



SUCCESS STORY

Dispelling Discrimination Month by Month

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“I want to be healthy, so I can live with my husband and children,” says Kaline, a participant in stigma and discrimination reduction workshops held by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Haiti.

In collaboration with the Haitian organization Promoteurs Objectif Zero SIDA (POZ) and other partners, USAID produced a series of collages depicting the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Individuals participated in stigma and discrimination reduction workshops held in several Haitian cities, including Jérémie, Jacmel, Cap Haitien, St. Marc, and Montrouis. USAID implemented the program with funding from the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (Emergency Plan/PEPFAR).

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This activity is one example of how USAID and PEPFAR provide HIV-positive people and their families with opportunities to empower themselves and improve their relationships. By working together on projects like the collages, workshop participants develop new bonds of friendship and trust. This trust, in turn, promotes open discussions about the impact HIV/AIDS has had on their daily lives as well as those of their families.