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Haitian-Americans United for Progress (HAUP)
Announced as Complete Count Fund Awardee
Joining Citywide Effort to Ensure a Fair and Complete Count

New York, NY— Haitian-Americans United for Progress (HAUP) is pleased to announce it has received an award from the NYC Complete Count Fund — a partnership between CUNY, Mayor Bill de Blasio and the New York City Council. The NYC Complete Count Fund is a first-of-its-kind Census-related community organizing program that will support and resource community-based organizations to help NYC reach a full and accurate count in the 2020 Census.

The Complete Count Fund was built with the understanding that local community-based organizations — which serve New Yorkers in the communities where they live and in the languages that they speak — are the most trusted messengers of important and sensitive information.

Haitian-Americans United for Progress (HAUP) is proud to join this coordinated citywide effort to build awareness about the census, convey its importance, fight the spread of mis- and disinformation, and help bridge the digital divide that might prevent many New Yorkers from participating in next year’s first online census.

“As HAUP’s Executive Director, I am pleased that our institution was selected to ensure the community we serve is completely counted,” said Elsie Saint-Louis when informed of the selection. “We are ready for the challenge. These funds will support our efforts to ensure that the immigrants and citizens we serve, in particular Haitian immigrants, are fully counted in Census 2020.”

A complete and accurate count is critical to the future of New York City. The census will determine how more than $650 billion in federal funds for public education, public housing, roads and bridges, and more, gets distributed annually throughout the country. It will also determine the number of seats each state is allocated in the House of Representatives (and thus, the Electoral College). Based on current estimates, an undercount could cost the State of New York up to two congressional seats.

In such a complex city, enriched by such linguistic and cultural diversity, New York City’s full participation in the first online census faces a unique set of challenges. As New Yorkers, we have
embraced these challenges as an opportunity. Together, these citywide efforts will lay the groundwork for a civic engagement apparatus that will continue well beyond the 2020 census.

The Complete Count Fund will launch in early January with an all-day kick-off event and training.

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**About Haitian Americans United for Progress**
Haitian Americans United for Progress, Inc. (HAUP) has been serving the community for over 40 years. HAUP has been committed to helping individuals and families enhance their quality of life. HAUP is a multi-program organization, providing support for individuals who are seeking Immigration, Educational, and Health Services, while also assisting to those with Special Needs. HAUP offers a free, full day Pre-K program to students who are 4 years old. We have expanded over the years and currently offer a multitude of services throughout the entire Tri-State Area.

**About NYC Census 2020**
NYC Census 2020 was established as a first-of-its-kind organizing initiative by Mayor de Blasio to ensure a complete and accurate count of all New Yorkers in the 2020 Census. The program is built on four pillars: (1) a community-based awards program, The New York City Complete Count Fund; (2) an in-house “Get Out the Count” field campaign; (3) an innovative, multi-lingual, tailored messaging and marketing; as well as (4) an in-depth Agency and Partnerships engagement plan that seeks to leverage the power of the City’s 350,000-strong workforce and the city’s major institutions, including libraries, hospitals, faith-based, cultural institutions, and higher educational institutions, and more, to communicate with New Yorkers about the critical importance of census participation.