



CWS Haiti

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Approach and Impact

For more than 50 years, CWS's presence in Haiti has spanned across several communes in four of Haiti's ten departments, establishing deep networks down to the community level. CWS is part of Act Alliance, an ensemble of global leaders in international development and humanitarian assistance.

We work as permanent partners, integrating our expertise and disciplines in an ongoing collaboration to address complex global challenges. Together, we advance sustainable and resilient economies, strengthen responses to global health crises, build climate resilience and improve preparedness for natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies. Our resilience program in Baie de Henne and the expansion of the Jean Rabel Program illustrate this commitment, demonstrating tangible progress in strengthening community resilience, diversifying livelihoods and improving socio-economic conditions.

Local Partnership Approach and Capacity

CWS's strength lies in its long-standing, trust-based relationships with the Haitian government, national and local partners and civil society organizations. Our approach is intentionally **partner-led**, grounded in highly relational accompaniment rather than direct implementation. Through multi-year engagement in Baie de Henne in the Nord Ouest—mentoring the Organisation des Planteurs de Fond Saint-Luc pour le Développement Intégré de Baie-de-Henne (OPFSLDIBH)—and through our collaboration with Association des Groupes Evangéliques pour la Prédication du Monde et le Développement d'une Nouvelle Génération (AGEHPMDNG) in the Haiti Jean Rabel Program, CWS demonstrates a commitment to long-term presence and technical quality. These partnerships are deeply embedded in local systems, from schools and hospitals to IDB structures and community-based organizations, ensuring that impact is rooted in local leadership and that communities and families experience change that is both meaningful and sustainable.

Multi-Sector Expertise

In alignment with **CWS's Program Compass**, CWS's work in Haiti is rooted in a comprehensive, community-driven approach that strengthens **food security and agriculture**, expands **water and economic security** and reinforces **emergency preparedness and recovery**. Our long-standing presence has made us a trusted partner across the Nord Ouest, where we are uniquely positioned as one of the only non-health actors with deep technical expertise in food security and livelihoods. Through our collaboration with Growing Hope Globally, we support farmers in restoring agricultural productivity, help communities secure reliable access to clean water and strengthen local economies. These efforts also bolster community resilience—ensuring families can withstand shocks, recover more quickly after disasters and build a more stable future.

CWS's integrated programming in Haiti weaves together the systems families rely on to survive and thrive. By strengthening smallholder agriculture and livestock systems and promoting agroecology and climate-smart practices, we help farmers rebuild resilient livelihoods in the face of environmental stress. Our microcredit and mutual support groups give families the capital and confidence to grow small businesses—producing soap, shampoo, cassava, jelly and other goods that generate steady income and reduce pressure to migrate. At the same time, expanding water access as both a

livelihood and protection tool ensures communities can farm, care for livestock and meet daily needs safely. Layered onto this foundation is emerging mental health and psychosocial (MHPSS) support for children and youth, recognizing that resilience is not only economic or environmental but also emotional. Together, these interconnected efforts form a holistic approach that helps rural families adapt, stay rooted and build a future with dignity.

CWS's work in Haiti is grounded in principled, **Haitian-led partnerships** that place dignity and protection at the center of every intervention. Our affiliation with national and international networks, including Cadre de Liaison Inter-Organisations (CLIO) an association of national and international NGOs, created in 2005, which convenes more than 80 NGOs across Haiti, and the ACT Alliance, reinforces this commitment by enabling rapid resource mobilization during emergencies and strengthening long-term community resilience. Guided by **do-no-harm and sustainability**, we collaborate closely with Haitian organizations to ensure programs are safe, context-appropriate and built to last. Our approach is intentionally **gender-aware and youth-aware**, recognizing the distinct needs and strengths of women, men, girls and boys. Through this model of trust-based accompaniment, CWS supports Haitian-led solutions that address the country's complex challenges while honoring local leadership, protecting vulnerable groups and strengthening the systems communities rely on.

