

Civic Empowerment Grant Report #2
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The second meeting of the Civic Empowerment Project took place from 10am to 4pm Friday, December 17th, at the Villa Ormiso guesthouse in Bizoton, just outside of Port-au-Prince. It was attended by 19 of the Circles of Change facilitators (the 20th was running a group so she arranged for her partner to take notes for her) and four Haiti Partners staff members. As with the first meeting, it was conducted as a seminar with periodic separation into breakout groups.

The meeting began with updates from each of the pairs of facilitators. The groups that have gotten started are proceeding as expected, though several groups have yet to begin. In some cases this is a result of the group leaders/organizers failing to follow through on organizing the group. In other cases this is a result of the recent political unrest. To deal with this issue, we spent a good deal of the morning session confirming which groups were functioning and which weren't and assigning facilitators to groups that were ready to be formed.

We next discussed reporting. Though the facilitators have been submitting their weekly reports as expected, the quality of these reports have been less than we had hoped for. To remedy this we held an in-depth discussion about what we are looking for in each report and why it's important - both in terms of each group's development and in relation to the broader goals of the Civic Empowerment project. Also, in order to better keep track of the reports and to make them more easily accessible, we introduced a new page on the Ranfòse Kapasite Sivik Google site where each group is listed with a link to a Google document containing all the reports submitted for that group. (View this page here: <https://sites.google.com/site/pwojeranfosekapasitesivik/rapo-gwoup-yo>.)

The afternoon was primarily taken up by our consultant, Enel Angervil, leading a sample session on a selection from the Haitian constitution. Enel's session demonstrated to the facilitators how they could integrate the elements that characterize a Wonn Refleksyon discussion for use with a selection from the Constitution. The selection he chose was on the definition of citizenship in the Haitian Constitution and the discussion focused what it means to be a Haitian citizen. After leading the group through the entire session, he asked it to evaluate the activity and to anticipate what kinds of challenges might arise when they implement it. Both of these activities were engaging and productive.

Lastly, we also distributed facilitators' first checks and collected the pre-activity questionnaires. The third Civic Education meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 7.

To see a video update about this meeting, follow this link:

<http://www.haitipartners.org/2010/12/civic-empowerment-project-meeting/>



Assigning new groups



Enel leads session on Haitian Constitution



Individual work



Small group work