

Haiti Portfolio and Performance Since 2003

Supporting Haiti 2003-2006: The World Bank Group renewed its support to Haiti in 2003, following a period of political instability and social turmoil that erupted into low-intensity conflict in the country. The Bank's new focus in Haiti embodied lessons learnt from Bank support to fragile states worldwide and from the institution's earlier experiences in Haiti.

In 2004 the Bank played a central role in the preparation of the Interim Cooperation Framework (ICF), the needs assessment and priority development program led by the Transitional Government, which guided the Bank's support in these early years. By the end of 2006, the Bank had six projects and had disbursed US\$66 million. Satisfactory outcomes included bringing inflation under control and the re-establishment of public financial management systems (including the National Budget) in 2004-2005.

Interim Strategy 2007-2008: The Bank's strong support continued, and 2007-2008 saw an increase in the IDA portfolio to 12 projects worth US\$167 million focusing on infrastructure, disaster risk management, education, economic governance, and community-driven development (CDD). The portfolio performance for these early years was rated as satisfactory in the Bank's supervision and results reports.

The program 2005 to the present: All current Bank assistance to Haiti through the International Development Association (IDA) and trust funds is in grant form. Since 2005 the Bank has approved approximately US\$308 million of IDA resources for Haiti and more than US\$55 million from trust funds. In addition, Haiti's reaching the completion point under the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (HIPC) in June 2009 substantially cancelled the country's debt to the World Bank. As of 2009, the Bank's program has focused on: (i) promoting growth and local development; (ii) investing in human capital; and (iii) reducing vulnerability to disasters. The portfolio has increased to 15 active IDA projects, which now also include agriculture and avian flu. All but one of our operations are rated as satisfactory in supervision reports for implementation and progress toward development objectives.

Results: The Bank's program in Haiti is still relatively young, but up to the earthquake of January 12, 2010 it was already delivering strong results on the ground. IDA disbursements to Haiti have reached US\$171.5 million in grant money. The Bank's technical assistance has been continuing to strengthen the public financial management systems. A new national procurement law was passed in June 2009 with IDA assistance.

By May 2009, the community-driven initiative had completed 549 community-based projects, primarily for agricultural support and other infrastructure (including grain mills, water pumps, and local roads), as well as income-generating activities. It had provided technical support to 4,032 community-based organizations in rural areas, benefitting around 763,000 people in poor rural areas (or 57 percent of the population of the rural communities covered by the program).

In disaster management and response, results to date include 54 structural risk mitigation projects, the construction of five emergency bridges, and over 50 small scale (US\$50,000-US\$250,000) public infrastructure rehabilitation and reconstruction projects (such as drainage and irrigation systems, slope and river bank stabilization, and community centers). The IDA

Education for All project (including partner funding) was paying fees to enable 142,000 children to attend primary school and providing more than 70,000 children with nutritious hot meals.

Haiti Active Portfolio (as of 1/19/10)

Proj ID.	Net Comm Amt
HT Rural Water and Sanitation	5.0
HT Emergency Recov.& Disaster Management	19.4
HT CDD Project (PRODEP)	46.0
HT Economic Governance TAG II	2.0
HT Transport and Territorial Devopment	28.0
HT Electricity Project	11.0
HT (APL1) Education For All	25.0
HT Catastrophe Insurance Project	9.0
HT Meeting Teacher Needs for EFA	6.0
HT Urban CDD / PRODEPUR	15.7
HT Avian Human Influenza Emergency	1.6
HT Strength. Mgmt of Agr Pub Serv GFRP	5.0
HT Emerg Bridge Reconst & Vulnerab Reduc	20.0
HT: Emergency School Reconstruction	5.0
HT 3rd Econ. Governance Reform Operation	12.5
Total	211.2