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CECI in Haiti since January 12, 2010

SIX MILLION LIVES CHANGED!



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CECI ON THE GROUND FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS

January 12 marked the eight-year anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti. At 4:53 p.m., 35 seconds of shaking resulted in the deaths of more than 300,000 people and the crumbling of nearly every building in the core of Port-au-Prince, where ministries, the police station, health services, schools, universities and churches once stood...

With more than 40 years of presence in Haiti, CECI was one of the first organizations on the ground to provide assistance to the people. We aligned our humanitarian actions with our long-term development projects. We relied on our detailed knowledge of the field and cooperated directly with the people and local authorities to ensure that our actions had optimal impact in this country in crisis.

The day after the 2010 earthquake, CECI launched the “Haiti Emergency” initiative that quickly raised more than \$21 million in cash and goods. This is in addition to the \$18 million CECI invested in Haiti in 2009-2010 through our regular programming. More than 750 million people benefited from our humanitarian actions. Through all of our projects, development-oriented or otherwise, CECI reached a total of 4 million people in Haiti between 2010 and 2012.

In the 18 months following the earthquake:

- 250 million people have received some of the 600 tons of food CECI has distributed. A total of \$1.2 million have been invested in the local economy.
- CECI distributed over \$1.3 million worth of medicine and medical devices and helped maintain health services in several hospitals across the country.
- CECI provided temporary shelter (tents, tarps and blankets) worth a total of \$239 to Haiti's most vulnerable citizens—pregnant and breastfeeding women, seniors, children (orphanages), people with disabilities and the sick.
- We distributed more than 18,000 hygiene kits and around 7,000 survival kits that included items specifically for women and children, worth a total of \$2.2 million.
- 6,613 women in 24 communities benefited from a small grants program aimed at reviving their businesses, with a total investment of \$1.8 million.
- An investment of \$7 million created more than 15,000 jobs with 258,255 days worked to rehabilitate agricultural infrastructures (dams, irrigation canals) and build structures to protect the drainage basins.
- 13,130 of the days worked, for which 334 women and 887 men received compensation, resulted in a 60-hectare increase of irrigated lands.





- CECI invested US\$724 million in rebuilding a preschool, primary school and high school, which are run by the Sister Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception and provide an education to 850 young girls from underprivileged backgrounds.
- CECI repaired eight houses and built 354 new houses in the Lachapelle commune in the Artibonite department.
- CECI also invested \$2.4 million in building two evacuation centres in Gonaïves and Grande-Saline.
- Lastly, we carried out a large-scale cholera awareness campaign, called “Mèt kò veye kò” (“Stay vigilant” in Creole), that reached more than 170,000 people. This included:
 - sustainable investments in drinking water and sanitation infrastructure
 - training for more than 2,500 hygiene promoters and 3,000+ community leaders
 - 22 boreholes drilled in 8 Nord-Est communes to provide water access to 22 communities
 - sanitary facilities built in 17 schools in the Lower Artibonite area

SINCE 2012 – STAYING THE COURSE

Today, CECI is carrying out reconstruction and socioeconomic rehabilitation projects, our primary focus being to maintain continuous development activities so that communities can restore all types of activities as quickly as possible. Haiti is at high risk for natural disasters; its challenge is to make sure its people are prepared for just such an event. CECI’s role is to assist in this process to prevent major loss of human life.

Since 2012, CECI has reached 6,000,000 people through interventions that promote economic development through training and job access for women and youth. We also assist communities in improving infrastructure and agricultural techniques and adapting to climate change. In all this work, we incorporate the principles of gender equality and good governance.

OVERVIEW OF OUR MAIN ACTIVITIES IN RECENT YEARS

■ 2012-2013

In 2012-2013, CECI's activities in Haiti benefited 385,000 families, for a total of 1,540,000 people over three fifths of the country. CECI's projects in Haiti contributed to the overall improvement of basic infrastructures and helped improve the population's quality of life:

- 391,200 people now have access to running water, family toilets and secure receptacles for waste disposal.
- 225,100 people now have access to solar or hydraulic power.
- 19 primary schools and a vocational school were either built or rehabilitated, to the benefit of 3,100 school children and young apprentices.
- Two health centres were built and stocked with medical equipment to service 35,000 people.
- Three police stations destroyed in the earthquake were re-opened and are now providing security to 201,600 people.
- 14,000 temporary jobs were created and several micro-businesses were shored up.
- 7,750 people, including 3,985 women, completed training on gender equality, environmental protection, hygiene measures for combating cholera, etc.



■ 2013-2014

CECI has contributed to improving the living conditions of nearly 1,000,000 people by improving access to drinking water, electricity and education, in addition to improving transport, facilitating access to farming services and inputs, and promoting vocational training for in-demand services.

- 800 young men and women received vocational training.
- 300 small- and medium-sized enterprises were launched.
- 1,150 people, 30% of whom are women, received support for improved business management.
- 10,000 young women and men underwent training on entrepreneurship and credit access.
- 550 professionals, of whom 35% are women, working in government, local administrations and civil society organizations improved their management, customer service and communication skills.

- 2,100 teachers, 40% of whom are women, working in elementary and vocational schools enhanced their teaching skills.
- 38,000 people living in poor neighbourhoods now have access to drinking water and 24,000 now have access to electricity.

CECI also continued to encourage the creation of new partnership models between various stakeholders, particularly governments, civil society and private companies. Projects carried out in recent years, such as the reconstruction of the Carrefour Feuilles neighbourhood in Port-au-Prince and our support for tourism industry development in the Nord department, are prime examples of these efforts.

Last but not least, CECI's programs promote good governance, peace and security through the development of more effective, accountable, professional and respected services. Through our program supporting the construction of better buildings for judiciary and police services, we also provide guidance to staff to improve public services. Examples from 2013-2014 include our involvement with the Kenscoff courts and the Office of Civil Status.

CECI works with women's rights organizations such as Kay Fanm and Fanm Deside, which are involved in sensitizing legal staff and police officers on issues of violence against women and girls. As a result, an increasing number of assaults are being reported, and men are becoming more involved in changing the mindsets and relationships between women and men.



■ 2014-2015

CECI teamed up with the Haitian authorities to help communities cope with natural disasters, improve their living conditions and secure their living environment. Through these efforts, the communities improved their farming techniques to increase food security and protect the environment. In 2014-2015, CECI's work in Haiti directly benefited 31,470 people, including 13,317 women, and indirectly benefited some 237,224 people.

CECI continued to improve the living conditions of 18,000 families in Carrefour-Feuilles, a poor neighbourhood of Port-au-Prince that was devastated by the January 12, 2010 earthquake:

- More than 3 km of staircases, streets and corridors were paved with concrete.
- 1,648 metres of potable water pipes were repaired.
- 17,650 people obtained temporary employment.
- 55 families (330 people) who had been living in makeshift shelters since January 12, 2010, have been voluntarily resettled.
- And the living conditions of 529 families (approx. 3,174 people) were improved.

Through *Alliance agricole internationale* (AAI), CECI has provided support to 12,000 farmers in the coffee, cocoa, rice, market garden and agroforestry garden industries covering a total of 4,559 ha, and financed 20 micro-businesses that process fruit, vegetables and cereals.

CECI trained 60 young people in building earthquake-resistant structures.

■ 2015-2016

CECI's work in Haiti helped change the lives of 77,590 people, 48% of whom are women and 33% youth. Our work contributed to improving access to job markets, creating jobs, bolstering businesses and raising the incomes of 9,788 people, 41% of whom are women. Highlights:

- Crop production and access to quality food have increased for 25,320 people, of whom 45% are women.
- 17,779 people, of whom 50% women, now enjoy greater safety.
- Access to decision-making processes was increased and the status of 569 people, of whom 42% are women, was improved.
- 34,613 people, 52% of whom are women, benefited from access to education, technical and professional training and community development.

This year, one of our major focuses was the professional and economic insertion of women into typically male-dominated trades, particularly in Carrefour Feuilles, a poor neighbourhood in the core of Port-au-Prince. CECI supported training for:

- 500 young people, 75% of which are women, in non-traditional industries.
- 150 of these people completed an internship with a company and 58 have already found full-time employment.

Through AAI, CECI is carrying out innovative technology and biosecurity projects. These initiatives fall within the Haitian government's priority to increase agriculture revenue and food security for small-scale farmers in the Nord and Nord-Est departments.

- 12,084 farmers, 5,087 of whom are women, received inputs and technical assistance to help with the adoption of more effective technologies.
- 40 micro-entrepreneurs received coaching to help them modernize and strengthen their businesses.

■ 2016-2017

2016 was marked by Hurricane Matthew, devastating the southern part of the island, which still has not made a full recovery. In 2016-2017, CECI-Haiti continued its work to promote inclusive economic development for young people and women, gender equality and sustainable agriculture. CECI-Haiti has changed the lives of a total of 77,979 people, of whom 34% are youth and 74% are women.

In the Carrefour Feuilles neighbourhood, CECI:

- Assisted more than 1,500 families in adopting a family disaster contingency plan



- Trained nearly 100 young people, 30% of whom are young women, in the construction trades
- Assisted 60% of these people in securing stable employment.

CECI also continued to provide vocational and technical training for young people and girls, particularly in the construction trades:

- 840 young people, of whom 67% are women, benefited from these efforts.
- 217 youth, of whom 71 are young women, found employment in 2016-2017.

CECI-Haiti also works in rural communities to:

- Increase access to agricultural services for small farmers
- Increase in the public sector's capacity to undertake major biosafety analyses
- Promote the adoption of improved and sustainable agriculture technology
- Strengthen the national seed service.

These actions have benefitted:

- 409 rural producer organizations (RPOs)
- 12,084 farmers, 42% of whom are women, in the coffee, cocoa, rice, market gardening and agroforestry garden industries, covering 5,353 hectares
- 106 service providers, who are licenced in the communities where we operate
- 21,454 farmers, whom MARNDR has registered and geo-referenced.

In addition, CECI worked closely with communal agriculture offices to conduct a successful pilot project on resilient communities and livelihoods in the Nord and Nord-Est departments of Haiti. Building on existing good practices, we promoted an environmentally responsible approach to sustainable development by introducing new varieties and farming techniques that are better adapted to current climate conditions, and incorporated the concept of gender equality into our actions:

- 750 farmers, including 35% women and 50% youth, benefited from the pilot project.
- 6 extension agents were trained to spread information about introducing more environmentally sound techniques, and to advise others on accessing local markets to increase their income.
- 150 farmers, of whom 55 are women, were trained on different techniques for growing large amounts of food locally.
- 50 farmers, of whom 19 are women, are now able to apply improved farming techniques, thanks to the support of the extension agents.



HAITI IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE MATTHEW

After Hurricane Matthew swept through Haiti in October 2016, devastating the Sud and Grand Anse departments, CECI jumped into action to meet the needs of the most vulnerable populations in four communes: Les Cayes, Camp Perri, Maniche, and Beaumont. Our organization:

- Distributed food, hygiene and basic necessity kits to 1,040 families, comprising 60% women
- Assisted in restoring the agricultural activities of 3,185 households
- Injected capital into businesses and provided management training to 350 women vendors
- Repaired the roofs of 452 family homes, 51% of which were single-parent and female-headed households
- Purchase materials locally to support the local economy
- Promoted good construction practices and used local artisans who were paid for their services.

