributed to improved access to education by building 85 semi-permanent schools and five permanent schools (earthquake resistant and biogas system included), making thus possible the realization of the right to education for over 25,000 Haitian children.

#### OUR CHALLENGES INTHE NEW 2013-2016 STRATEGIC CYCLE

During the 2013-2016 strategic period, FCA will focus its efforts on the realization of fundamental rights of Haitians to livelihood, education and peace, with a particular focus on issues of disaster risk reduction and gender equity. Our action consists of contributing to sustainable solutions to the challenges through integrated programming that takes into account all the obstacles to the realization of the fundamental rights of the people. We will also support advocacy efforts with national and international actors in order to allow rights holders to benefit of their fundamental rights.

In terms of geographical focus, FCA will focus its activities in vulnerable areas, such as rural and inaccessible areas of Les Palmes, Macaya and Foret de Pins.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

To facilitate the achievement of its objectives, FCA works closely with members of ACT Alliance, the organizations of the Haitian civil society, local and international NGOs, and government partners. The main partners at the Global level: ACT Alliance and Coordination Europe-Haiti for Adaptation to Climate Change and Sustainable Development. The main partners at the country level: LWF, RNDDH, Service Chrétien d'Haiti, MISSEH, BAEH, The Religions for Peace network, Norwegian Church Aid, ICCO, ProgettoMondo MLAL, Canadian Foods Grains Bank, the Interamerican Development Bank, the UN agencies, Members of ACT Haiti Forum, etc..



More information on:



#### **BACKGROUND AND FOCUS**

ICCO was founded nearly 50 years ago, uniting protestant development initiatives in their work towards a world without poverty or injustice. Projects have since been funded in Latin America, Africa and Asia, in the fields of basic services, democratization and economic development. ICCO has supported local civil society organizations in Haiti for decades, through projects in agriculture, health, human rights and democratization. Since 2007, ICCO has been collaborating with Kerk in Actie, who implements the international development work of the protestant church in The Netherlands.

As part of their decentralization process worldwide, ICCO Cooperation opened a country office in Haiti in 2009. Unfortunately, this soon became the centre of a completely new program, when the 2010 earthquake struck Haiti and ICCO Cooperation launched an emergency and rehabilitation program in the country. With funding from the Dutch people through a huge national fundraising event, partner organizations have since been supported in their work trying to rebuild the livelihoods of Haitian people.

Budget cuts worldwide have forced



ICCO Cooperation to limit their regular support to projects in human rights and democratization. This program will have phased out by the end of 2013, leaving only the rehabilitation program until the end of 2014. The country office having been closed in spring 2012, the Haiti program is now completely being managed from the Global Office in Utrecht. The Netherlands.

#### EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE PROGRAM – REHABILITATION PHASE

Rehabilitation support is being channeled through three different kinds of partners: local/national, international and ACT Alliance.

- 1. Through national partners: in addition to existing partners who receive rehabilitation funding, several new Haitian organizations are being supported. Projects range from house reconstruction and agricultural activities to vocational training for youth and human rights sessions in the camps.
- 2. Through international and Dutch partners: several such programs started in 2011 and will continue until 2014. The Salvation Army works with earthquake-affected children and youth, VNG-I implements a program in Les Palmes aimed at rebuilding the municipalities and water/

waste facilities, and the Prince Claus Fund restores libraries and archives.

3. Through ACT Alliance: together with Haitian and international members of this network, a rehabilitation program in the region Les Palmes was established. The program provides funding to local initiatives that aim to repair and reconstruct destroyed social and economic facilities and to enable the population to become selfsufficient again. Just some examples: road reconstruction, reparation of irrigation systems, income generating activities and recovery of agricultural production. In addition we also co-finance projects of individual ACT Alliance members, including a housing reconstruction program east of Port-au-Prince.

By the end of 2014 ICCO Cooperation will have phased out completely and will no longer support projects in Haiti. A capacity building trajectory for existing partners is currently being implemented, in order to help partners strengthen their organization and be in a better position to find new sources of funding.



### LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION HAITI

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) or Federation Lutherienne Mondiale (FLM) is a communion of churches representing over 70 million Christians around the world. LWF Haiti is an arm of World Service of LWF supporting the rights of Haitians since 1987, both in Haiti and in the Dominican Republic. World Service operates development and humanitarian programs in 32 countries, through 2 Regional programs, 16 Country Programs, 10 Associate Programs and 3 Regional Emergency Hubs. LWF is an active member of the ACT Alliance and its Climate Change/DRR program in Haiti. LWF is also a member of CLIO and CCO.

#### **MISSION**

The Mission of LWF/DWS Haiti is to walk with communities, women and men, and to empower the most vulnerable in their search for a dignified life, to encourage the resilience of communities and to support them in their duty to take care of the fragile environment. The Mission of LWF/DWS Haiti is also to promote the understanding of human rights in all its dimensions and its application at every level in the society.



The LWF Haiti Country Plan (2015-2020) supports local partners in the vulnerable and remote mountain forests of Macaya/ Grande Anse, Forêt de Pins and Palmes region in the following areas:

- **1. GRD:** Reducing the impact of disasters in communities.
- 2. Sustainable Livelihoods/ Climate Change: Enabling environmentally sustainable livelihoods in ecologically critical areas.
- **3. Human Rights:** Facilitating the full enjoyment of rights as citizens, including gender equity.
- **4. Capacity Building :** Building capacity of local partners to be increasingly transparent, accountable, sustainable and effective.



## MODEL VILLAGE: LINKING RELIEF TO RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT

LWF Haiti also manages, in partnership with communities and local authorities, a rehabilitation project in the Gressier area affected by the earthquake. The 150 houses in the Model Village meet seismic and anticyclone standards. 30 houses have also been constructed in the old village. The habitants, who lost their homes in the 2010 Earthquake, are accompanied in the development of sustainable livelihoods strategies and a self-managing community governance structure. The village is equipped with solar panels, a green wastewater treatment plant and other environmentally sustainable facilities.

The project runs from 2011 to 2015.



More information on:

www.icco-international.com/int/

More information on:

p. 14 p. 15



## SIXTY YEARS OF GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

Founded in 1945 by U.S. Lutherans to respond to the humanitarian needs of post-war Europe, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) today reaches millions of people around the world through its programs in emergency response and sustainable development. LWR reaches out to some of the world's poorest and most marginalized communities, serving people in need regardless of race, religion or ethnicity and does not support religious activities. Driven by local needs and working with local partners, LWR focuses on underserved rural communities, with particular emphasis on improving livelihoods for small-scale farmers and ensuring sustainability by strengthening local organizations' capacity.

## LWR IN LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

LWR has worked in Latin America and the Caribbean for more than 45 years, first on humanitarian relief and food security as the region struggled with dictatorships and guerilla movements, and today as the region faces the new challenges of a widening gap between rich and poor, environmental degradation and global markets in which small farmers find it increasingly difficult to compete. Within this context, LWR works to create sustainable rural livelihoods and communities through improved food security, increased agricultural incomes, enhanced citizen participation, and increased gender equity. LWR believes that small-scale producers play the single most important role in advancing agriculture and reducing rural poverty. Small-scale farmers suffer the most from both current poverty levels and inequitable systems, and yet offer the most sustainable way to build a durable and self-supporting agricultural base for a developing economy.

#### **LWR IN HAITI**

LWR has supported emergency response and sustainable development efforts in Haiti for over 15 years. In response to the earthquake in 2010, LWR increased its staff presence and investment in the country and opened an office in Port-au-Prince. In addition to providing immediate assistance after the earthquake in the most affected areas, LWR also worked through it local partners in rural areas to support thousands of families who were hosting relatives that were displaced by the earthquake. Key activities included seed provision, cash-for-work programming, establishment of community-based food stores, and water filter construction and distribution.

Immediate response programs were followed by a long-term investment in rehabilitation activities to revitalize rural communities in the North, Northeast, Central Plateau and Artibonite departments. LWR's food security activities include efforts to diversify household livelihoods through basic health training, improvements in water and sanitation, agricultural production, on-farm processing, and market access. LWR works primarily through local organizations to strengthen their capacity to carry out these and other roles in rural communities. LWR is currently working with five local partner agencies on programs that enable strong local economies and increase resiliency to disasters and the effects of climate change.

#### **Agriculture**

LWR's agricultural projects in Haiti focus on food security, income generation and community empowerment through two key approaches: first, improved production for household consumption and local markets and second, the coffee and cocoa value chain approach. LWR works through partnerships with local organizations and by strengthening the organizational and technical capacity of both peasant organizations and cooperatives in isolated areas to increase opportunities for economies of scale and improve the terms of trade among small-scale farmers. Farmer and peasant organizations also act as important agents of change in their communities by serving as a community resource for other areas such as basic health care, micro-credit, small business training, and disaster response.



## Mission Sociale des Eglises Haïtiennes (MISSEH)

MISSEH (Social Mission of haitian churches) is a network of Protestant churches composed of 13 evangelical missions, working on Haitian territory.

Every evangelical mission is a network of between 50 and 500 local churches and hundreds of schools.

MISSEH network aims to contribute in strengthening the social and economic framework of the Haitian people. It is committed to promote a culture of listening and tolerance within the community.

MISSEH encourages citizen involvement in the protection and regeneration of the environment and calls for strengthening solidarity and social cohesion.

Listening to the Bible as well as being to the service of the weak, MISSEH is the voice of the voiceless and proclaims the Christian faith, manifesting its value through assistance to the most vulnerable ones such as the poor, the abused and the victims of economical, political and social inequities. It runs to the rescue of displaced victims of natural disasters and of socio-political conflicts.



## **EDUCATION FOR TOLERANCE AND PEACE**

MISSEH works in the education field for conflicts' prevention and for tolerance and peace. Since 2004, this program provides social and multidimensional support to young people from four educational institutions operated by evangelical missions, members of MISSEH. These Christian schools, which currently number eight and are located in the heart of the most vulnerable slums (more exposed to social tensions), mainly receive children from within these communities.

Since 2010, MISSEH performs the function of Vice Coordinator for the humanitarian and interfaith platform for Peace in Haiti. MISSEH makes a significant contribution to the dialogue and mediation process aiming to calm the intensity of political differences opposing Haitian institutions, and tries to smooth the path towards good governance.

## GENDER EQUITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Since May 2008, MISSEH is committed to educating, training and acting for gender equality and women's rights. More than 100 male and female instructors are involved in the field.

MISSEH just added a very special component in support to the struggle against GBV, which consists in installing two listening centers for GBV victims in two neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince where this form of violence is the most common.

## GREENTHEOLOGY AND COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

In 2008, MISSEH launched the Green theology movement. As part of this movement, more than three hundred local churches have already been made aware to support the environment, and more than 20,000 seedlings were produced and distributed to families who plant them in protected areas.

More information on:

p. 16 p. 17



## RECONSTRUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

MISSEH contributes to the reconstruction of Haiti since January 12, 2010's earthquake and focuses on sustainable development projects. A first house was built in 2011 and we are preparing to build two more during the year 2013 in the community of Balan, within the municipality of Gantier. In order to support its work regarding gender equality, MISSEH develops programs aimed at reinforcing women's economic empowerment.

#### **RESOURCES**

MISSEH's resources come from monetary contributions and volunteer service from its members on one hand, and from support from its partners who finance its projects on the other hand. MISSEH's partners are: Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) - Norway, Christian Aid (CAID) - Britain, Mutual Aid and Liaison Service (SEL) - France, Finn Church Aid (FCA) - Finland.

MISSEH is a member of ACT ALLIANCE, Religions for Peace and the Protestant Federation of Haiti.

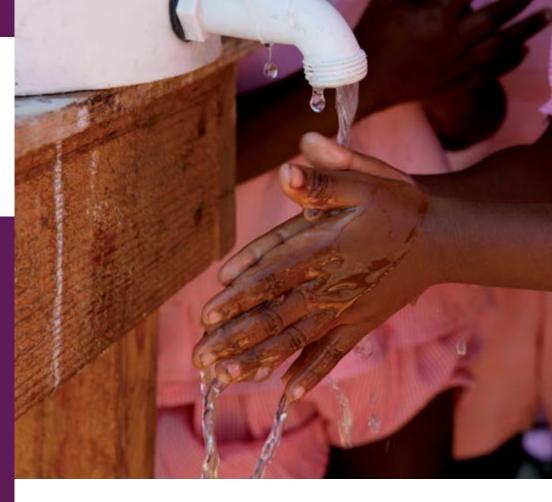


## NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID

Norwegian Church Aid, an ecumenical organization for global justice formally established in 1953, has been supporting partners in Haiti for over 20 years.

In January 2010, NCA opened an office in Port-au-Prince to oversee the emergency intervention and provide direct support to partners in the wake of the 12 January earthquake. In 2012, a field office was opened in Leogane.

In 2013, the Haiti office incorporated the Dominican partners in its portfolio, thus reinforcing the binational aspect of NCA's program in Haiti and Dominican Republic.



#### **OUR WORK IN HAITI: PEACE AND SECURITY, WATER AND HEALTH / HYGIENE**

With a staff of 20 and an annual operating budget of approximately USD 5 million, NCA Haiti is currently working within a strategic framework covering the period 2011 – 2015. The strategic priorities of the organization for this period are Right to Peace and Security and Right to Water and Health, operationalized in the following five Global Program: Community Violence and Small Arms Control, Faith Communities and Peace Building, Combating Gender-Based Violence, Climate Change Mitigation and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. Strengthening civil society and disaster risk reduction are transversal issues which underpin all program and projects.

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF INTERVENTION**

Geographically, NCA's current focus areas in Haiti are the metropolitan region of Port-au-Prince; the region of Les Palmes, west of the capital; the border areas of the Plateau Central, and to a lesser extent, Grand'Anse. The geographical focus may change depending on needs.

### OUR PARTNERS IN HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND WITHIN ACT ALLIANCE

NCA has eight partners in Haiti: Future Generation (FG), Groupe d'Appui aux Refugies et Rapatries (GARR), Lakou Lape (LL), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Mouvement des Femmes de Cite Soleile (MOFECS), Mission Sociale des Eglises Haitiennes

More information on:

p. 18 p.



(MISSEH), Service Chretien d'Haiti (SCH) and Viva Rio. With a few exceptions, in particular regarding partners working in the field of community violence reduction in impoverished urban areas, the majority of these partnerships predate the earthquake intervention, In the Dominican Republic, NCA is working with the Observatory on Migration and Social Development in the Caribbean (OBMICA) and the Servizio Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas (SSID), to contribute to the realization of the basic human rights of Haitian migrants and Dominicans of Haitian descent in the Dominican Republic. A more comprehensive binational strategy will be developed in 2014.

#### NCA'S OPERATIONAL PROGRAM IN HAITI: WATER, SANITATION, HEALTH AND HYGIENE

NCA Haiti is operational in the field of water, sanitation and hygiene, with a particular emphasis on facilitating safe and equitable access to sustainable water and sanitation facilities, primarily in rural communities. NCA reached approximately 100,000 inhabitants with our emergency intervention in 2010 – 2011. The goal is to reach the same number of right holders through our long-term WASH intervention. Hygiene promotion and cholera prevention are key focus areas.

NCA is committed to undertaking pilot projects and research in the field of sanitation technologies. In the framework of our co-operation with FinnChurchAid, NCA is building biodigester systems in a dozen rural and semi-urban schools, and we are piloting an anaerobic baffled reactor in a large urban school in Port-au-Price. A survey of the impact, challenges and lessons learned of biodigester projects in Haiti will guide our future intervention in the field.

The main donors to NCA's program in Haiti and the Dominican Reoublic are the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation NORAD, as well as ACT Alliance sister organizations from Northern Europe and the United States of America.



#### SERVICE CHRETIEN D'HAITI (SCH)

is a registered Haitian organization created in December 1954 at the initiative of the Protestant Churches to assist families hit by hurricane Hazel. SCH is a membership-based organization composed of protestant churches (African Methodist Episcopal Church, Baptist Convention of Haiti, Episcopal Church of Haiti, Methodist Church of Haiti, First Baptist Church of Port-au-Prince, and Salvation Army) and organizations of the civil society. Five people are elected every two years by the General Assembly at the eleven members Governing Board. The six others are Church Heads who are exofficio permanent members of the Board. SCH is well known to provide support to vulnerable and needy people regardless to their religion, race, social condition, or political affiliations.

#### **MISSION**

SCH's mission is to contribute to the harmonious development and fulfillment of the Haitian people by participating in the construction of an integrated and self-sustaining society in the economic, social, spiritual and moral levels.



SCH's vision is to participate in the promotion of the human being through awareness raising, food security securing, and environment protecting by calling all people of good will, as a community effort, in the task of helping to improve the living standard of the poorest while improving the lives of all, in an integrated process where all actions are linked.

#### **PROGRAM**

SCH program is located in the West Department and on the island of La Gonave and includes:

- **1. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** projects to help disabled individuals integrate church, society, and labor market and to reinforce capacities of disabled people's organizations so that they can participate fully in the economic, social and political life;
- **2. FOOD SECURITY** projects that help small farmers, through training and technical assistance, to produce more and better crops, while protecting the environment and to conserve or transform them to extend the selling time;
- **3. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION** projects, which provide to farmers training, awareness raising and technical assistance for them to adopt agricultural strategies and techniques that protect the environment, especially in the mountains;
- **4. CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION** projects consisting of raising awareness of civil society and religious organizations as well as Government bodies and promoting disaster risk reduction initiatives emanating from grassroots entities.

More information on:

More information on:

http://www.actalliance.org/about/actmembers/service-chretien-dhaiti-s



# SERVICIO SOCIAL DE IGLESIAS DDOMINICANAS

Republic in 1962 as a Christ centered, inter-denominational, not-for profit, non-governmental organization. We work with a network of churches, institutions, and communities in an inclusive process of dialogue, participation, and coordination. Together we work to address the needs of the poorest through community organizing, educational projects, and leadership training, so that those we work with can become agents of change in their own community's development.

SSID began working in Haiti in 1999 with the Haitian-Dominican Dialogue Project building peace and understanding between the two nations.



Immediately after the earthquake of January 12, 2010, the Social Service of Dominican Churches (SSID) started to transport members of the ACT Alliance from the Dominican Republic to Haiti and vice versa, as well as facilitating transport of material aid. Lots of materials were brought to Portau-Prince, passing by the side of two camps in Ganthier and Boen, located along the main road between Port-au-Prince and the border. People in these camps merely watched all aid go by, without receiving any assistance themselves. This changed when SSID started to provide material aid and food to the camps, with support of Church World Service and Christian Aid. Community members lived for seven months in the camps before they were mobilised back into their communities. SSID completed a census of families that were displaced by the earthquake and identified 197 families in Ganthier and 159 in Boen. Today, SSID continues to work with these 356 families.

#### **HOUSE REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION**

In early 2011 SSID began repairing damaged homes from the earthquake. With support of Christian Aid and CWS, SSID repaired 38 homes and built an office/warehouse in Boen. Later, ICCO and UMCOR joined the collaborative effort of ACT Alliance members and 143 new homes and latrines were built, also with support of Echoes. Community participation plays an important role, with beneficiaries actively contributing to the construction process.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The programme that started as emergency support moved to house construction and has now turned into an integrated community development program. A food security component provides seeds to plant gardens; corn, beans, sorghum, okra, beets, onions, carrots, etc. Products harvested are used for consumption and sales, contributing to a better balanced diet and increased family income. In addition, each of the communities runs an egg production centre with 100 to 350 chicken, again to improve nutritional diet and generate revenues. 5 water cisterns were built and 3 wells drilled to facilitate access to water for domestic and agricultural use. Each community also runs a community bank providing microcredit to invest in small businesses to raise family income.

All interventions in Ganthier and Boen are coordinated with community committees, thus promoting sustainable development of the communities. In order to strengthen capacities of the committees and community members, workshops are held on a variety of themes, including gender equity; first aid; hygiene and latrines; animal breeding; microcredit; use of organic fertilisers versus chemical insecticides; water management; community organisation, etc. Each community now has a well-trained disaster risk reduction team that also received tools to be better prepared to deal with potential future disasters.

For SSID it is a great satisfaction to work with people from both countries of the island, sharing significant experiences and values.



Following the January 2010 earthquake, UMCOR worked alongside a multitude of actors in providing emergency relief to thousands of survivors. Through its office in Haiti (UMCOR-Haiti) the organization provided tents, supported the construction of temporary and transitional shelters, and the distribution of non-food items, including water purification tablets and solar lamps, to assist families who had been displaced and were living in camps.

Today, UMCOR continues to help rebuild communities in Haiti, with a focus on livelihood support, agriculture, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), education, and shelter and reconstruction projects.

Since 2011, as UMCOR-Haiti's work shifted more decisively towards impacting the early recovery phase of the international community's continued response in Haiti. It sought to implement projects that would yield long-term, sustainable results for vulnerable populations who were still recovering from the physical and economic impacts of the quake. This involves extensive community-based consultation and participation as well as close coordination among project partners including the Government of Haiti, the Methodist Church of Haiti and donor partners.



UMCOR's most recent programming supports Haiti's early recovery and includes but is not limited to:

The "SEED-Strengthening Entrepreneurship and the Economy through Women's Business Development" project. As UMCOR work moves towards addressing sustainable development challenges in Haiti, it has scaled up its pilot project which was part of the ongoing return to neighborhood initiative. This program continues to empower women-headed small businesses in Port-au-Prince by increasing their core business knowledge with financial literacy and business development training. To date the scale-up project has enabled over 500 women-headed small and medium-sized enterprises to achieve greater economic self-sufficiency through training and small grants. This project is being implemented in partnership with ICCO (Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation).

The "PISANS ("Power" in Creole) program", implemented in collaboration with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is one of UMCOR-Haiti's largest projects. The goal of the program is to improve services for residents of Haut Damier village in the municipal area of Cabaret which surrounds the new DLA 1.5 housing settlement initiative by USAID,

and to promote peaceful cohabitation between villagers and newly resettled quake victims. The PISANS program integrates education, livelihoods (small business and agriculture), community relations, and water, sanitation, & hygiene (WASH) interventions that will decrease service-based tensions between old and new communities and empower the 10,000 current and new residents to improve their economic, health, and education services.

The "Neighborhood Renewal - Footbridges and Safe Public Spaces" project. Following a large-scale community engagement and mapping exercise, in the Bristout and Bobin area of Petionville, that culminated in the identification of key priority projects for these neighborhoods. UMCOR leveraged its experience, financial capacities, and partnerships in support of construction of 90 meters of footbridges across the ravine dividing these communities. The construction of footbridges and related ravine bank protection along Ravine de Boukan Lapuie will significantly increase access of the nearly 24,000 residents' to livelihood activities, medical services, social networks, and education facilities. In addition to providing access, the construction of footbridges provides an opportunity to create new safe public spaces at the landing points of the footbridges.

More information on:

More information on:



**Our Vision:** World Renew envisions a world where people experience and extend Christ's compassion and live together in hope as God's community.

**Our Mission:** World Renew's mission is to engage God's people in redeeming resources and developing gifts in collaborative activities of love, mercy, justice, and compassion. Serving worldwide as the development, disaster response, and justice arm of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, the aspects of World Renew's work are three-fold:



#### **Community Development**

World Renew staff and volunteers come alongside communities in 30 countries around the world to help bring about renewal. Through partnerships with more than 130 churches and community organizations, local people are trained to be leaders in their own communities. Thus World Renew, together with partners and local leaders, is able to address major issues like illiteracy, hunger, malnutrition, unemployment, HIV/AIDS, child mortality, and injustice. In Haiti we support local partners assisting communities in the following departments: West, South-East, Artibonite, Central Plateau.

#### **Disaster Response and Rehabilitation**

When disasters strike, World Renew responds to the urgent needs that arise. In North America, this often includes clearing debris, assessing needs, training local leaders, and repairing and rebuilding damaged homes. Internationally, it includes providing and distributing emergency food, water, shelter, and other supplies. It also often involves reconstruction of homes and livelihoods. World Renew's ability to respond to disaster is enhanced and greatly supported by a number of strategic partnerships and alliances.

#### **Advocacy**

World Renew reaches out to people in North America and around the world in an effort to connect them to ministry, deepen their understanding of global issues, and encourage them to act and advocate on behalf of those in need.