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La Maison l'Arc-en-Ciel

Testimony of La Maison l'Arc-en-Ciel, a non governmental Haitian organization dedicated since 1996 in de-stigmatisation of the HIV/AIDS, the coverage and the support of the Haitian children, orphan and in situation of vulnerability.

At the beginning of 2014, La Maison l'Arc-en-Ciel, facing an extreme financial precariousness, solicited for the first time the American Red Cross's support to help them maintain the basic medical and psycho-social vital services for its children, youth and reinserted young adults.

The situation was critic for the survival of its program which supply shelter, medical and psychosocial care, education, training, integration and apprenticeship, to children, youth and young adults who are still abandoned today by their family and community due to the omnipresent stigmatization in the Haitian society. American Red Cross quickly set a team to assess the difficulties and the needs which was followed by the visit of the American Red Cross National Director.

The submission of La Maison l'Arc-en-Ciel's project containing activities, indicators, results and budget was submitted, discussed with the American Red Cross and finally approved in August 2014 for a period of one year and for an amount of \$150,000 USD.

Thanks to the diligence of the ARC's national team, MAEC was able to avoid the closure of its program which would have involved the displacement of the children, for the most part orphans from both parents, who are without any substitution family. American Red Cross made it possible for La Maison l'Arc-en-Ciel to play its role in the appeal of the governmental authorities to address the problematic of children in great need (nutritional deficiency, moribund state) as well as the essential economic and social assistance given to young reinserted adults.

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