

Haitian Assets for Peace International (HAPI) 2024 Annual Report

Introduction & Purpose Statement

In the past year, **Haitian Assets for Peace International (HAPI)** has made significant strides in advancing **healthcare, economic empowerment, and education** in rural Haiti despite mounting challenges. Our healthcare initiatives provided **thousands of patient consultations**, expanded **prenatal care services**, and strengthened our **fight against hypertension and heart disease**. **HAPITech** continued to equip young people with **vocational skills**, increasing opportunities for sustainable employment. Through partnerships and innovative solutions, we enhanced **access to dignified care and fair-wage jobs**, empowering communities toward **self-sufficiency**. Despite ongoing instability, **HAPI remains steadfast in its mission, ensuring that hope, health, and opportunity continue to thrive in Mizak and beyond.**

Mission Statement

HAPI exists to **break the cycle of generational poverty** and ignite lasting transformation by **empowering women and cultivating strong local leadership**. Our mission is to help Haitians live **healthier, longer, and more prosperous lives** through **innovation, collaboration, learning, and leadership** in **healthcare, education, and economic development**. Through these efforts, we are building a future where communities thrive with **resilience, opportunity, and hope.**

Impact & Accomplishments



Healthcare Achievements in 2024

Enhanced Maternal, Infant, and Child Health Services

- Increased **enrollment and institutional deliveries** in the **Start Right program** for prenatal care.
- Improved **maternal and infant health outcomes** through **prenatal and postnatal care**, including **ultrasounds and birthing services**.
- Added a **second OB Midwife Advanced Practice Nurse**.
- **Vaccination clinic** now available **twice weekly**.

Expanded Hypertension & Cardiovascular Care

- Increased **hypertensive patients receiving mobile visits and medication** from **144 to 200**.
- **Telehealth collaboration** for diagnosis and treatment of **abnormal EKGs**.

Improved Access to Healthcare for Disabled Persons

- Increased the number of **disabled individuals receiving mobile clinic visits and medication** from **50 to 66**.

Clinical Services Improvement

- Hired a **dedicated medical administrator** alongside a **full-time general physician** to improve efficiency.
- Strengthened clinic operations by adding **two part-time receptionists** to enhance patient flow and daily capacity.
- **Expanded lab services** from **two to five days per week**.

Community Health Education & Prevention

- Conducted **quarterly workshops** on **HIV/STDs** for teens and adults.

Facility Maintenance & Upgrades

- **Built a retaining wall** to repair damage from a **2023 hurricane**.
- **Repaired the nurse residency roof**.
- **Upgraded expired flooded batteries with lithium**.

Training & Capacity Building

- Ongoing **education and training** for healthcare professionals in **vaccinations, maternal-infant care, mental health, ECG, and more**.

- Strengthened **partnerships** with **CardioStart International, Family Health Ministries, UNICEF, and MSPP** for training, equipment, and supplies.
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Education & Economic Development Achievements in 2024



Bridging Educational Gaps

- **81 young adults** (45% females) enrolled in **English as a Second Language (ESL) and Basic Computer Literacy programs**.



Empowering Youth Through Agro-Economy

- Re-launched **'pass-the-gift' rabbit-raising initiative** for youth **aged 12-17**.
 - **60 youth** attended a **microbusiness management seminar**.
 - **15 youth** received a **starter kit** (2 hares, 1 buck, and a hutch).
 - **15 additional youth** received a **hutch** and are ready to receive their rabbits.
 - **30 more participants** selected for the next program cycle **starting July 1, 2025**.
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Success Stories

Maternal Health – Phara Mingot’s Journey



Phara Mingot, a 26-year-old mother from Mizak, initially planned to **give birth at home** due to the distance of the nearest hospital. After learning about the **Start Right program**, she decided to enroll at **Felisane Health Center**. She safely gave birth to her **daughter Berthilda** and continues to visit the center for vaccinations and healthcare support. **“The doctor and nurses took great care of me throughout my pregnancy until the day I gave birth,”** she shared.

Education – Sophonie Frédérique’s Growth with HAPITech



Sophonie, a **22-year-old management student**, balanced high school with **English and computer science courses** at **HAPITech**. She graduated as the **top student** and earned a **laptop**, enabling her university studies. Today, she works as a **receptionist at FELISANE Health Center**, having received training in **medical software and administration**.

Youth Agro-Economy – Selvita Laguerre’s Success



12-year-old **Selvita Laguerre** joined **HAPI's youth Agro-economy program** in 2023. Passionate about rabbit-raising, she received **training, three rabbits, and a hutch**. Despite doubts from her family, she has **successfully grown her rabbit business**, proving her dedication and potential.

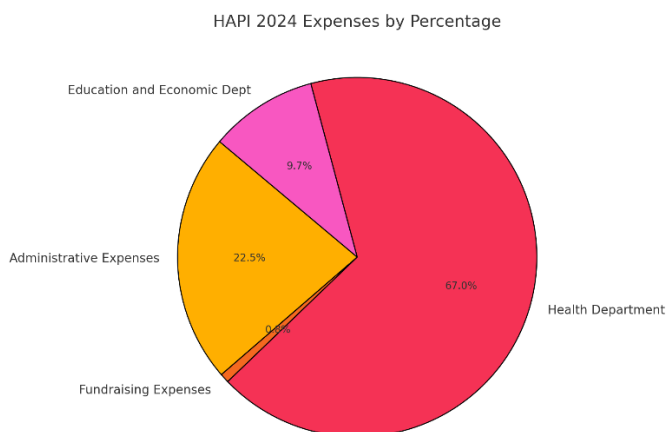
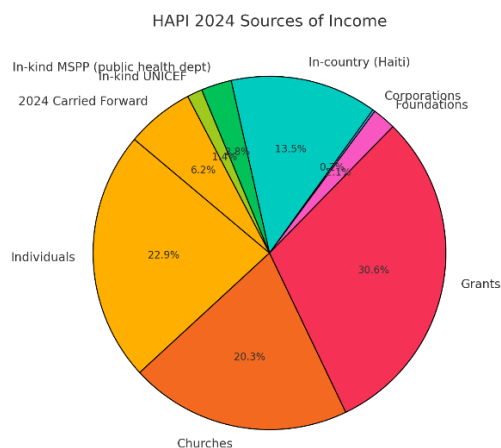
Numbers That Matter

- **Healthcare interactions across all services: 10,523**
- **Students enrolled in programs: 81**
- **Youth engaged in rabbit project: 60**
- **HAPI Staff: 33**
- **Total beneficiaries: 10,697**

Maternity Care:

- **368 new enrollments**
 - **65% in-clinic deliveries**
 - **20% referrals for hospital delivery**
 - **15% home births**
 - **0 infant or maternal deaths**
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Financial Overview



Special Recognition

Major Donors & Sponsors

- General Board of Global Ministries Global Health – United Methodist Church
- Lou and Mark Houser
- The Michigan United Methodist Conference
- Chapelwood United Methodist Church, Houston, TX
- United Women in Faith – United Methodist Church
- University United Methodist Church, Lansing, MI
- The Hope Foundation, AK
- Phyllis and Lee Wilbur
- Dr. Tina Fischer-Carnes & Patrick Carnes

Volunteer Appreciation

- **Central Michigan University International Business Students** – Professor Mike Pisani
- **CardioStart International** – Dr. Robert Rollings & Dr. Thomas Hilton

Haiti Leadership Team & Board of Directors

Board of Directors

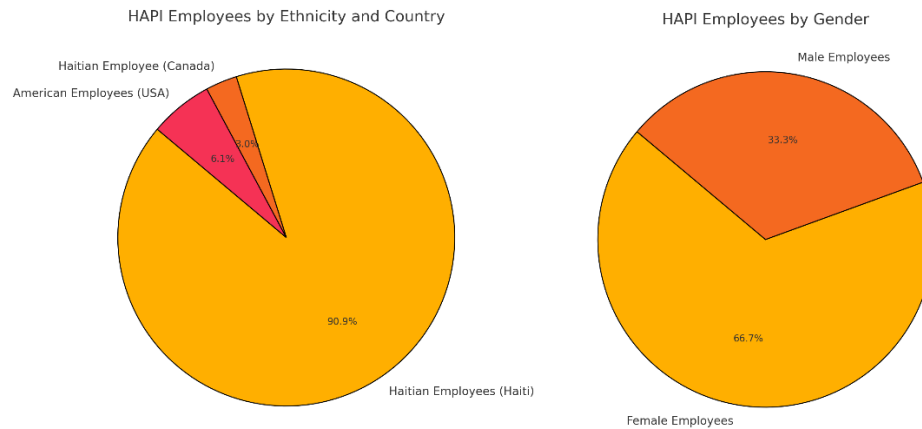
- ***James Searls, Chair***
- ***Dr. Tina Fischer-Carnes, Director***
- ***Kristin Mellon, Director***
- ***Yolande Zephyr, Director***
- ***Valerie Mossman-Celestin, Treasurer and Executive Director***

Haiti Leadership Team

- ***Mirleine Gard, Financial Controller and Project Coordinator***
- ***Dr. Riouse Zephyr, Medical Administrator***
- ***Wilbert Voltaire, Education and Economic Development Director***
- ***Yolande Zephyr, Community Health Director***

- **Jean Claude Jr. Gard**, Human Resources and Finance / Internal Auditor

TEAM DEMOGRAPHICS



Future Goals & Challenges

As of early 2025, access to primary healthcare in rural Haiti, including the Southeast Department, remains critically limited due to a combination of infrastructural challenges, political instability, escalating violence, and reduced international aid. The supply chain is severely hampered due to sea and airport closures in Port-au-Prince. Access to cash is also impacted as banks have limited cash on hand to disburse for wire transfers. An estimated 1 million Haitians, approximately 10% of the population, have been displaced due to armed gang control, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis and straining resources in the communities to which they flee. Despite these challenges, organizations like HAPI continue to provide services, employing 31 Haitian staff, including three community health workers, to deliver primary care, maternal and child health services, and skilled training to youth and young adults. Our current and future goals include:

- Sustain and grow our workforce
- Strengthen healthcare infrastructure
- Expand youth and young adult vocational training
- Advance clinical cardiology / imaging services
- Open a dedicated women / birthing center
- Micro-hospital wing (operating rooms)

Strategies

- Diversify our grant and philanthropic funding relationships
- Develop our partner relationships and work collaboratively
- Partner in local livelihood initiatives to improve the economic capacity of families
- Enhance our Haitian leadership team's organizational strategic leadership and development capacity
- Form a local foundation
- USA Board development and increase fund development capacity.

Call to Action – Get Involved!

- Follow us on Facebook & Instagram
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 - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/hapi_haiti/ HAPI
- Donate online: www.HaitianAssets.org
 - Give by check payable to HAPI, P.O. Box 68227, Grand Rapids, MI 49516
- Advocate for Haiti's stabilization
- Host a fundraising event
- Join our Board of Directors!

Contact Valerie Mossman-Celestin, US Executive Director, valeriemcelestin@gmail.com or 616-446-9558 for further information.

Together, we can sustain hope, strengthen healthcare, and empower Haiti's future!