

USAID-Haiti Partners Civic Empowerment Project Final Grant Report
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The USAID-Haiti Partners Civic Empowerment Project initiated its work on November 9th, 2010, when 20 Circles of Change facilitators, one back-up facilitator, and three Haiti Partners' staff members gathered at the Villa Ormiso guesthouse in Bizonton. On November 15th, the first Circles of Change Civic Empowerment group met. By the end of November, 15 groups were meeting. By the end of December, it was 32 groups, with over 700 participants. Given how quickly the grant came together and that this time period was marred by political unrest and the increasing threat of cholera, we are pleased with this outcome.

The last Civic Empowerment groups were launched in January 2011, bringing the total to 39. In all, through the Circles of Change Civic Empowerment groups, 962 Haitian civic actors were impacted directly by the grant. (See data sheet below for complete numbers.)

Overall, facilitators and participants have expressed great satisfaction with the project. This is witnessed by the fact that of the 39 groups that completed the project, 10 have decided to continue working together on a voluntary basis; 15 have expressed the desire to continue and/or have made concrete plans to do so; and, six entirely new groups have already been formed by enthusiastic participants who want to spread this work in their communities.

Through group facilitators' final reports and discussions with participants we have identified the following as project strengths and weakness:

Strengths:

- Participants and facilitators both were very pleased with the inclusion of the Haitian constitution into the Circles of Change groups.
- Participants and facilitators reported significant improvements in groups' capacity to work together: timid participants increased their confidence to share their opinions; dominant participants improved their listening skills and their appreciation of others' views; participants learned to work better with those they didn't know; participants got better at taking on complex issues without clear

solutions; groups improved their capacity to collaborate and efficiently work together toward shared goals.

- Participants and facilitators both reported that the Circles of Change groups created a "democratic spirit" within the groups.

Weaknesses:

- Both participants and facilitators expressed regret that the project didn't last longer. Most suggested that six months would have been preferable.
- Facilitators would have had preferred if all the Circles of Change groups were organized in advance of the start of the project. Because this was not the case, when the facilitators came together for their three regularly scheduled meetings, everyone was at different stages in their groups' development. This made it harder for them to support each other.
- Facilitators felt that weekly reports resulted in too much information to absorb and productively respond to. Some suggested monthly reports would have been more effective.
- Facilitators and participants would have liked to have some kind of follow-up built into the project so that participants who wanted to continue in some way would be assured of finding support.

An element of project evaluation that we had higher hopes for was the pre- and post-questionnaires. These were filled out by each group at the first and last sessions of each Circle of Change. Though there were some promising results - e.g. an 8-10% increase in positive responses on questions gauging participants' self-assessments of whether they believed they could have a significant impact in the civic life of their communities - most of the quantitative differences were marginal. We attribute this mainly to a lack of familiarity with using questionnaires both on the part of participants and facilitators. To improve this aspect of project evaluation we have already made connections with academics at Yale and McGill Universities to help us better design and implement future evaluations.

As in other Circles of Change projects, there is no shortage of anecdotal evidence of the project's success:

- Both facilitators for the KOJEFDA group, Abelard Xavier and Magela Fleurant-Fils, have agreed to continue to work voluntarily to improve participants' skills in the Circles of Change method as well as other related participatory education methods toward the end of opening a local literacy center.

- Core members of the FONBAYA group have decided to raise awareness in their community about citizens' civic rights and responsibilities using a participatory education approach.
- The CHALOM group is designing a civic education training program for community members with the hopes of involving local officials.
- The group FOWOM Madi is developing a proposal in the hopes of doing their own Circles of Change Civic Empowerment project in their troubled community, Cite Soleil.
- Facilitators have continued to meet on a monthly basis to deepen their familiarity with the Circles of Change approach and to consider how to move forward together on future projects. The last facilitator's meeting was held on April 15, 2011.

For more details, visit the Civic Empowerment project Google site at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/pwojeranfosekapasitesivik/>

Group name/Zone	Number of women & men who started		Total that started	Total that finished	e b/n # that started and finished	Start date	Finish date	Group Leaders
	Women	Men	Total	Total	Total			
Mariamam	10	10	20	20	0	15-Nov-10	12-Feb-11	Jimmy Francois & Renia Raymond
Nan basen	22	3	25	25	0	16-Nov-10	13-Feb-11	Elisee Abraham & Guerline Sanon
KOFAVIV Kris Rwa	23	0	23	25	2	18-Nov-10	17-Feb-11	Abelard Xavier & Magela Fleurant-Fils
KOFAVIV, Christ-Roi	26	0	26	23	-3	18-Nov-10	17-Feb-11	Janvier Mie Kerline & Joseph Sylvestre
Nan chato	19	7	26	21	-5	18-Nov-10	13-Feb-11	Elisee Abraham & Guerline Sanon
IMN Bèlfòtin	6	8	14	20	6	18-Nov-10	17-Feb-11	Wilio Daphinis & Marie Marceline Fortuné
Mari teréz petyonvil	6	14	20	23	3	20-Nov-10	22-Jan-11	Enock Thomas ak Arthur Exilien
JnJacques Dessaline Kabwa	9	14	23	23	0	22-Nov-10	14-Feb-11	Elisee Abraham & Guerline Sanon
Solino Ri Nò Aleksì	4	21	25	25	0	22-Nov-10	13-Feb-11	Wilio Daphinis & Marie Marceline Fortuné
Amurt Delma 31	6	9	15	16	1	22-Nov-10	19-Jan-11	Enock Thomas ak Arthur Exilien
OFEMAB nan Mpou	15	4	19	27	8	23-Nov-10	15-Feb-11	Wilio Daphinis & Marie Marceline Fortuné
Bèlfòtin	11	6	17	22	5	24-Nov-10	16-Feb-11	Elisee Abraham & Guerline Sanon
Bon Repo Taba	9	11	20	20	0	24-Nov-10	19-Feb-11	Wilio Daphinis & Marie Marceline Fortuné
Amurt Delma 31	35	0	35	39	4	29-Nov-10	19-Jan-11	Enock Thomas ak Arthur Exilien
NEBH	16	5	21	21	0	30-Nov-10	15-Feb-11	ISSALEM Christaniel & THEODORE Jasper
Kwadèboukè	9	18	27	24	-3	2-Dec-10	24-Feb-11	Angervil Enel & Fertude Sanon
Ka Monsil Leyogan	8	23	31	31	0	4-Dec-10	19-Feb-11	Abelard Xavier & Magela Fleurant-Fils
Senteréz Dabòn	5	15	20	18	-2	6-Dec-10	20-Jan-11	Enock Thomas ak Arthur Exilien
Taba 21	10	15	25	25	0	7-Dec-10	15-Feb-11	Jimmy Francois & Renia Raymond
JLC Delmas 95	14	11	25	23	-2	11-Dec-10	19-Feb-11	Janvier Mie Kerline & Joseph Sylvestre
PV Club Sam 11h AM	7	15	22	22	0	11-Dec-10	12-Mar-11	Edvard GUILLOTEAU & Colette
PV Club Sam 2h PM	7	5	12	12	0	11-Dec-10	12-Mar-11	Edvard GUILLOTEAU & Colette
Fonbaya	15	12	27	23	-4	15-Dec-10	23-Feb-11	Angervil Enel & Fertude Sanon
PV Club Jedi 2h PM	13	13	26	24	-2	16-Dec-10	10-Mar-11	Edvard GUILLOTEAU & Colette
USAID Kot Plaj 24	9	12	21	21	0	18-Dec-10	12-Feb-11	Abelard Xavier & Magela Fleurant-Fils
USAID Carrefour	15	16	31	25	-6	18-Dec-10	20-Feb-11	Janvier Mie Kerline & Joseph Sylvestre
Leyogan Dimba	7	12	19	19	0	19-Dec-10	13-Feb-11	Jimmy Francois & Renia Raymond
Croix des Bouquets, Dim 2h PM	9	11	20	18	-2	19-Dec-10	6-Mar-11	Edvard GUILLOTEAU & Colette
4eme Avni	12	22	34	34	0	20-Dec-10	14-Feb-11	Jimmy Francois & Renia Raymond
KOJEFDA MAWOTYÈ 85	9	4	13	25	12	25-Dec-10	19-Feb-11	Abelard Xavier & Magela Fleurant-Fils
Sionfonds for Haiti, Petyonvil	7	11	18	22	4	25-Dec-10	5-Mar-11	Frantzie CYRIL & Wilmont JEAN
Gwoup 2 zè, Petyonvil klèb, dèlma 44	6	6	12	9	-3	25-Dec-10	5-Mar-11	Frantzie CYRIL & Wilmont JEAN
Fowòm Madi	11	22	33	24	-9	4-Jan-11	22-Feb-11	Angervil Enel & Fertude Sanon
CONCERN FONTAMARA 27	6	13	19	22	3	5-Jan-11	17-Feb-11	Abelard Xavier & Magela Fleurant-Fils
Fowòm Vandredi	2	20	22	16	-6	5-Jan-11	25-Feb-11	Angervil Enel & Fertude Sanon
JAPC, Petyonvil klèb, dèlma 44	18	7	25	20	-5	8-Jan-11	5-Mar-11	Frantzie CYRIL & Wilmont JEAN
CONCERN I	6	17	23	23	0	22-Jan-11	9-Mar-11	ISSALEM Christaniel & THEODORE Jasper
CONCERN II	3	27	30	30	0	23-Jan-11	9-Mar-11	ISSALEM Christaniel & THEODORE Jasper
Site Militè, Cite Militaire	14	20	34	34	0	29-Jan-11	25-Mar-11	Janvier Mie Kerline & Joseph Sylvestre
Total number of groups: 39	439	459	898	894	48			
Participants that finished	894							
Participants that started but didn't finish	48							
Number of group leaders	20							
TOTAL Directly Impacted by grant	962							



