

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT NETWORK (CEN)

« Together we are strong »

PARTENARIAT POUR UN DÉVELOPPEMENT COMMUNAUTAIRE PARTICIPATIF (PDCP)

“L’union fait la force” = “Main anpil chay pa lou”

Vision: Haitians organized and engaged through local churches, schools, and NGO’s in community and economic development leading to a Haiti of peace, social justice and prosperity.

Mission: To develop neighborhood leadership that works with public, social and private partners to determine, shape, and lead sustainable development projects and social change.

Program Summary:

The Community Empowerment Network program (CEN) complements and supports on-going national and international development efforts by creating a space where citizens are inspired, encouraged and supported in taking on small and medium scale neighborhood development projects that are easily accomplished and sustainable; and to participate in the management of their own communities.

Strategy:

1. Form alliances with foundations and NGOs to develop a long-term grass roots community leadership approach to sustainable community development.
2. Provide ongoing training and support to local organizations and leaders in capacity building, fundraising, social media, network development, advocacy, voluntarism, primarily through established institutions such as churches, schools, associations, NGOs.
3. Create opportunities for exchanges among stakeholders to explore and adapt best practices to the reality of their community towards the achievement of common goals.
4. Identify and promote viable local projects through which local community members can receive training, employment or voluntary experiences and become more active constituents.
5. Create a database of all stakeholders and projects enabling information sharing, funding and network building for funders, diaspora and local organizations providing/seeking financial and technical resources, volunteer work, donations, local expertise, etc.
6. Promote through social media and local/intl media good practices, ongoing efforts, community leadership, social entrepreneurship in order to promote social change and to shift the vision people have about Haiti and about how to contribute to Haiti’s development.
7. Recruit members of the Haitian Diaspora to identify and engage local leadership and groups through their affiliations.

Why Petion-Ville: Petion-Ville offers scenic and natural attractions, cultural and heritage attractions. Recognizing the tourism potential of Petion-Ville, the government and the private sector are currently investing heavily in amenities and accommodation. They also recognized that neighborhoods involvement is crucial in maintaining and creating an environment that will attract visitors and create jobs. By focusing on one city, Petion-Ville, the CEN program will have greater impact and sustainability.

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