



## Caracol Community Electrification Project

### USAID brings light to Northern Haiti.

USAID's support will provide electricity for communities in Caracol in northern Haiti.

Anticipated results include:

- Expanded access to quality electrical service, increasing quality of life for members of the communities.
- Successful commercialization of electric services, accompanied by training and job opportunities.
- Increased success of the Caracol Industrial Park by providing electrical services to employees and their families.

### Overview

The Caracol Industrial Park is a first step toward achieving the Government of Haiti's (GOH) goal to create centers of economic development outside of Port-au-Prince and bring jobs to Haiti's underserved regions. The development of the Caracol Industrial Park is estimated to create 20,000 jobs, benefiting over 100,000 Haitians. USAID is constructing a power plant to supply electricity to the industrial park and surrounding communities. Through the Caracol Community Electrification Project, USAID will extend electric distribution services from the industrial park to the residential communities surrounding the industrial complex currently unconnected to the power grid. We are working with The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) to fast track this project in order to provide electricity for approximately 1,800 customers. Access to electricity will change peoples' lives; children will be able to study after dark, and families will more easily be able to prepare meals and have access to technology.

NRECA International is hiring local Haitians to do distribution line erection and stringing for the project and will provide training on best business practices, building the ability of local groups to conduct technical work and manage implementation of these types of projects—therefore increasing their future employment opportunities.

### Objectives

The Caracol Community Electrification Project will increase access to electric services for 1,800 customers in the area surrounding the Caracol Industrial Park in Haiti.

### Activities

1. **Develop electric distribution infrastructure** to support the community settlements of the Caracol Industrial Park.
2. **Provide guidance for commercialization of electric service** provided by USAID-funded generators within the industrial park.
3. **Build capacity of local community members and institutions** to design, build, and operate safe and reliable electric service for the community.
4. **Train and mentor** Haitian engineering, construction, operational personnel and community leadership, including organizations and enterprises headed by women.
5. **Improve quality of life** by providing reliable access to electricity for inhabitants of the community settlements surrounding the Caracol Industrial Park.

**Life of Project:** January 2012 2011 – April 2013

**Implementing Partner:** NRECA