

ANNUAL UPDATE

HAITI

NORD-EST



Together with your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Nord-Est. Learn more about the valuable ways we work with children and communities.

In Haiti, political instability, high inflation and drought are impacting families' access to food and clean water. This past year, key projects focused on supporting communities with aid as well as nutritional resources and information.

This year, our programme of educational and vocational opportunities is making an impact on youth. More and more young women are establishing their economic independence and creating a more secure future for themselves and their communities.



4,480

People learned about nutrition and hygiene



13

Water pumps repaired, allowing access to clean water



1,669

Households benefited from aid in response to the hunger crisis

“THANKS TO THE REPAIR OF HAND WATER PUMPS, CHILDREN NO LONGER HAVE TO SPEND HOURS TO COLLECT WATER.”

Esther, 15-year-old Sponsored Child





NAME: CHEDELINE

AGE: 12 YEARS OLD

DREAMS TO BE: A NURSE

“OTHER CHILDREN ARE IN THE SAME SITUATION, OR WORSE. IT’S DIFFICULT TO FIND FOOD TO EAT BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS DO NOT RECEIVE ANY HELP.”

Meet Chedeline

Like the child you sponsor, Chedeline is full of potential to achieve her dreams and goals, and build a stronger future for herself.

Chedeline has a strong desire to study and learn—yet the hunger crisis in Haiti has had a devastating impact on her ability to learn.

The Impact of Hunger

Like many children in the area, Chedeline is growing up in the shadow of food scarcity. She lives with her mother, sister and grandmother in a small house with a little garden that has become dry due to the lack of rain.

To get to school, Chedeline has to walk along abandoned, rocky roads with her younger sister. They cross what remains of a river that connects to her school. The route is risky, especially for young girls.

“I would like to learn nursing so I can help sick people,” Chedeline says. Although she studies hard, her grades have suffered since the hunger crisis hit. She would often go days without eating, and felt tired and unwell.

Responding to Crisis

Plan is responding to the hunger crisis in the South East and North East regions of Haiti. It has supported more than 3,700 families like Chedeline’s with cash transfers and food vouchers. Families also receive hygiene kits in response to cholera caused by poor water and sanitation. In addition, volunteers give educational talks about nutrition and child protection in the communities.

“Thanks to money received from Plan, my mother was able to buy food for us,” says Chedeline, adding: “The situation was really difficult for us and things are extremely expensive.”



Walking a dangerous path, Chedeline and her sister head to school.

OUR PROJECTS IN NORD-EST ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



Vocational training programmes empower young women with the skills and resources to design their own futures.

EMPOWERED FOR THE FUTURE



Early pregnancy rates are high in Nord-Est, impacting the health and future of young women—especially those without an education.

Empowering young people with accurate information about sexual and reproductive health and rights is key to reducing early and unplanned pregnancies. In addition, access to vocational training and education helps young women develop more self-esteem and plan for their futures. For the past three years, initiatives in Nord-Est have resulted in many young women learning a trade and becoming economically independent.

This year, 3,850 students received support for school fees and materials, enabling them to access their right to an education. Young women received vocational training, and young mothers trained in sewing were supported with resources to start their own businesses.



RESPONDING TO CRISIS

Haiti has one of the highest levels of chronic food insecurity. In fact, 22% of children suffer from chronic malnutrition, and Plan has declared the country on alert, warranting immediate response and resource mobilisation.

The Red Alert Hunger Crisis Response supports vulnerable households with aid as well as information and resources on nutrition and hygiene.

This year, 719 households received cash assistance to help them with immediate food and household expenses. More than 4,000 people benefited from awareness-raising and door-to-door sensitisation on best practices for nutrition, and cooking demonstrations were held in six communities to engage parents on food and nutrition.

“Thanks to this support, my mother was able to buy food for the family. She was also able to pay part of the school fees and invest part in her small business selling hot meals.” – **Naska (12) from Nord-Est**



YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



The best is yet to come—and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in Nord-Est.

- In Haiti, 4.9 million people are in need of urgent action on food insecurity. Cash transfers will help with immediate aid, and income-generating activities will establish a foundation of economic stability for households.
- With more information and services for sexual and reproductive health and rights, young people will have the resources to make informed choices about their reproductive health.
- Vocational training, scholarships and internships will help support girls with opportunities for education and employment.

Thank you for your continued support.



“On behalf of the people of Nord-Est, I thank you for your support. A dozen communities have access to drinking water by repairing water supply systems and hand pumps.”

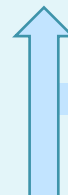
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THE PLAN EFFECT



Your sponsorship commitment becomes long-term change—providing help for self-help. We involve children at the centre of all projects, bringing effective and sustainable solutions to families and communities. With Plan’s Effect, your commitment helps empower communities to transform their lives and futures.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS



JANUARY



18

Sewing machines distributed to young mothers

MARCH



719

Households benefited from hygiene kits

APRIL



14,653

Youth learned about sexual and reproductive health rights

DECEMBER



21

Street lights installed in communities to mitigate the risk of sexual assault