

Nord-Est

Haiti

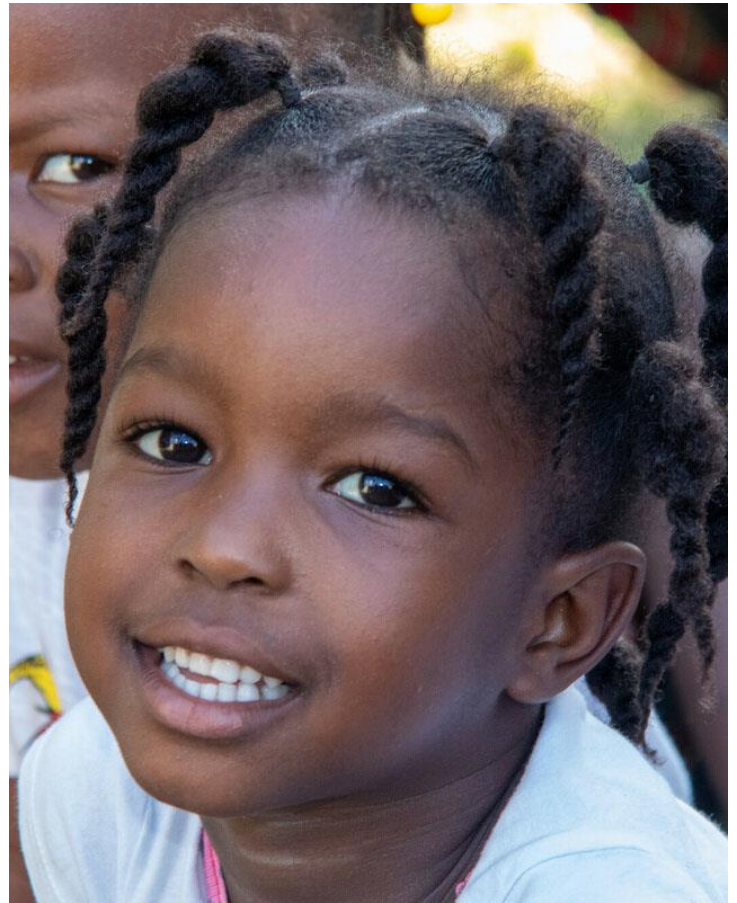
Positive changes are happening in Nord-Est. Learn more about how we're supporting children and girls' rights through our collaborative, equality-driven work.

Even as political instability, violence and climate disasters have created chaos in Haiti, the Nord-Est community is working hard to strengthen resources for young people and families.

For example, school infrastructure is improving, which means that classrooms are less overcrowded. And more students and parents are getting involved in school councils, developing as leaders and making decisions that will affect pupils' futures. In addition, training sessions are providing sexual and reproductive health and rights information to young people, enabling them to make informed choices about their bodies. We have also established safe spaces for displaced children in some of the most crisis-affected areas of Haiti.

By empowering young people, the Nord-Est community is working to make positive changes.

"My parents couldn't afford the school fees. Plan helped pay a part of the required amount, and my parents paid the rest."
—Roselove (15)



Opportunity is vital for the children of Nord-Est.

Impact in Numbers

3,500

Pupils received school kits

1,426

Parents learned about sexual health issues

3

Drinking water supply systems renovated

A Seat in the Classroom for Everyone



NAME:

Bessiqua

AGE:

14 years old

DREAMS TO BE:

A nurse

“Plan helped the school get more benches so students could sit properly. Nowadays, students write properly because they're sitting comfortably.”



Meet Bessiqua

Like many children in Haiti, Bessiqua faced challenges in her pursuit of an education.

Bessiqua is a 9th grader who lives with her mother and twin brother. Her favourite hobbies are reading, singing and dancing.

Financial difficulties make it difficult for her mother to buy all the necessary school supplies, yet Bessiqua loves learning and plans to be a nurse. She believes girls need support and encouragement to pursue their dreams.

The Impact of Economic Resources

In Bessiqua's classroom, students sit on benches. Yet her school lacked enough benches for students and teachers, creating an uncomfortable environment. Bessiqua recalls students fighting over space, and describes how pupils found it impossible to focus with the distractions and disruptive behaviour of an overcrowded classroom.

By coordinating with schools, Plan was able to support an initiative to improve classrooms – enabling all students to have a place to access their right to an education.

The Power of Education

With financial aid, 12 schools were able to build furniture such as benches, chairs, and sideboards, and repair old and damaged roofs. Schools like Bessiqua's contributed additional funds for labour and other expenses. Thanks to this collaboration, classrooms are less crowded and teachers have a suitable place to work– and the positive environment enables school management to focus on educational initiatives.

“Plan helped the school,” Bessiqua says. “That meant a lot to me.”



Bessiqua and her fellow classmates listen attentively.

We Work With 10,164 Sponsored Children in Nord-Est

Projects That Support Lasting Change

Learning to Lead

School councils get stronger by involving students and parents in school life.

In Haiti, School Councils include school leaders, parents and students. Involving young people is vital to improving communication and transparency – and fostering important dialogues on how to make the schools better.

This year, 196 school council members in more than 20 partner schools were supported in strengthening their councils. As more students participate, they develop leadership skills and make an impact on their schools and their futures.

“This project is very important to me,” says Cherlendie, a 14-year-old Sponsored Child. “As a student, I’m here to identify any conflicts that exist between students, and to encourage children’s education. I take part in all the board meetings and attend all the training sessions that Plan gives to the board.”



A student member of the school council.

28

Schools strengthened their councils



Ederline and her fellow students.



Ederline in the training area.

Adolescent Health

Improving access to sexual and reproductive health and rights empowers young women.

In Haiti, youth pregnancy is a concern. In fact, 11% of girls aged 15-19 have at least one child. Parents rarely discuss sexuality, and educators are insufficiently trained in teaching the subject.

Early motherhood impacts girls’ education and economic independence. In response, an adolescent health project is addressing concerns by providing education and resources to youth.

This year, 3,621 students from 82 schools learned about sexual and reproductive health and rights in training sessions led by health workers. After the trainings, the young people will be empowered as peer educators, raising awareness among schoolchildren in 40 partner schools.

“What I learned during the sexual health awareness sessions was to protect myself. This project has educated children and young people.”
—Ederline (14)

You're Supporting a More Equal Future



Today's children are tomorrow's leaders.

Together, we're working to create a more just world.

Around 80% of children in Haiti experience violence at home, school or in the community. This coming year, we will educate the community on children's rights and violence prevention, and provide psychosocial support for children experiencing violence.

We are working to improve infrastructure to ensure safe learning environments, and to increase children's attendance and school completion.

Almost half of the population in Haiti are facing food insecurity due to the ongoing crisis. We will promote sustainable agriculture and work to help establish school and community gardens to produce nutritious food.

Message from Plan Staff

"Thanks to your contribution, we have been able to implement essential programs that have had a direct impact on children. We have supported 10 schools in renovation projects, enabling hundreds of children to access quality education in a safe learning environment."



Pierre-Philippe Elias, Programme Area Manager, Nord-Est

The Plan Effect

Sponsored children are at the centre of everything we do, and they help plan our programmes based on what's important to them. Sponsors' donations are a gateway into a community. This helps build trust and credibility to attract even more funds from new sources. This makes more sustainable programmes possible in sponsorship communities. This powerful synergy is something we call The Plan Effect.

Progress in Numbers

238

children supported with school fees

31

street lamps installed

3,124

students have improved school buildings

600

celebrated National Children's Day