

## YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

Thanks to your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Nord-Est. Learn more about the valuable ways your support has benefitted them.

Haiti's Nord-Est is heavily effected by climate change. This year, severe flooding led to painful losses including displacement and deaths.

Despite the hardship, there have also been moments of great pride. 150 young people received training in industrial chemistry. 100% of our 131 sponsored children who received school enrollment fees successfully completed this school year. Street lights have been installed in 10 communities to protect residents from sexual assault.

We know the best is yet to come and your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Nord-Est.



# 484

Students learnt about sexual and reproductive health



# 200

Households have access to drinking water



# 131

Young people received funding to pay their school fees



## COVID-19'S IMPACT IN HAITI

Hear from Fedeline about how COVID-19 has impacted her community.

"Plan International allowed primary school children to take classes via a radio show. Many families had economic difficulties, and Plan International gave cash to them. My mother was one of the beneficiaries of this project. She was able to buy school supplies for her children. I thank Plan International for this."

# CASE STORY: I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



**NAME: ANNE**

**AGE: 20**

**HOBBY: VIDEOGRAPHY**

Plan International has allowed me an opportunity to deepen my knowledge in technology and especially videography. I want to make videos to educate youth about sexual and reproductive health, the importance of making informed choices and violence prevention.

## Meet Anne

**Like your sponsored child, Anne has been empowered by Plan International to change her life.**

In her last year of high school, youngest daughter Anne – a former sponsored child of Plan International – received mentorship to prepare for her next chapter.

## Supporting Girls In STEM

In Haiti, women and girls are discouraged from pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Simultaneously, women in the country are more likely to be unemployed than men. When employed, women in Haiti earn less than men, on average, for doing the same jobs.

Plan International set out to close the gap this year with a pilot programme in videography for girls ages 15 to 22. More than a dozen girls and young women – including Anne – took part in Plan International Haiti's two-day videography workshop. "This is a field that I like very much," the cheerful Anne told Plan. In addition to her practical training in film production, Anne received equipment to further her videography skills, including a selfie stick, a microphone and a phone.

## Skills To Succeed

Though women in Haiti are more likely to find employment in informal sectors, having hard skills in STEM will open doors to new jobs and higher salaries. Plan International encouraged Anne and her classmates to think about gender inequality they experience, and emphasized that such limiting beliefs should remain in the past.

Anne plans to use her budding knowledge of videography to improve life for young people in her community. By making videos about important social issues from gender-based violence to sexual health, Anne will continue a cycle of positive knowledge.



*Anne films a scene.*

**WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 9,708 CHILDREN IN NORD-EST**



# OUR PROJECTS IN NORD-EST ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



## SAFER TOGETHER



What does protecting girls and women look like? From staying in school to learning new skills, Nord-Est residents became stronger together.

**Haiti is ranked 152nd on the Gender Inequality Index, out of 162 countries.** Plan International collaborates with residents of Nord-Est, particularly women and girls, to dismantle sexism and encourage confidence, agency and safety.

This year, Plan International successfully lobbied 7 civil society organisations in Nord-Est to improve services for victims of sexual assault. We convinced another 3 civil society organisations to support the economic rights and income generation of young women, especially victims of sexual assault.

90 survivors of sexual assault participated in vocational training courses. Another 90 community members of all ages and genders set out to train their peers in sexual violence awareness.

## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER



**Adolescent girls are more likely to have children at a young age if they have not completed secondary school.**

27% of girls without an education ages 15-19 are already mothers. High rates of teen pregnancy correlate to a lack of resources: Long walks to get water, for example, can leave girls vulnerable to sexual assault.

As part of Plan International's "Early Pregnancy Reduction" programme, 17 youth clubs took part in sexual education workshops. Over 7,500 sponsored children received school supplies.

6 Village Savings and Loan groups formed, which will pool money to cover necessities like school fees. 20 young mothers received vocational training.



"This programme will help me a lot, because my parents do not have the capacity to give me everything. With this job, I will be able to take care of my daughter."

**- Dieula Jean (24) from Nord-Est**

# YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



## FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



**46%**

Of Haiti's population is currently food-insecure



**85%**

Of children ages 14 and younger have experienced violence



**40%**

Of students in Nord-Est drop out before Grade 9



**Your support helps children to stand up for their futures.**

- Though 10% of girls ages 15 to 19 in Haiti are sexually active, adolescents don't have much information about teen pregnancy or STIs. We will collaborate with youth groups to spread information about sexual health.
- Schools in Haiti have extremely limited resources and are in poor condition. We will supply furniture to partner schools.
- Impoverished families in Haiti are not able to afford school fees for their childrens' education. We will provide funding to keep at-risk students in school.
- Many young people in Haiti would like to work, but struggle to find jobs. We will provide vocational training to young people, particularly young mothers.

**We know the best is yet to come, and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in Nord-Est.**



"Thanks to your generosity, many girls and teenagers now feel safer in their communities. Young mothers now have jobs. Many boys and girls are aware of gender-based violence. Thank you so much for your continued support."

**Stephan Dona**  
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**YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN STANDING UP FOR THEIR FUTURE AND RIGHTS**