



Fighting Corruption and Promoting Stability

The USAID-supported LFHH combats corruption and promotes stability.



USAID Staff

Representatives of 30 organizations gather for corruption guidebook launch.

With USAID support, LFHH:

- Conducted a training of more than 56 representatives of displaced persons camps on anti-corruption – this resulted in three camps forming anti-corruption committees to oversee aid disbursement.
- Launched the Advocacy and Legal Advice Center and hotline to respond to corruption complaints.
- Held 5 training sessions and four workshops with student groups on the importance of anti-corruption, which resulted in the formation of 4 youth committees.
- Distributed a Creole version of TI's 2010 Corruption Perception Index to local media and conducted an anti-corruption radio campaign.
- Published the Haiti Corruption and UNCAC Progress Study in February, 2012.

La Fondation Heritage Pour Haiti (LFHH)

Haiti's Chapter of Transparency International (TI)

The fight against corruption at all levels of government, business, and non-governmental organizations is a global problem. In Haiti, this problem is more acute in the wake of the 2010 earthquake. Traditionally ranking low on TI's Corruption Perceptions Index scale, Haiti must now contend with monitoring the influx and distribution of huge amounts of aid. Over a year after the earthquake, this flow of aid has slowed down due to concerns over political instability and fears of insufficient anti-corruption safeguards to prevent abuse.

This project helps address the need for the empowerment of affected communities and local civil society organizations as essential elements in increasing accountability and combating corruption. While aid agencies carry out their own monitoring and evaluation activities, local civil society organizations (CSOs) can play a key role in independently assessing humanitarian operations, including the effectiveness of anti-corruption policies and measures. However, for such monitoring to be useful, the capacity of local CSOs and of community-based groups to carry out monitoring exercises needs to be strengthened.

Objectives

LFHH aims to improve access to information, build coalitions, and provide tools, training, and incentives to combat corruption and foster progress and stability.

Activities

1. **Advocacy and Legal Advice Center:** LFHH supported the creation of a center to receive complaints of corruption. The center assists plaintiffs with the grievance process and gathers evidence to present to the anti-corruption unit of the Haitian government. The program also established a hotline to receive anonymous complaints. This service will soon be expanded to include complaints of corruption related to donor-funded activities—specifically USAID projects.
2. **Network Building:** LFHH supports the grassroots coalition against corruption CHATIE through trainings and networking events. CHATIE will participate in the ongoing Haiti aid monitoring project in conjunction with LFHH and TI. LFHH also works to engage IDP camp residents through trainings and the creation of anti-corruption camp committees.
3. **Youth Engagement:** LFHH encourages the participation of youth in the fight against corruption by providing motivation, training, and tools, and by organizing the formation of youth committees focused on anti-corruption efforts.
4. **Advocacy:** The program aims to accelerate the implementation of the U.N. Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) ratified by the Government of Haiti.
5. **Media:** LFHH sponsors an anti-corruption radio messaging campaign that educates about the nature of corruption and how to report instances of corruption.

Life of Project: April 2010 – April 2013

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