



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



PHOTO USAID

HAITI CITIZEN SECURITY PROGRAM

OCTOBER 2023

Designed to complement the U.S. Government’s support to police training efforts, the Haiti Citizen Security Program (HCSP) is a 5-year program to strengthen citizen security and resilience in targeted neighborhoods of greater Port-au-Prince. This activity uses a three-pronged approach that connects police and other Haitian government entities, the communities they serve, and social service providers to reduce violence, enhance community safety, and increase social services.

COMPONENT ONE

Designed to complement the U.S. Government’s support to police training efforts, the Haiti Citizen Security Program (HCSP) is a 5-year program to strengthen citizen security and resilience in targeted neighborhoods of greater Port-au-Prince. This activity uses a three-pronged approach that connects police and other Haitian government entities, the communities they serve, and social service providers to reduce violence, enhance community safety, and increase social services.

operates according to community-based policing principles; and assist the police to expand their presence in the targeted neighborhoods, including by ensuring that police stations and police structures are operational.

COMPONENT TWO

Community Development and Resilience to Violence

While the security and economic situation in Port-au-Prince neighborhoods creates significant challenges to community development, there remain several pathways, safe spaces, and anchors for peace. HCSP will leverage these opportunities to improve community resilience and create alternatives for those most at-risk by supporting these anchors to deliver community-based services and fostering inclusive dialogue led by peace and dialogue committees. Working with local partners and community leaders, HCSP will support residents working together to make their communities safer and strengthen youth resistance to recruitment into gangs and violent activities through mentoring, training, safe spaces, and increased livelihood opportunities. Most of these activities will be done through subgrants to local organizations and existing community groups in gang-affected areas.

COMPONENT THREE

Provision of Social Services for at-risk Youth and Survivors of Violence

While violence has compelled many service providers to leave Port-au-Prince neighborhoods, there are local organizations still functioning by adapting their service delivery to accommodate shifts in access and security. HCSP will partner with the Government of Haiti's National Committee for Community Violence Reduction/Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (CNDDR) to strengthen coordination of service delivery, while providing technical assistance and grants to enable existing providers to expand services. HCSP will strengthen CNDDR capacity to coordinate service delivery in targeted areas; provide tailored services to at-risk youth and victims of violence, as well as family members who are part of an individual's network; and expand services for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and victims of trafficking.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

Increased organizational capacity of the HNP	Increased presence of community-based policing units	Improved police-citizen relations that result in higher trust levels	Improved cooperation between target communities and the HNP	Reduced number of youths involved in gangs and illicit activities
Increased trust and social cohesion among community members	Improved access to safe spaces for residents of target neighborhoods	Increased awareness and access to social services in targeted communities	Improved presence of civil society organizations, frontline workers, first responders, clinics, education facilities, other service providers	Increased awareness of the causes and consequences of violence and reduced tolerance for and use of violence to resolve conflicts

USAID works to build a stable and viable Haiti, and provides life-saving humanitarian assistance to Haiti's most vulnerable and hard-to-reach people. <https://www.usaid.gov/haiti> and follow @USAID/Haiti on X and Facebook.