

# Haiti



## STRENGTHENING THE MOVEMENT AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA

AND FOR THE RIGHTS OF  
LGBTI PEOPLE IN HAITI

### THE ISSUE

**Discrimination, stigma, exclusion and violence against LGBTI people is a systemic and widespread phenomenon in Haiti.**

Laws continue to punish homosexuality and forbid same-sex marriage.

Despite these obstacles, an LGBTI movement is emerging in Haiti, particularly through the work of groups such as Kouraj which has led awareness and advocacy campaigns among local authorities and the public.

Equitas and its partners aim to create a social and political environment conducive to the respect for diversity and the protection and promotion of the rights of LGBTI people in Haiti.

### OUR SOLUTIONS



PROMOTE AND PROTECT  
HUMAN RIGHTS



BUILD UP LEADERSHIP AND  
INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY  
OF ORGANIZATIONS



RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS  
TO COMBAT PREJUDICE



DEVELOP ALLIANCES BETWEEN  
CIVIL SOCIETY AND STATE  
INSTITUTIONS

## OUR IMPACT

Since the creation of the program in 2015:

- An unprecedented collaboration between LGBTI organizations, civil society and state institutions
- 25 local leaders have been trained by Equitas
- 50 organizations are now actively promoting inclusion and equality throughout the country
- Many initiatives take place every year on the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia
- General population takes part in constructive dialogue on the importance of inclusion for all citizens

## NEXT

Over the next years, we will work on consolidating LGBTI organizations with the help of human rights education trainings. We'll continue the fight against prejudice in communities with actions around the International Day against Homophobia and with the *Together for Equality* kit.

## PARTNERS

The Strengthening the movement against homophobia and for the rights of LGBTI people in Haiti is implemented by Kouraj pou pwoteje dwa moun (Kouraj), Union de personnes luttant contre la discrimination et la stigmatisation (UPLCDS), American Jewish World Service (AJWS) and Equitas. It is funded by the European Union.



## OUR APPROACH

We work for the advancement of equality, social justice and respect for human dignity through transformative education programs. We empower people to challenge inequality and discrimination and take action to make their communities safer and better places to be.

**In St-Marc**, an awareness day brought together the civil society, the police, the justice system, the City, care providers and the Faculty of Law. Participation from authorities is a strong symbol of a new openness to inclusion and respect for marginalised groups.

**In Port-au-Prince**, a plea contest for the rights of LGBTI people was organised. This event brought together individuals working in the justice system. With the help of these allies, concrete actions can be taken to grant access to justice for LGBTI people.

## LEARN MORE

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