

Action Avenir Haiti, an introduction...

We are a group of Luxembourgers who have all been to Haiti and have been able to get an idea of the situation there. As we became close friends with Haitian Scouts it was our idea to contribute towards life at "Rivière Froide", a suburb of Port-au-Prince, where they live.

Our idea:

To provide direct and concrete help and to enable individual people to build up a living for themselves.

- Support small private businesses and craftsmen by providing them with small loans (microfinancing)
- Support a school for children whose parents have fewer means.



Example of a microcredit

A sewing machine for Estima

Estima is a dressmaker, who could not afford to buy himself a sewing machine. When he was provided with work, he had to rent a sewing machine. By providing him with a microcredit of 200 Euros he can now buy himself a machine that he can pay back over a period of two years. Estima can now sew more clothes and provide better quality. He can also rent out his machine or even open a workshop.

Supporting a school

More than half of all the children of the suburb "Rivière Froide" can not go to school, because their parents cannot afford to pay their tuition.

Through donations, different fundraising events and payments from the microcredits we support a school that was founded by volunteers at the end of 2004.

We have managed to allocate space for three play-school classes as well as primary school classes ranging from first to fourth year. Seven teachers run these classes.

Having started with fifty children two years ago the school now provides space to 170 children that come to school every day.

Since most of these children arrive at school with an empty stomach, we daily provide every child with a hot meal.

In the meantime, we have started a system of sponsorship, by which you can, with 25 € a month payment, cover the costs for a child for a year. You can obtain further information by phoning 33 55 36 or by writing an email to parrainage@aah.lu (Theisen Danielle).



Haiti

Haiti is one of the world's poorest countries. It shares the island "Hispaniola" with the Dominican Republic.

As is the case for most inhabitants of the Caribbean islands, the Haitian people have African ancestors who were brought as slaves to the island between the sixteenth and the eighteenth century, to work on the sugar cane plantations. In 1804, Haiti was the first black republic to become independent.

After 200 years of self-mismanagement, foreign intervention and suppression, Haiti today is economically destroyed. Development aid is only progressing slowly, as the Haitian State is not providing adequate support. The Haitian people are mostly left to fend for themselves, a fact underlined by the following figures:

- 62% underfed and malnourished
- 70% unemployed
- 50% illiteracy
- 54% without access to clean drinking water, etc.



We provide help in Haiti,
one of the poorest countries
worldwide.

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