

FOKAL Haiti Relief Fund

**SITUATION
REPORT
#1**

August 30, 2021



HIGHLIGHTS

- The rural areas in the southwest of Haiti are suffering the worst of the damage from the 7.2-magnitude earthquake that hit the country on August 14, 2021. 36 hours (about 1 and a half days) after the earthquake, tropical storm Grace hit the entire Southern peninsula, which was flooded. As of August 24, a preliminary assessment by Haitian authorities reported: 2,207 people killed, 12,268 injured, 320 missing, 52,953 houses destroyed and 77,000 damaged in the affected areas.
- The earthquake struck three departments where some of our long-time partners are based: Nippes, Sud, and Grand Anse. These departments represent a population of 1.6 million people.
- Many of our employees have families in the South or in Grand'Anse, and they report that aftershocks continue to shake the southern peninsula. Since the earthquake, at least 600 aftershocks have been recorded, some of magnitude 4 or greater, according to the Directorate of Civil Protection.
- Based on a preliminary needs assessment by partner organizations, FOKAL has transferred 145,000 USD to networks of smallholder farmers, women, and grassroots organizations in Aquin, Camp-Perrin, Chambellan, St Louis du Sud, Cavaillon, Jérémie, Jacmel, Cayes-Jacmel, Maniche, Baradères, and Port-à-Piment. For security reasons, the names of the organizations are not included but they can be provided to donors and funders upon request and non-disclosure agreement signature.
- Ayiti Demen and FOKAL have raised to date 415,000 USD (including pledged donations and grants). Based on the organization's preliminary needs assessment, this recovery effort will require more funding. During this first phase, funds will go toward buying local food, drinking water, medical supplies, tarpaulins, tools hygiene kits, etc., and to pay labor for removing rocks and dirt from landslides in important irrigation channels for the South region.



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\$ 145,000
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\$ 415,000
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2,524
individual
donors



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Grants

FOKAL RESPONSE

- FOKAL knows this area first-hand as we have been working extensively in the Southern Peninsula for 20 years. In the aftermath of the 2016 Hurricane Matthew destruction, FOKAL was successful in managing 500 000 dollars that were immediately directed to the historically marginalized, yet resilient, grassroots network in the southwest.
- On August 14, 2021, when the earthquake struck at 8:30 am, FOKAL launched a call for contributions for a recovery fund, in French and English, through Ayiti Demen, a U.S.-based organization with 501c3 status that allows tax-deductible donations. Many partners and observers relayed this call on social networks and on their platforms. We aim to support and accompany 20+ partner organizations (about 15 000 families) and numbers will expand as long as FOKAL has the means to assist. This work reinforces FOKAL's current sustainable development program.
- FOKAL was able to contact 20+ organizations (active networks of smallholder farmers, women's and grassroots organizations, ethical enterprises) to get a preliminary assessment of the damage in their area. **Most homes and community centers were destroyed or severely damaged.** Each organization has been asked to assess the number of members' families and close partners who were victims of the earthquake and of the subsequent storm and to submit detailed lists. A photojournalist also visited the sites to view the damage and interview the organizations' leaders.
- After receiving a preliminary needs assessment from partner organizations, FOKAL has already engaged or transferred 145,000 USD to organizations in Aquin, Camp-Perrin, Chambellan, St Louis du Sud, Cavaillon, Jérémie, Jacmel, Cayes-Jacmel, Maniche, Baradères, and Port-à-Piment. These organizations will buy local products such as food, drinking water, medical supplies, tarpaulins, tools, hygiene kits, etc., and pay labor for removing rocks and soil in an important irrigation channel for the vast cultivated plain of Les Cayes in the South region.



FOKAL's strategy is organized in two stages:

- First, based on the number of families and rapid damage estimates, FOKAL transfers to local organization's bank accounts amounts varying between 5,000 USD to 25,000 USD or the equivalent in Haitian currency (Gourdes), depending on the size of the organizations and their management capacity in these circumstances. Each organization signs a contract and uses disbursement forms to monitor the use of the cash. Each family fills out a form with the support of a member of the organization. FOKAL will follow up on the use of the funds in a transparent, accountable process.
- In a second phase, following more complete evaluations, reports from organizations on phase 1, and return to a level of activities, a longer-term investment can be put in place and will concern production (intervening in the value chain of certain promising agricultural sectors), the development of other sectors (such as beekeeping, fishing, livestock and storage, fruit processing, market gardening and small dairies producing pasteurized milk, yogurt, and cheese), water management, partner institutions, and social and solidarity-based enterprises, mutual aid networks, the reconstruction of community centers and infrastructure. This second and longer phase requires more substantial amounts, with investments aimed at fighting poverty, ensuring gender equity, training, educating, and strengthening the emancipation processes of the organizations.



Photo: J. Ponthinier

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Each organization was asked to assess the number of families who are members or close to the organization, victims of the earthquake and the storm, and to submit detailed lists. The organizations had to also verify the most urgent needs of the families, and the resumption of the functioning of the banks where they have their accounts. **For security reasons, the names of the organizations are not included here but can be provided to donors and funders upon request and non-disclosure agreement signature.**



Farmers Houses destroyed ↓



NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Associations Coded Acronyms	Region	Urgent Needs Phase I	Damages Reported	Number of beneficiaries	Amount received (in USD)
1. OC	Grand'Anse	Cash for wood, seeds, and food	Not yet reported as urgent by the organization	1,194	20,000 in 2 disbursements
2. ACS	South	Cash for water, food, medication, clothes, school kits and tarpaulins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 community library destroyed • 1 Community training center destroyed, • 1 irrigation system damaged • 1 health clinic destroyed • Arbours for grape production damaged • Drinking water supply damaged 	Families census underway	
3. CAP	South	Cash for wood, seeds, and food	Not yet reported as urgent by the organization	15	
4. PP	South	Cash for wood, seeds, and food	Not yet reported as urgent by the organization	55	
5. AN	Nippes	Cash for wood, seeds, and food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 members dead • 83 members injured • 157 houses destroyed • 26 houses damaged • 144 crop fields damaged • Landslides destroyed 78 houses and crop fields • Members lost also: 229 goats, 112 sheep, 46 pigs, 19 cows, 1 horse, 1 donkey 	320	10,000
6. CDH	Grand Anse	Cash to buy these materials: tarpaulins, wool blanket, Hygiene kits, cooking kits, dry rations, drinking water, jerricans, masks, hand sanitizer hand soaps, medical supplies,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 remain buried under landslide, • 23 people were injured, • 253 houses were destroyed, and 1 439 houses damaged, • 4 damaged churches, • 1 health clinic destroyed; 2 schools destroyed • Members lost also: 17 cows, 39 sheep, 77 goats 	1,744	25,000

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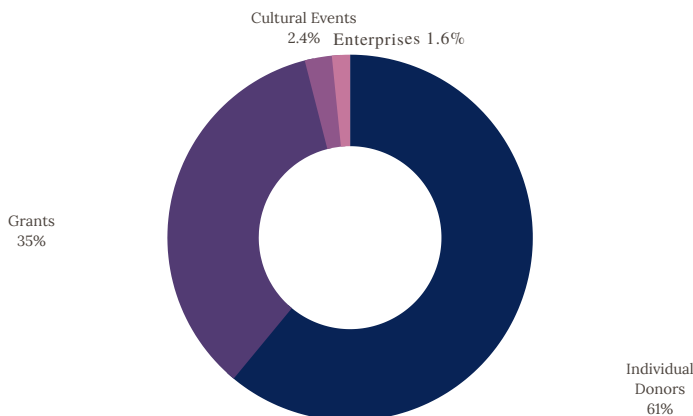
NEEDS ASSESSMENT

			flashlights, mattresses			
7. HP	South	Cash for public canteen, cassava, tarpaulins, and mattresses	Not yet reported as urgent by the organization	Families census underway	10,000 USD	
8. KDS	South-East	Cash for wood, seeds and food	<p>Damages due to Grace Tropical Storm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commune of Jacmel: 51 livestock losses, 75 crop fields destroyed, 32 houses inundated • Commune of Cayes-Jacmel: 1 person dead, 75 livestock losses in, 123 crop fields destroyed, 61 houses inundated • 1,850 people are living in precarious situation due to the storm 	418		
9. KM	South	Cash for food, drinking water, tarpaulins	Not yet reported as urgent by the organization	321	10,000 USD	
10. MK	South	Cash for wood, seeds, and food			10,000 USD	
11. PSS	South	Cash for wood, seeds, and food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 people dead • 95-97% of houses destroyed • 3000 families affected 	400	20,00 USD in 2 disbursements	
12. TKM	South	Cash for wood, seeds, and food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 people dead and 12 injured • 750 houses destroyed • 535 livestock lost: 85 cows, 125 goats and 325 sheep • Crop fields destroyed 	750	10,000 USD	
13. ACA	South	Cash for renting equipment to clear the irrigation canals and paying the labor	<p>Irrigation channels damaged by the earthquake</p> <p>This canal can irrigate up to 25 000 ha of land</p>	Entire peasant community in the area (more than 5,000 families)	15,000 USD	
14. to 21				Assessment underway		

FUNDRAISING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FOKAL and Ayiti Demen acknowledge the efforts of Haitians in Haiti and abroad who led a campaign of information and awareness about the need to support local and grassroots organizations in times of crisis. This approach has been reinforced by international organizations, large and small businesses, and individuals who promoted our work and contributed to our fundraising efforts. To date, FOKAL has raised over 415,000 dollars from individual donors, foundations, and enterprises all over the world. A small percentage of this amount is pledged and not yet in Ayiti Demen's account nor FOKAL's. FOKAL and Ayiti Demen express their gratitude to:

Donations Range	Donors Funders
1 to 999 USD	2300 supporters
1000- 4,999 USD	Makhlouf Georgia Alisha Wainwright Aure Line Perrin Anonymous donors Karen and Arne Duncan Gail Wagner
5,000 – 10,000 USD	Delespinasse Assurances & Conseils/IBAsa Ryan and Blake Lively Reynolds Françoise Girard
10,001 – 20,000 USD	Raoul Peck Anonymous donor Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib sent an email to her supporters resulting in 250 donors
20,001 – 25,000 USD	Lily Auchincloss Foundation
100,000 USD	Clara Lionel Foundation
50,000 – 100,000 HTG	Librairie La Pléiade L'Abeille SA
1,000,000 HTG	Freda, the movie





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