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Together Let's Change the City

Increasing Municipal Service Delivery for Local Economic Development in Haitian Cities

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OVERVIEW

USAID's *Ansanm Ann Chanje Lavil* (Together Let's Change the City) initiative, or simply **LAVIL**, supports increased municipal service delivery in select municipalities to achieve long-term, sustained local economic development in Haiti.

In its initial phase, *LAVIL* focuses on public markets – multi-functional spaces that play a vital role in the local economy and promote social cohesion, but are challenging for local governments to manage effectively. *LAVIL* promotes the sustainable management of public markets, stimulating local solutions for basic services with an emphasis on solid waste, co-creating spaces for multi-stakeholder dialogue, and increasing capacities within municipal governments.

LAVIL is implemented by Cities Alliance in partnership with the municipalities of Cap-Haïtien and Les Cayes, Fondazione Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale (People for Development), Habitat for Humanity, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, and the Institut de Formation et de Services (Institute of Training and Services).

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Increase municipal revenues:** LAVIL supports partner municipalities to increase trust with local citizens, strengthen their internal organisational capacity, and review revenue collection arrangements.
- 2. Increase municipal investment:** LAVIL helps municipalities to reinforce investments in municipal service delivery, including through public-private participation. A particular focus is placed on municipal solid waste management.
- 3. Improve ecosystem for better municipal financial management:** LAVIL assists local governments to advocate for an improved alignment of the broader tax revenue ecosystem.

TARGETED LOCALITIES

The activity is implemented in collaboration with the municipalities of Cap-Haïtien and Les Cayes. One market in each city has been selected to take part in the initial phase of LAVIL: Marché Pont Neuf in Cap-Haitien and Marché Rival in Les Cayes.

APPROACH

LAVIL takes an adaptive approach, incorporating flexible and collaborative processes to guide its design and implementation. It is implemented through two components, diagnostics and pilot initiatives, to ensure an iterative process based on knowledge and experimentation.

Diagnostics

This component involves collecting primary and secondary data to allow for a comprehensive understanding of the selected markets and the capacity of local government to manage them. The data enables an analysis of issues around local governance, citizenship, essential services (with particular attention to waste management), economy, and environment. It also allows the stakeholders to prioritise interventions that are well-coordinated, effectively address identified challenges, and align with local development objectives.

Pilot initiatives

Once the activities have been agreed upon, pilot initiatives are implemented that focus on:

- Reinforcing local government capacities for the management of public markets and solid waste
- Strengthening communities and facilitating public-community dialogue and consensus building
- Improving the delivery of municipal services with a focus on markets and solid waste management

ABOUT CITIES ALLIANCE

Cities Alliance is a global partnership fighting urban poverty and supporting cities to deliver sustainable development.

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