Our Work in Haiti

PADF has successfully implemented hundreds of projects through partnerships with the Haitian government and community-based organizations.

Projects have focused in the following areas:

- Agriculture and rural development
- Agroforestry and soil conservation
- Cross-border cooperation between Haiti and the Dominican Republic
- Employment generation
- Human rights abuse prevention
- Micro-enterprise development through the creation of the Haitian Development Foundation
- Post hurricane reconstruction
- Water rehabilitation

For 35 years, PADF has worked as a trusted partner of the government and people of Haiti. After the January 2010 earthquake, frequent tropical storms, and the cholera outbreak, PADF has provided emergency humanitarian relief, repaired damaged homes, and reconstructed urban areas. We have advanced community-driven development and grassroots democracy, supported disaster preparedness and mitigation, and developed small and medium-size enterprises to generate sustainable employment.

Investing in Small and Medium Enterprises

Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the $13 million LEAD program aims to promote small and medium enterprise development by linking investors, including members of the Haitian diaspora in the U.S. and Canada, to business opportunities in Haiti. This program is also improving the capacity of Haitian businesses to receive investments, and is promoting diaspora philanthropy through remittances that bolster local development initiatives in Haiti.
Urban Upgrading

Working with the Government of Haiti's Bureau de Monétisation des Programmes d’Aide au Développement (BMPAD) PADF is working on an urban revitalization program in the neighborhood of Delmas 32. Today, it’s a bustling urban center teeming with life thanks to the construction of apartment buildings, an outdoor market, five miles of paved roads, 300 solar street lights, water kiosks and sewers.

Economic Strengthening & Livelihoods Improvement

With support from the American/Haitian Red Cross and Heifer International, this PADF program works in areas of Northwestern Haiti that struggle with drought and environmental degradation. PADF and partners are working with thousands of community members to create bio-intensive gardens for vulnerable families, improve irrigation systems and establish goat-breeding centers. The program boosts local knowledge about nutrition, increases the availability of food for consumption and sale and diversifies income-generation activities. By passing on new techniques and trades, the goal is to give Haitian farmers the tools to build a sustainable livelihood and escape the cycle of poverty.

Building Resilience, Strengthen capacity and Reduce Exposure to Disasters

PADF is working with the American Red Cross to rehabilitate and upgrade emergency evacuation shelters, generally located in schools and churches, so that they are safer and more accessible in case of a disaster. PADF also ensures shelters and supporting facilities are structurally sound, in accordance with national and international standards.
Vocational Training

PADF partners with UN Mission for Stabilization in Haiti (MINUSTAH) to provide vocational training to youth. PADF trained youth from the Cité Soleil neighborhood in masonry, cosmetology, carpentry and more, preparing them for the labor market.

Water Access and Sanitation

A major port-of-call for Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., the village of Labadie had limited access to drinking water and other basic services. With funding from Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., PADF has taken measures to protect the water supply and improve infrastructure to reduce the risk of community based disease outbreaks in the village of Labadie in NW Haiti. Today, 1,200 families now benefit from an upgraded water reservoir, a refurbished clean water kiosk and a new water catchment system. In addition, more than 8,000 trees were planted to protect the local watershed.

“When it rained it was so difficult to get water because the old tank filled with mud. Now, the area is protected and we have clean water. It’s wonderful!”

–Solivert Josué, a Labadie resident
Community-Driven Development

Working closely with the Haitian government, PADF has implemented more than 1,000 community-driven development projects as a way to provide employment and vital services in rural and urban communities. The PRODEP and PRODEPUR projects have improved income generation opportunities, strengthened the capacity of community-based organizations, and helped communities identify, prioritize and implement projects to address development challenges.

Social Accountability in Primary Education

Funded by the World Bank, this PADF pilot program empowers parents to engage in schools, particularly those facing economic and social challenges. The goal is to ensure the continuous improvement of school services and in the reading skills of children. It serves as a model for parent participation in school activities.

About PADF

The Pan American Development Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, brings together many stakeholders to improve livelihoods, empower communities, strengthen civil society, support human rights, protect the environment and respond to natural disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Established by the Organization of American States in 1962, PADF has worked in every country in the region. In 2015 PADF reached more than 17 million people by investing nearly $94 million in development resources in 22 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

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