

ONE-YEAR REPORT:

SEE HOW YOUR SOLIDARITY IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HAITI

A few numbers:

- DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has raised \$20 million from the Canadian public for reconstruction in Haiti.
- DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has been present in Haiti for over 40 years.
- As the Canadian member of the Caritas Internationalis network, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE swung into action immediately after the earthquake to support the Caritas response. The Caritas confederation is made up of 165 Catholic relief organizations worldwide. In the first six months of the emergency, it provided humanitarian assistance (food, water, tents, mobile clinics) to more than 2.3 million Haitian men and women.
- So far, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has spent \$5 million one emergency and reconstruction projects of its 25 partners in Haiti and has committed an additional \$10 million for the next three years.



Our reconstruction program:

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is planning on a five-year reconstruction program.

Our approach is to work with local grassroots and civil society organizations in Haiti. Prior to the earthquake, we were already working with several local groups. We are continuing to support them in the implementation of new projects during the reconstruction phase. These local groups include peasant movements, community radio associations, women's groups, human rights organizations and others. We are also supporting the recovery program for Caritas Haiti in the Port-au-Prince Diocese and helping Canadian religious communities in Haiti resume their services to the Haitian population, particularly in the education sector. Finally, we have initiated new partnerships in order to increase our response to the many needs of the Haitian people following the earthquake.

Here are our major lines of action with some concrete examples:

Support to our civil society partners so they can re-establish their activities:

- DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has helped its partners restart their activities by financing a solidarity fund that has enabled staff to get back to work and is also providing financial aid for rebuilding their offices and replacing essential equipment.

Reconstruction of houses in areas directly affected by the earthquake:

- DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, in partnership with Caritas Switzerland, is supporting local group Iteca in their program to rebuild 1,700



permanent houses in Gressier using local materials.

Getting children back in school:

- DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is helping children directly affected by the earthquake to return to school by financing school canteens, purchasing equipment and subsidizing teachers' salaries;
- DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is collaborating with CECI in rebuilding a primary school for 850 students that is operated by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.



Promoting the special needs and interests of women:

- DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is supporting women's organizations that are taking action on the issue of protecting women and children in the IDP camps – security patrols in the camps, raising awareness about violence against women, supporting victims of violence – and are promoting the rights of women in Jacmel and Port-au-Prince.

Promoting food security, with a focus on food sovereignty through ecological and responsible agriculture in response to environmental degradation in the country:

- With the support of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, the Papaye Peasants' Movement (MPP):
 - Has distributed seeds to more than 20,500 farming families affected by the earthquake;
 - Is implementing a major three-year program to strengthen the food security of farmers in the Central Plateau.

Monitoring human rights in the post-earthquake context:

- The National Human Rights Defence Network (RNDDH) works on defending, promoting and protecting human rights in post-earthquake Haiti; it also promotes a state of law, has participated in election monitoring, etc.



Strengthening communications in order to ensure that the viewpoint of civil society is known to the public and to better inform communities about reconstruction and disaster-prevention issues:

- DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE supports two community radio associations in the country. REFRAKA, which produces women-oriented programming, and SAKS are both creating content adapted to the post-quake context for broadcast on member community radio stations across the country. They also offer their members technical training and journalism courses.

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