



WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Vocational and financial support for vulnerable women in Port-au-Prince

Haiti

This project took a holistic approach towards addressing the issue of women's social and economic vulnerability, including the stigma associated with being **survivors** of gender-based violence.

After analyzing market and value chain based employment opportunities, UNDP provided vulnerable women with training, information, and financial support for **employment and business creation**.

The project developed linkages with formal employment sectors, financial institutions, and community-based **organisations**.



"I wasn't doing well at all because my husband is too ill to work. Now I'm the one supporting the family. My brother died of Cholera and his children live with me now. Thanks to the money I earn selling chickens, I can send the kids to school. The organization helps us move forward. Especially me, so much."

Ninite Eltêbe



"I was a shop owner before January 12th. After January 12th, everything ended. We lost everything. I discovered this programme and received training in construction and civil engineering. For the future, I want to keep learning. Now I can think about making my dreams come true. Because I feel like this type of work is my calling."

Natasha Laforest



"I used to be a vendor. But I wasn't making much money, so I had to stop. I found this programme and they advised us and gave us training. They talked about how to manage a business and how to earn a living. And how to think about what type of future we'd like in our lives. I'd like life to change for my family. I'd like to use what I learned in the training to live a normal life. I'd like to have a business, a shop, or just a good job. That's what I would like. Thanks to this project, we see our future as women. Because right now, a woman is as important to the country as a man."

Syliene Facile

The ROK-UNDP MDG Trust Fund has contributed \$17.85 million towards nine country projects and two global projects that seek to improve livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable.

Objectives:



Increase livelihoods and employment opportunities for vulnerable women living in the earthquake affected areas of Port au Prince and environs.

Help vulnerable women, including women who are victims of gender-based violence, to access the means and incentives for their social and economic re-integration.

Results:

750+



Women completed vocational and professional training programs developed in line with market demands.

550+



Young women between 18 and 34 years old participated in the Championship for Young Female Entrepreneurs

450+



New jobs have been created and more than 350 micro-enterprises have been established.

400+



Enterprises have been reinforced through training, mentoring and access to credit.

200+



Young women completed a training program on business management implemented by the Ministry of Youth.

30+



Young women were rewarded with financial and technical support.

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