

# SUD-EST

## **YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE**

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

Over the last 25 years, Haiti has been impacted by at least 15 climate disasters, including devastating hurricanes and earthquakes. This year, 607 families became more prepared for disaster through our Family Emergency Plan.

With your support, we also worked to reduce the incidence of gender-based violence and teen pregnancy. 1,200 young people participated in community spaces to discuss their sexual health and reproductive rights. 90 community leaders committed to continuing these interventions.

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





Pupils received support to continue their studies



7722
Young people learned about gender-based violence



9400 Girls trained on climate

emergencies



## **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: VIDOEGRAPHY** 

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

## **OUR PROJECTS IN SUD-EST ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE**



23,310 residents of Sud-Est were reached in a campaign to better prepare communities for inevitable climate disasters.

## **STRONGER TOGETHER**



**73% of women in Haiti have never received information about contraception.** As a result, 11% of adolescents under 19 already have at least one child. The rate of HIV infections continues to rise.

This year, Plan International focused on encouraging open conversations about sexual health and reproductive rights, as well as gender-based violence and protection. 7,722 young people, including children, learned about such violence and preventative measures.

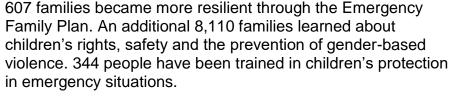
1,200 young people have participated in 15 established spaces to speak openly about sexual health, safety and rights. An additional 2,128 children now attend community reading spaces, where they receive technical and material support to continue learning. 72 parents and 18 local leaders signed a commitment to training and awareness raising.

## PROMOTING DISASTER PREVENTION



Over the last 25 years, Haiti has been hit by at least 15 devastating hurricanes and an earthquake. The combined factors of Haiti's geographic location and its environmental context result in a country that is certain to continue experiencing climate disasters in the years to come.

Plan International launched an awareness campaign on risks and disasters in Sud-Est that reached 23,310 people, including 9,400 girls and women. 401 people received training in emergency first-aid responses.





"We used to live without any planning. The whole family heard the youth tell us about Plan's Family Emergency Plan. We needed a resource like this so badly. We have started to prepare our family emergency kits. I'm sure this will change a lot of aspects of our lives."

- Diana (17) from Sud-Est

## YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES

#### **FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS**



27%

Of young women ages 15 – 19 are already pregnant or mothers



70%

Of women in Haiti are victims of gender-based violence



40%

Of students in Haiti drop out before Grade 9



Your support helps girls and boys to stand up for their futures.

- In both urban and rural Haiti, at least one-quarter of girls have never attended school. We will improve the school resources of local schools, including IT tools.
- Haiti is vulnerable to environmental disasters, particularly earthquakes. We will collaborate with schools to assess their risk level and preparedness.
- · Haiti is the fourth-hungriest country in the world. We will help families combat food insecurity through cash transfers.
- Close to half of women in Sud-Est are jobless. We will encourage the financial independence of women through the creation of Village Savings and Loan groups.

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



"We are grateful for all the things you bring to Plan International Haiti and sponsored communities so we can continue to change lives of children and young people and engage them to the development of the country."

**Pierre Richard Francois** Programme Area Manager, Sud-Est

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