

# Progress in Haiti country in 2023

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OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-HTI\_D\_1.2

Haïtian women, with a special focus on victims of violence, have increased access to justice services

This product was implemented and reported in 2022 since a specific project was being implemented to support women organisations and CNAL (the umbrella for the legal assistance bureau "BAL") to offer good quality services to violence survivors. The same organisations have continued to offer the services (legal assistance) while other organisations engaged in women protection with temporary safe spaces have expanded them to shelters and other services, reinforcing the local network of services providers and refering survivors to the justice structures, paying lawyers to accompany them where needed. The impunity level is still high in the country, the prisons conditions are extremely poor. The committee on the correctional Gender Directorate has continued to reinforce itself after the project with UN Women was closed (EU funds). Indeed, UN Women continued to offer its services to this committee helping the members to elaborate their new action plan after having evaluate the old 2-year action plan. Moreover, the Police force and INFP were able to finalize a protocole that needs to be signed by their respective general director regarding women's continued education (with a certified program by INFP) while in detention.

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The judicial system improves the efficiency of its procedures to reduce the delays in processing judicial cases

An evaluation was conducted during the reporting year on a project that was closed and the following recommendations were outlined: – Implement a rigorous monitoring, evaluation and accountability system to systematically monitor the progress of actions and collect feedback from the population concerned – Ensure the permanent availability of social agents who can intervene in all the prisons to provide psychosocial support –Have coordination mechanisms in place to properly assess needs, coordinate and evaluate the actions of partners to avoid duplication and also to measure the effects and impacts of interventions with a larger team. Follow up meetings have been organized with the prison directorate.

OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-HTI\_D\_1.5

The prison and judicial sector has operational capacities facilitating better coordination of the COVID-19 response

Although the COVID 19 pandemic is no longer there, the women detention conditions has continued to be an issue for women and girls and a concern for UNWOMEN. Continuous training have been provided to the gender directive committee for them to keep leading and advising the directorate on the safety and improved conditions for women in prisons.

OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-HTI\_D\_1.6

Women's rights groups, social movements and CSOs, including those representing young people and groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, have a more effective influence, and contribute to progress towards gender equality, women's empowerment, and the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, including sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and harmful practices

Women led Organizations are actively engaged in the Gender in Humanitarian (GiHA) Working Group. The access for women to economic resources has been improved through livelihood initiatives, small businesses were started by our Women beneficiaries while acquiring valuable management skills. During the last quarter of 2023 (September-December), 60,892 people (43,462 women, 17,430 men) were reached through humanitarian and protection activities of 5 CSOs implementing partners in 3 geographic Departments (West, Artibonite and Norwest). Thanks to awareness raising and advocacy activities, more than 42,000 people in the West Department have a better knowledge of the prevention and access to GBV response, family planning and HIV prevention services. Moreover, 40 women in Artibonite and the West Department are now better equipped to lead and coordinate humanitarian actions during crisis period and more than 200 women have had access to medical and legal services and have been trained to better cope with and avoid situations of violence in their respective communities. UN WOMEN partners established the "refuge pa'm" (mon Refuge) mutual solidarity program to help women in this community recover from the effects of conflict and gender-based violence. Initial progress included distribution of cash support (25,000 gourds/\$190 USD) to 25 women to launch income generating activities. This mutual solidarity is a form of solidarity economy that will allow women to grow together economically and support each other in situation of violence and discrimination. Some innovative approaches like peer education have raised more than 300 women community educators on SGBV prevention and human rights.

# OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-HTI\_D\_1.7

Women candidates and voters feel safer and actively participate in the electoral process and in decisions related to peacebuilding and conflict prevention

UN Women has promoted an enabling environment for women to be individually and collectively empowered and equipped to engage in violence free elections in the period ahead after the ongoing transition. The country office has used the 16 days of activism campaign to promote an intergenerational and multi sector dialogue on violence, gathering all layers of society: governement representatives, local authorities, private sector (ADIH), women and human rights organisations, community based organisations, artists, police, students and academcs, pupils, diplomats and medias. The campaign was launched with 300 participants under the MCFDF leadership, a CSO alliance organized a large audience of 400 women on political violence prevention and management. About 200 signatures on a HeForShe commitment board engaging them fight SGBV. A strategic wrap up "cafe de presse" was held by the country Representative to call upon actors to Unite for SGBV elimination. A debriefing meeting was organized by UNW with UN female heads of Agencies, 80% of female governement members, the RC, the SRSG for joint effort and forward looking on violence elimination in Haiti. Together for a zero VAWG.

### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-HTI\_D\_2.1

Women led businesses have increased participation and leadership in the development of climate-resilient agriculture, water, renewable energy and service markets and benefit from equal access to resources and services

UN Women supported the development and/or expansion of women led businesses by strenghtening their capacities and skills to become active members of the economy. As part of a partnership with the Ministry

of Agriculture, 210 women have been trained in the use of improved seeds, climate resilient crop varieties introduction, soil types adapted to climate change exploration. The representative of trained women have been invited to be on disaster risk reduction committee by the civil protection directorate, involve other women in their meetings to motivate them for a better engagement and a wider participation space.

### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-HTI\_D\_2.2

# Innovative solutions are consolidated and scaled up to strengthen rural women's economic empowerment

During 2023, UN Women approached two key actors related to women economic empowrment: ADIH and Madan Sara. These two key actors are found in the structure of value chain from top to bottom, taking into account production, harvest and food processing phases and taking into consideration the new challenges of the markets related to Innovation and Technology. Therefore, UN Women signed a MOU with ADIH to reinforce the collaboration between the rural women in agribusiness and Private sector entities. Through this protocole, UN Women will explore business contracts between the parties with a focus on e-Commerce. On the other hand, UN Women has started discussions with the association of Madan Sara for their reinforcement to facilitate negociations with the Private Sector and support the organisation developpement.

### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-HTI\_D\_3.1

The socio-cultural settings, as well as legislative, political, institutional and organizational frameworks are strengthened and structured to respond to domestic violence against women and girls

UN Women supported policy makers by engaging government institutions and Civil Society Organizations including women led organizations in several consultations and dialogue processes within Spotlight Programme on the National VAW Action Plan with the development of a draft results framework, setting the ton of a better coordination, implementation and M/E plans. In addition consultations were facilitated with the ministry of Health, Monistry of gender and women affaires and CSO key players on mental health about a National standardized Protocol on Psychosocial Services for VAWG Survivors, which aims to set the minimum standards and quality guidelines. Several advocacy campaigns took place throughout the year to raise awareness on the impact of violence against women in society and to seek changes in social norms and cultural behavior by engaging men and boys on positive masculinities while building their capacities through trainings addressing women and girls violence. Social media campaigns mobilized multisector stakeholders to drive local cultural behavior change with a positive approach towards women.

### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-HTI\_D\_4.3

Women's meaningful participation, leadership and protection in peace and security, including in peace processes, conflict prevention, peacebuilding and peacekeeping,

The dialogue processes have not made progress in Haiti. Some meetings were convened outside the country and few women have been approached or designated to participate in the dialogues, women leaders have been organizing themselves and lobbying to have their voices heard and to take part in key strategic meetings to ensure that women needs and the gender dimension are being taken into consideration. At the Caricom meetings held during 2023, beside some women political parties leaders were present, some women leaders of civil society organizations were invited and therefore able to position

themselves. Women's meaningful participation, leadership and protection have been reinforced through a peacebuilding process supported by UN Women. Moreover, women leaders members of the Alliance network of 11 women platforms covering the 10 regions of Haiti, met with key actors during 2023 such as CEP, HCT, BINUH and RCO, to discuss about the country context, its impact on women and girls and their needs, along with their participation in dialogue and decision–making levels for better coordination and else. Thanks to this, women in West Department, Artibonite and Plateau Central are better prepared to lead conflict resolution and take political engagement in their respective communities.

## OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-HTI\_D\_4.4

Women and girls benefit from good mental health and psychosocial well-being that support their meaningful participation, leadership and protection in peace and security, including in peace processes, conflict prevention, peacebuilding, peacekeeping

Thanks to UN Women's support, capacity in four institutions were boosted, aiding women in humanitarian settings. Psychosocial services were increased for violence survivors. Dialogues were facilitated between women and boys in Cite Soleil. Mental health services were improved in seven (7) local organizations. These changes raised awareness, inclusivity and positive change in Cite Soleil. The community has increased its positive attitude towards mental health reducing stigma and discrimination, mistreatment of people suffering from mental health disorders and illness. Through the implementation of the mental health project at Cité Soleil, the interventions of the various partners (CSOs, CBOs, government institutions) allow and promote capacities building for young people, women and men on the prevention of violence and the consequences that this entails on the development of the communities. Mechanisms are being put in place to improve and increase rape alert systems. The strengthening of several psychosocial and mental health care structures (equipment and human resources) based on survey and assessment. Strategically, the community of several neighbourhoods is trained, sensitized and better equipped to participate in the prevention and reduction of violence. Interventions/activities related to the promotion of positive masculinity have led to the establishment of girls' and boys' clubs to ensure the sustainability of peacebuilding actions.