

Final Report EEPP

Future Generations Haiti, 2021

IP'S NAME	Future Generations Haïti
DEPARTEMENT	West
PROJECT'S TITLE	Economic Empowerment Project for Peace
PROJECT No.	EEPP-HT-001
BUDGET ALLOUE	10,000.00 us
TOTAL BUDGET DEPENSE	...US
TARGET AREA	(Departement) (Municipality) (Blocs) West Cite Soleil 5
PROJECT START DATE	May 14th, 2021
EXPECTED DURATION (weeks)	24 weeks
FINAL PROJECT DATE	September 1st, 2021
PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT	From 14 May to September 1st, 2021

	Fund Received	Amount spent	Difference
Amount	10,000.00 us	... US	...us

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Context

Women's community participation is precarious in Haiti since years, because the majority don't have to basic social services, bank and credit access or health care access... so far, this is a complicated situation for the lifestyle of those women because they are forced to live in extreme poverty so that private sectors push them to which create into them a bad higher sense to want a better life whether for them, they family and mostly their community.

The past decade to now, Haiti has known various and worst situation whether earthquake, diseases, pandemic and moreover constantly socio-politic troubles that keep the country in hostage and prevent community members mostly women to keep moving in their activities. Those situations put Haiti out of the international community let alone the Caribbean side so that situation create a negative impact upon the country because that restrains women to have bank credit access to work in the economy.

Unfortunately, credit in Haiti is not easy to get because simply they are from cite soleil which is excluded to economic sector, too sad but its real. So, to survive in some ways and provide food to their children so they participate within informal activities which is represented 55 % according to IHSI and less present on the formal sectors in Haiti.

Although, to sort out that burden which are extreme poverty, lack of bank access credit, we must have other options to re-integrate and included them to the economic sector but by empowering them to new types of training, to gain new skills so just to relaunch them by also changing their perceptions of them that another sector creates within them.

To say the truth, we have a high lack of loan institutions that work at Cite soleil so more entrepreneurs, more women and community Leader's women to get involve in their community.

Historic of the Project

The burden that supports the community of cite soleil since years hurts everyone and must have a way to help them sort out of that precarious situation, unfortunately those activities can be worse than anyone could ever imagine because most of them are illegals let alone informal. So, to survive some of the women in cite soleil work on industries like SONAPI (societe National des Parcs Industriels), informal sectors like marketplace the most part just for them to meet their needs and not waiting for external help, not to live under total dependency.

After the support of FGH of Community Development Master's degree at Future Generations University to M. Lemou Jean Marc one of its staff members, On February 2021, M. Lemou has participated on in International Prize-winning organized by FGU in collaboration with Davis Project Family, M. Lemou has won the 1st place and received US 10,000.00 \$. Therefore, the funds have been planned to support 10 women at Cite Soleil community in aims to empower their capacity and relaunch them to the economic sector so they can participate on their community activities that can help them to reduce their vulnerability livelihoods and prevent them to get in illegals activities or integration of armed groups or even prostitutions.

Besides of FGH experiences on various communities so fighting against poverty, lack of women's leaders and violence then FHG after years of research realized that all these problems, lack of access are related to economic issues. Although, for those reasons M. Lemou Jean Marc named his **Project Economic Empowerment Project For Peace** because after his research he realized women are voiceless, speechless and have no capacity to contribute whether in their family activities or community activities, so the program was planned to help those women to lessen their precarious situation and being able to develop strong perceptions of themselves, to become Leader in their community, to involve in their community decisions because they have to say a word to because they are living in the community either.

Main Issues

- ✚ Lack of access to basic social services,
- ✚ Lack of economic investment,
- ✚ Community Women's Voiceless.

Eventual Solutions

It is crucial to see how the socio-economic and health problems existing in the community can be reduced to the point of eradicating them in order to create economic opportunities through income-generating activities, with the contribution of mutual solidarity so that the basic needs, especially in terms of access to social services and economic activities, are improved with the help of external funding.

There is a need to strengthen the capacity of young women working in society to be actively involved at the socio-economic level in order to reduce the unemployment rate in the community, the female population is very active, 55% in their contribution to the economy of the population following the report of health policy project.

EEPP/General objectives

- ❖ The main objective is to reduce the vulnerability of small businesses by helping entrepreneurs to implement management measures and develop their capacities. Moreover, being able to become respectful in their own living community, being able to change their perceptions and how others see their community so they can engage themselves to participate in diverse positive activities that can help them to clean the negative image of Cite Soleil.

In other to do that, the women will be trained over two major axes:

These economic activities can reverse the trend from business failure to success, but action must be taken to make the most of community resources and to create a genuine popular cultural identity that allows every citizen to feel involved in an inclusive way in his or her community.

- ✓ ***Local economy development supporting by entrepreneurial activities***
- ✓ ***Women's Community Engagement.***

All the participants were from Cite soleil between aged to 25 to 35 years old so said the proposal and these approaches have helped the project's staff to well-managed the activities by the support of 2 major stakeholders which was **Konbit Fanm Leve (KFL) & ORLEAH** so they are community based organizations working in Cite Soleil since years.

Realizations

All the activities have been realized properly according to the proposal plan in aims to reach out the specific's goals of the project. Here are the specific realized activities of the project.

Outcome 1

1.1 *Training of women on Entrepreneurship*

One the staff has been alerted that the funds was available Davis Family and Future Generations (WV), M. Lemou the Coordinator of the project has contacted all the consultant to get them ready and M. Lemou has a meeting with the 10 Participants to give them all the projects' details.



- ***The first meeting with the 2 Partners which are KFL & ORLEAH***

- ***The First meeting with the 10th women***



On May 4th, 2021, the staff of EEPP project has launch the activity of entrepreneurship of 10 young women from Five (5) blocks of Cite Soleil to be trained by FGH's Country Director Savela J. Berenji so from Day 1 to day 4.

Day 1: The project coordinator M. Lemou Jean Marc launches and welcome the First training consultant and welcome the participants for the project with a speech of participation and enthusiasm.



The first day Mme Berenji has made difference between an ***Entrepreneur and Traders*** and the reason why to create an enterprise. So far, the women were focus on the training because everything was new to them in terms of new perception, new skills and new way to start a small business.



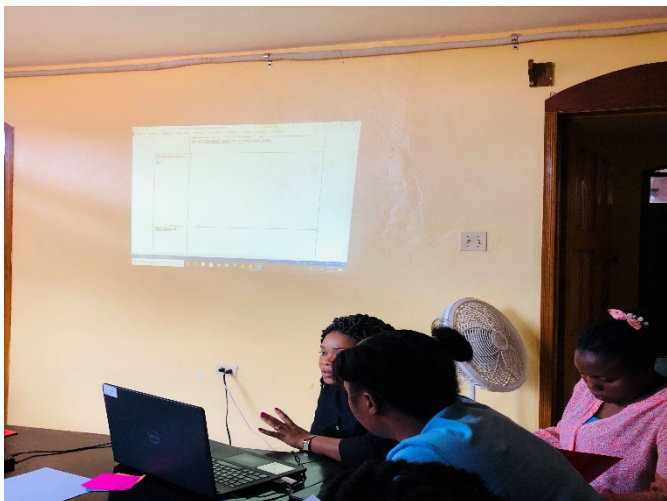
Day 2: Mme Berenji has made a brainstorming on day one to better start day 2 and make unclear ideas



according to day 1. And the second day was the **Business Management**, but she has emphasized on how to Deal with **Profit and Lost**, so the Consultant has focused of workshop so she can help the participants in the real live how to handle with Profit and Lost and maintain the future of their coming businesses.



Day 3: Business Plan is for every entrepreneur the guide of business in order to succeed so that is why Mme Berenji has focused on that part of the training because for her it is the crucial of for the women to master other than anything else during the training. As a woman of success Mme Berenji has shared practical example with the women, mean how she managed personal affairs and why it is important to be guided by a business plan.



Day 4: The workshop training continued with the consultant to a better understanding of the women according to their business plan and the women has created an important discussion through the subject because of new skills, strategies to implement their business in the community and how their business should be inclusive and benefic to their community.

Right after the training the women have received their Entrepreneurship's Certificate for having completed



that session.



Moreover, to create more value within the women, the staff of the project has decided to pay tribute to this Vaillant woman Mme Savela J. Berenji for her contribution **to continue to inspire women wherever she is in the world.**



	Name of the Participants	Business Plan	Follow up Amount
1	Roselene Bellevue	Community Restaurant	US 357.14 \$
2	Sejour Marielle	Cosmetic Products	US 357.14 \$
3	Cademus Naph-Darline	Store	US 357.14 \$
4	Lovely Joseph	Food supply Provision	US 357.14 \$
5	Katia Bomba	Community Restaurant	US 357.14 \$
6	Jn Baptiste Jeanne D'arc	Community Restaurant	US 357.14 \$
7	Santia Joseph	Detergent products	US 357.14 \$
8	Aclius Fabiola	Boutique	US 357.14 \$
9	Jesula Medor	Boutique	US 357.14 \$

Description of activities :

Days : 3-6 mai 2021

Activity : Entrepreneurship Training by Savela Jacques Berenji

Days : 4

Présence : 10 participants, FGH's members

Days : May 10th-11th 2021

Activity : Behavioral Psychology by Tamara Georges

Nombre de jours : 2

Presence : **Nine (9) Participants**, Trainer

Module Qty : 1

Day : May 12th, 2021

Activity : SEED-SCALE training by Lemou Jean Marc

Delivery Certificates to participants

Issuing checks by FGH

Days : May 13th-14th, 2021

Activity : Business Development by M. Adelson Joanes

Delivery Certificates to participants

Issuing checks by FGH

Verifiable sources available :

Training Documents

List of presence

Questionnaire

Broadcast by Radio Boukman

Participant Testimonies

Photos

Training session of Psychological Behavior

This part of the project was very crucial to the women and that's they had to be trained on psychological behavior mostly for the mentality. In addition, in countries like Haiti where women, girls are always suffering all kind of violence, trauma and stressful unfortunately most of the time. This training was very efficient to them to express what they felt about themselves, so they could not accept themselves, they could not be community Leader which create an exclusion barrier, so this training was done to help them to fight with all kinds of violence.

Day 1: How to Deal with stress, Self-esteem and confidence

The objective of that training was to:

- ✚ Help beneficiaries to understand the existence and manifestations of stress related to their environment,
- ✚ Lifestyle Bring beneficiaries to identify the consequences of stress on their lives,
- ✚ Provide tools to help them take care of themselves.



For this training we have 2 consultants but one was at distance but doing the training with Mme Mathania and unfortunately this session was private because the women discussed about things that happen to them so all of them



were able to listen and understand what was done in the room... so what was funny with that, I Heard an explosion of Laugh in the Room, I thought something was wrong with them but they said No, they enjoy the training because they could find someone to talk to and listen to them...then I realize peace can be occurred when someone is free to Laugh like he wants, with who he wants and whenever he feels the need...

Day 2: The objectives of Day 2 was:

- ✚ Raising awareness among beneficiaries about the problem of violence,
- ✚ Raising awareness among beneficiaries about the consequences of violence on their psychological health and the reference structures they can turn to for assistance.

In that session they have seen typology of violence so the 3 mains:

- ✚ Physical
- ✚ Verbal
- ✚ Psychological Other types: Sexual- Gender-based- Cyber violence

SEED-SCALE Training

Day 1: During this Training made by the Project Coordinator M. Lemou Jean Marc has taught the women on the importance of traditional change and what differs it to SEED-SCALE but one thing they knew is that SEED-SCALE as theory of change focus on Human Energy and what the community has as resource and build from success and the traditional change focus on problems and waiting for funds to start. However, SEED-SCALE always differs from its principles:

- Building from success
- 3-way partnership



- Decision-making based evidence
- Behavior change

To expect change they have learned about what social change process was:



They have learned that SEED-SCALE (**Gres kochon kwit kochon in creole**), is the best theory to use for effective change in order to create impact in their community and then their businesses must meet the needs of the community but not based on their feeling.....

Day 1: Business Development Training

In a large scale according to be successful in business, we have heard since years that we have to act Big, do big and at last Think big which is good to train our brain to succeed but one thing is important so we don't have to ignore and it's about the ones whom can act big let alone think big and this is the reason this training was crucial because it has been done in a small scale, the very basic part of commerce to understand the concepts and how to manage them for our benefit and for the communities too. Moreover, to identify type of enterprises at a lower level and their role in our communities, The trainer asked to the women to share to each other's their qualities and a good businesswoman or entrepreneurs' ones because they will be alone on the marketplace to sell their products, so they must know themselves so do their customers.



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Day 2: They have been trained on their business plan, but it was the last training day so were prepared to present their business plan to the staff and guests and made a summary of what new skills they have gained after two (2) weeks of training.



The last day of the training creates too much energy so we come to understand how PEACE is important to the world because of happiness and quality moments.



EEPP Peace cake Celebrations!



In terms of participation, all the women came together collecting their own money after the trainings to surprise the Project's Coordinator.

Jean Marc LEMOU!

Together we can bring and make Peace & laugh!!!!

Business plan execution & Testimonies!

Jesula Medor, Testimony: I sell Cosmetics products and I cannot go regular at Cite soleil based on Insecurity though I have split my product and I have on based at cite soleil for this community and I have another at la Plaine another city.



Roselene Bellevue, Testimony: The first idea was to continue with my community restaurant at Cite soleil but based on insecurity, I have made another choice so to sell sandals or other products while I decrease the production of my restaurant to buy those and make more benefits by using my Dynamic spirit so since that I started making profit because people love newest things.



Katia Bomba, Testimony: Katia is one of co-founder of **Boul'Or Sandwich and Pizza** Fast-food so after the funds she increases her stock and produce more sandwiches not only for Cite Soleil but also for schools and other business to enlarge her client so to keep her business serving her community.

For now, to serve my communities I use wheelbarrow but in the future my dream is to buy a car-delivery so I can better serve my community.



Katia Bomba's Dream

For her enterprise!



Santia Joseph, Testimony: Before the training I use to product 5 gallons of detergent liquid but right after the training and support my production has increase by 3 time so I product 15 gallons and I use better strategy to sell them even if the challenge is tight, but I focus on the quality of my products. In addition, I plan to create my own mark and get a place in the market because after the 2 weeks of training I know who I'm and what I'm on way to accomplish.



Lovely Joseph, Testimony: My studio works well, I have many clients but comes a time because of insecurity I now receive less customers than before, then I made up my mind and spend the funds while I receive less and I sell more when they organize community activities at Cite soleil like Football, basketball and socio-cultural activities when it's possible then I become more creative after the training and having the ability to create more with my spirit diversity.



Fabiola Alcuis, Testimony: I have a shop where I sell clothes and sandals but after receiving the training I become more creative and being able to go outside of cite soleil that we call "**Machann Promennen**" in creole in order to sell my products because of insecurity it is impossible to stay inside of cite soleil and expect one journey will be fine and well so you can easily sell your goods that is why go outside is better for me and my goods.

Cademus Naph-Darline, Testimony: My business is to sell clothes but if the season changes so I change strategy, but after the training i have gained many skills, I mean to know how to spend within what goods or product, as we are in September it's definite back to school, I will buy lots of school materials to sell.



Marielle Sejour, Testimony: After the training of Behavioral psychology I become a better person by dealing with stress, insecurity and but more careful when the gangs take control of Cite soleil, but instead of staying at cite soleil the fact that I gained many skills, I realize I have to move from cite soleil go outside and sell my cosmetics products but to make more benefit no credit to anyone without money because I become more careful after the 2 weeks of training but mostly of the entrepreneurship one.



In terms of community driven, peace can be seen as the freedom of community members to be able to participate on change of the community, it is living in cohesion and harmony with others, peace is transferring your smile to one another, peace is some kind living your own life without forcing your life to influence other's life. Like the picture shows up it is when you can laugh at loud in a positive attitude so behavior change can be occurred like a virus for the well-being of the community. Unfortunately, some important factors prevent community members to live in real and positive peace, factors like Pandemic, violence on women and young girls and mostly insecurity that prevent us to visit easily those women Leaders but we have used other strategy to reach out to them in terms of update according to their activities, so the fact that we had the possibility to reunite 10 women in a room that generated positive energy, help them to understand what Leadership is, the process to become agent of change, how they can participate to make change happen and we realize that inclusiveness is the perfect key for community driven.

Insecurity will always come; violence will not stop, and pandemic or natural catastrophe come when they want but what best way to face and overcome them?

Expected Results

According to the project, we expect that the 9 women will pursue their dreams as they have stated in the video in maybe 3 or 4 years because they must meet the needs of the community with the availability of their service. We wish that each empowered women become a Leader and an agent of change for the well-being of the community with the support of one of the Project's partner ORLEAH with its expertise will help them to well managed their business in idea to create a mutual solidarity so other women can benefit kind of impact, so socially behavior will be changed, primary services will be available to others because of the presence of these empowered women.

Deviations from initial plan and key challenges / constraints :

Cite Soleil become one of the dangerous areas since months because of politic trouble, insecurity which will have a major impact to the successful of the women's initial plan, then start with initial plan but changed the strategy of initial plan by using emotionally skills to save their businesses. Through these difficulties, they adapt themselves to the situation because the engine must turn to insure their livelihoods.

Key Challenges: Insecurity, armed robberies, socio-political trouble, pandemic and even natural catastrophe.

"Peace means Freedom to be Free".

Lemou Jean Marc Project's Coordinator, EEPP-2021

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b9e301cb2c944fb78df71c4f7e56d413>

Story Map realized by Jean Marc Lemou