

# ANNUAL UPDATE

# HAITI

## SUD-EST



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

In Haiti, political instability and climate disasters are impacting families' access to food. This year, key projects focused on supporting households with immediate aid.

Empowering communities with resilience-building was also key. In the face of climate emergency, students learned life-saving first aid, and protection committees were strengthened to prevent child abuse. These initiatives are helping communities work toward a stronger, more secure future for themselves.



**3193**

Households were assisted in response to the food crisis



**7713**

Students learned about sexual and reproductive health



**4300**

People learned about protection from gender-based violence

**“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 SUD-EST ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



Four schools have become safer after conducting a vulnerability analysis and developing a mitigation plan.

## BUILDING RESILIENCE



**Haiti has been impacted by climate emergencies.** In Sud-Est, coastal borders are vulnerable to flooding and rising temperatures. This impacts safety—especially in schools.

Building community resilience is vital, and engaging girls and young women is key. This year, resilience-building projects enhanced the capacity of young girls and women to bring first aid assistance to victims of emergencies at school. As a result, about 600 girls and young women are trained in lifesaving techniques.

Student Guerdy says: “The Plan team came to our school to give us training on how to assist our friends and families in emergency situations. I remember a lot of things, like if a person can't walk how to make a chair to carry him or her with a bed sheet. I think these courses are important because they can help protect and save the lives of girls like me.”



## RESPONDING TO THE FOOD CRISIS

**Haiti has one of the highest levels of chronic food insecurity.** In fact, 48% of the population are in urgent need of food. Hunger and poverty can exacerbate violence, and 85% of children under 14 are victims of violence.

This year, Plan's initiatives promoted access to food for vulnerable households and helped ensure a protective environment. More than 2,900 families learned about nutritional practices and received cash assistance to help them with immediate food and household expenses. In addition, eight local protection committees were strengthened to prevent child abuse, and more than 32,000 people were sensitised on child protection in emergency situations.

“We received the money during the time when it was raining, which was very important for us as we didn't have much food. My mother told me the money came from Plan and was spent on food (rice, corn, oil) and clothes for me.” – **Kermide (15) from Sud-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 Sud-Est.**

- Nearly half of the population of Haiti need humanitarian assistance. While cash transfer programmes will help with immediate aid, we will also advocate for structural response to the food crisis.
- Statistics show 40% of young people in Haiti lack information on climate change effects. We will call for innovative climate change adaptation initiatives and raise awareness in schools of climate change consequences.
- 59% of people in situations of humanitarian need are women and girls. With awareness-raising and enhanced coordination of protection measures, girls and women will be safer during times of emergency.

**Thank you for your continued support.**



“The global context in Haiti is challenging and impacts the lives of children and young people. Plan adapted its interventions so children can continue to learn and to be healthy.”

**Pierre Richard Francois**  
Programme Area Manager

## 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



**MARCH**



**609**

Pupils trained in first aid techniques

**MARCH**



**6811**

Students learned about sexual and reproductive rights

**MAY**



**200**

Girls learned to make videos to advocate for their rights

**DECEMBER**



**4**

Community educational training centres established