



SOS VILLAGES D'ENFANTS MONDE

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Construction of a playground at Port-au-Prince (Santo), Haiti



4 years after the disaster



SOS Children's Villages in Haiti

Founded 35 years ago, SOS Haiti has supported around 4,000 children and adults before the earthquake. The organisation managed several infrastructures (Children's Villages, Schools, etc.), community, educational and family strengthening programmes.

After the disaster, the organisation was able to quickly organise its help and to develop an important emergency relief programme. Distribution of food and drinking water, support of unaccompanied children, opening of community centres, reunification of families are part of this emergency aid.

Now SOS Haiti takes care of children having lost their families on the long term.



Children of the SOS Community Centre of Santo/Port-au-Prince

Haiti: current situation

Between 2010 and 2013, the humanitarian aid obtained important results (inter alia assistance for returning home/resettlement of 90% of displaced people and large decrease of the cholera epidemic).

Yet the situation is still worrying. According to estimates, 172,000 people still live in 306 camps. In 2014, they could still be 145,000 to survive there in a situation of extreme insecurity, risking forced eviction, the danger of new natural disasters and the increase of diseases linked to terrible sanitary conditions.

The country suffers from the largest outbreak of cholera in the Western hemisphere. 600,000 Haitians endure severe food insecurity and the malnutrition of children under five years is increasing: 100,000 children suffer from a global acute malnutrition.

Last December, the UN called for donations in order to help 817,000 Haitians. Priorities: support the displaced people still living in camps, fight against cholera, malnutrition and food insecurity. The UN underlines that Haiti stays one of the world's most disaster-prone countries.



The SOS Children's Village of Santo / Port-au-Prince allows children to develop from an early age

Reconstruction projects

March 2014

Four years after the earthquake and more than one year after the severe hurricane Sandy, SOS Children's Villages continues to be very active in Haiti. There are still acute needs in this country.

The emergency relief programme which began in 2010 in the SOS Children's Village of Port-au-Prince/Santo was closed last August and the reconstruction programme was put into place.

A long-term commitment

SOS Haiti continues its work on a long-term and deepens its relationships with other partners working in the same field. After having developed projects in the West and in the North of the country, the national organisation is active in the South.

Four public schools have been renovated at Sudre, Tellier, Leger et Guilgaud.

Projects financed by the Luxembourg organisation

Community school of Port-au-Prince / Santo

The renovation and the expansion of the community school at Port-au-Prince have been financed by the Luxembourg organisation with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Rotary Clubs of Luxembourg and a number of private donors. The school opened in February 2012 and currently accommodates 500 children between the age of 6 and 15.

SOS Children's Village at Les Cayes

The Luxembourg organisation currently supports the construction of the SOS Children's Village of Les Cayes, which had been planned within the framework of the emergency relief programme and which will welcome 140 children. The laying of the first foundation stone of this third SOS Children's Village of the country, took place on 11 March 2013. Built on the city outskirts, at Bourjolie, the SOS Children's Village will be composed of 14 family houses of which one will be totally financed by SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde thanks to the Rotary Clubs of Luxembourg and to the private donors. It will accommodate inter alia children supported by SOS Haiti further to the emergency relief programme. These children are currently installed with their SOS families in houses which have been rented next to the SOS Village which should open its doors during 2014. By the way, these SOS children have attended school again since last October. On the long term,

this school will be able to welcome 500 children of the SOS Village and above all of the community. Furthermore the 3 community centres of Les Cayes also offer family strengthening programmes.

Renovation of 9 public schools at Port-au-Prince

The Luxembourg organisation will support the renovation of 9 public schools for 10,000 beneficiaries in several districts of the capital.

The playground of Santo

SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde will also finance the construction of a playground and sportsfield in the SOS Children's Village of Port-au-Prince/Santo. After having taken care of 400 children (earthquake victims) in the framework of the emergency relief programme, this village, whose renovation is foreseen for 2014, regained its normal operating capacity. 180 children live in 19 family houses. A playground will soon be built for the SOS children, the 1,300 students of the 2 SOS Schools and for the young people of the community.



Children of the SOS Kindergarten of Santo / Port-au-Prince

The playground at Santo (Port-au-Prince)

A project for the children of the community

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In adult life we reveal how we fared in childhood. The quality of childhood is critical - as a help or hindrance in later life.

What set the stage for our future development - loss and hurt, or love and respect? Although we all know that childhood is decisive, children are still ignored, manipulated, abused or abandoned.

At **SOS Children's Villages** we are committed to the welfare of children - often throughout the whole of their childhood - and strengthening families and communities as a preventive measure in the fight against abandonment and social neglect.

By financing the **playground of Santo**, the objective is to provide the children and the young people of the SOS Children's Village of Santo and those of the community with a



SOS School yard of Santo/Port-au-Prince

space to come together. There they will be able to play and to develop.

The playground serves as well as basketball field (with stands) and as a recreational greenspace (with swings and slides). Social and cultural activities (concerts, theatre plays,

meetings and events) can take place there, too.

The beginning of the construction is foreseen for the third quarter of 2014. The costs will amount to USD 106,250.

