

## HAITI

### OFID Project Country Fact Sheet

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| Population             | 10 million     | (2009 World Population Policies)    |
| HIV cases              | 95,000-130,000 | (2009 UNAIDS)                       |
| % of HIV cases, female | 61%            |                                     |
| Prevalence:            |                |                                     |
| HIV                    | 1.9%           | (2009 UNAIDS)                       |
| HIV and TB             | 0.035%         | (2010 WHO Global TB Control Report) |

#### Basic Project Data



**Title:** Strengthening the World of Work Response to HIV and AIDS in Haiti and Haitian Migrants in the Dominican Republic

**Duration:** 1 September 2009 – 31st April 2012

**Funding:** OPEC Fund for International Development \$250,000 US  
International Labor Organization \$350,000 US

**Sector:** construction, debris removal, manufacturing, social security, textile

**Beneficiaries:** Government ministries, trade unions and employers of the participating sectors

#### Results Achieved

Amidst the multiple challenges faced by the devastation of earthquake in 2010, a new Haitian government was established in 2011 after a period of an international crisis support administration. The OFID-ILO partnership strategy tackled the challenges of the crisis and subsequent reconstruction from two sides:

- a) Reconstruction of Haiti
- b) Support and advocacy of the protection of rights of Haitian migrant workers in neighbouring Dominican Republic

The no-cost extension enabled implementation of the following activities:

- Building the capacity of the new Haitian Ministry of Labour and Social Security, employers and trade unions to develop the national social protection floor
- Support the process of re-establishing a Haitian national social security system which will cover of people living with HIV
- Developed and integrated HIV prevention in occupational safety and health training of workers doing *debris removal* work in Haiti
- Developed and integrated HIV prevention and awareness raising into the training programme for *textile* factory workers in Haiti
- Developed a national HIV workplace policy for the *manufacturing* and *construction* sectors of Dominican Republic(DR) with the Ministry of Labour, employers organization and key sectoral trade unions. These two sectors engage a large proportion of Haitian migrants in the DR.

#### Partner Organizations and Contacts

**ILO:**

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**Haiti:**

**Ministry:** Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Health

**Employers' organization:** Industrial Associations of Haiti

**Workers' organization:** Haiti Trade Union Committee

**Other organizations:** Interim Haitian Recovery Commission

**Dominican Republic:**

**Ministry:** Ministry of Labour

**Trade unions:**

Confederación Unitaria Nacional de Trabajadores (CNU)

Confederación Nacional de Trabajadores Dominicanos (CNTD)

Confederación Autónoma Sindical Clasista (CASC)

**Project objectives**

- Build the capacity for a World of Work response to HIV and TB which promote gender and social protection.

**Country situation**

The effects of the earthquake in January 2010 were devastating and had wide reaching effects, including on the labour sector. Over 500,000 Haitians were displaced and many migrated to the neighbouring Dominican Republic (DR) in search of their livelihood. As a result, many Haitian migrants in the DR engage in precarious employment predominant in the manufacturing and construction sectors. In Haiti, in response to the unexpected natural catastrophe, the OFID-ILO partnership programme re-strategized its efforts by: integrating HIV prevention through technical support to upgrade the decent working conditions of the textile industry; leading the debris removal efforts; and supporting the newly elected Haitian government in the re-establishment and improvement of its social security system basing on the International Labour Standard for National Social Protection Floor.

**Project implementation results as of end of project April 2012:****1. In Dominican Republic**

A national HIV workplace policy for the manufacturing industry drafted which takes into account migrant workers

**2. Capacity building**

In both Haiti and the Dominican Republic, members of the United Nations staff, government Ministries, employers' organization and trade unions on the International Labour Standard concerning HIV and AIDS in the World of Work as well as on social protection reached a total of 432 key leaders, of which 37% participants were women.

**Additional outputs in 2012 after the completion of project**

The ILO continues its dialogue with the new Haitian government Ministry to pave the way for the development of a national social protection floor structure and system that would include coverage for people living with HIV and their households and those in precarious and informal employments.

In addition, the ILO continues to facilitate the dialogue among the tripartite constituents in the Dominican Republic to complete the consultation on the draft national HIV workplace policy for the manufacturing sector, which includes the protection of migrant workers.