

Haiti



THE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

THE ISSUE

Since 2010, the Partners for Engaged Citizenship and Equitas work to enable members of communities, especially marginalized groups, civil society organizations and state representatives so they can actively participate in the social, political, cultural and economic development of their community and country.

This collective work contributes to the emergence of a new form of leadership that promotes greater citizen participation, equality, inclusion and solidarity – equipping and mobilizing communities to create alliances and solve their own issues.

OUR SOLUTIONS



EQUIP MEMBERS OF DIVERSE GROUPS WITH HUMAN RIGHTS KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND TOOLS



ENHANCE THE CAPACITY OF MARGINALIZED CITIZENS TO MOBILIZE AND ORGANIZE



STRENGTHEN INCLUSIVE PRACTICES AND PROMOTE A CULTURE OF DIALOGUE



DISSEMINATE GOOD PRACTICES AND TOOLS FOR EDUCATION

OUR IMPACT

- The toolkit "Je m'engage, ensemble nous bâtissons" is designed to provide communities the tools they need to develop actions local citizens can implement themselves without relying upon the involvement of outside institutions. Examples of Community Action Projets by local citizens:
 - **Cholera cases reduced** through community health programs, cleaning water sources and building latrines.
 - Community campaigns to **eliminate violence against women and girls**, and strategies to increase their safety.
 - Radio stations collaborating with LGBTQI groups to broadcast educational programs on the **rights of the LGBTQI community**.
- **More women and youth elected** to positions of leadership in local organizations.
- A successful **policy dialogue to promote non-discrimination, equality and the respect of human rights** with nearly 70 participants representing various government institutions and ministries, human rights defenders, and community representatives.

PARTNERS

Equitas works in Haiti with the collective Partners for Engaged Citizenship (Partenaires de la citoyenneté engagée).

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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.

The Citizen Engagement Program :

- 12 coaches / educators
- 200 community facilitators
- 1,700 community leaders
- 15,000 community members

"The idea before was that everything that needed to be done in the community had to be done by the authorities or the government.

Today, in the areas where we have implemented the Citizen Engagement Program, we have noticed changes in terms of people's responsibility and action in their community."

— Patrick Camille, Equitas coach and partner in Haiti.

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