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Building New Homes in Cavillon for 2021 Earthquake Victims

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Man Dodo Humanitarian Foundation, Inc. is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the economic, social, educational, and health care status of impoverished and underserved men, women and children of Southern Haiti. Our focused efforts include:

Economic – Direct provision of essential items including food, clothing, medications, annual toy distribution, and financial assistance.

Social – Fellowship and service to foster hope among Haitian individuals via collaborative partnerships with Haitian and US-based churches and organizations.

Educational – Support schools by providing resources to enhance and implement high quality education at all levels; promoting student health and success through ongoing immunization, nutritional support, and deworming.

Health Care – Periodic medical missions with a combined focus on direct care, screening, and health education, primarily concentrated in remote, underserved locations with lack of, or no access to, basic medical care.



Damaged from earthquake, 2021

DISASTER STRIKES

On the morning of August 14th, 2021, the Southwest region of our beloved Haiti was struck by a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake, its epicenter landing between the Nippes, Sud, and Grand Anse departments of Haiti. It left a staggering near 13,000 of our citizens injured, over 300 missing people, and caused over 2,000 deaths, along with immeasurable damage.

As the country was getting its bearings, while still enduring the earthquake aftershocks that continued to rock the damaged region, Tropical Storm Grace made landfall. She blew through the broken land, bringing with her massive amounts of rainfall resulting in hundreds of landslides worsening the humanitarian crisis caused by the earthquake.

With every new natural disaster, comes the destruction of property and shortage of basic human needs, such as food, shelter, and clothing, further aggravating the existing crisis exponentially. Shortly after August 14th, the Board of Directors of the Man Dodo Humanitarian Foundation, mobilized our in-country staff and volunteers to assess the damages and destruction, specifically in the communal sections of Cavaillon and the coastal

village of Morency. In addition, we collaborated with leaders and members of the affected communities to gain a better understanding of the impact caused by the earthquake, not only to their dwellings, but also to their overall community resources and development. From the assessment, we were able to identify the number of adults and children impacted, homes destroyed, homes damaged, the impact on the local economy, education, environment, agriculture, and the fishing industry.

WHAT WE'VE DONE SINCE AUGUST 2021:

The Man Dodo Humanitarian Foundation proposed short, mid and long-term aid strategies in August of 2021, beginning with immediate aid and progressing into full community reconstruction projects along with the empowerment and innovation of local education through technology. In the past 10 months, we collaborated with several organizations on the ground and in the U.S., such as Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Hope for Haiti, Reciprocal Ministries International, Rotary Club Les Cayes, and various grassroots organizations in the rural areas of Haiti to organize distribution of relief and supplies to various communities in the South of Haiti. We were also able to distribute water filtration systems to single families in partnership with GT Water Project Inc. and produce a two-day medical mission in the communal section of Labiche, town of St. Louis Du Sud, where we performed health screenings, administered medications, and delivered medical supplies to over 600 adults and children, in partnership with the Haitian American Nurses Association (HANA).

Along with those efforts, we have also been blessed to successfully move into the mid-term phase of our overall strategy; the construction project for families in Cavaillon, Haiti with the

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Vaniel Minter & Olicia Jean-Louis, first family who will receive newly rebuild sustainable home.

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financial support from many U.S. organizations such as United Way Miami, The Bridge Church in Miramar, Southern Poverty Law, Math Works, Primary Medical Care Center and many individual donors. Through our assessments and research, we identified Vaniel Minter and Olicia Jean-Louis, whose family will be the first to move into a newly re-built, sustainably constructed home via the Man Dodo Reconstruction project. Vaniel Minter and Olicia Jean-Louis, their 4 children and additional 5 family members, have been living in a shack made of tin metal since their

one-bedroom house was destroyed by the earthquake. With the help from a local church, they were provided with plywood and tarps to build a temporary shelter, which was unfortunately vandalized and set on fire by thieves - the same thieves who previously stole the hand-crafted cooking pots they were preparing to sell at the marketplace, as their only source of income for the next few months. The family of 11 was forced to find refuge in a makeshift 100 square foot space, sleeping on beds set on broken cylinder blocks and rocks.



Man Dodo Construction Team - Supporting Economic Development by hiring local experienced builders.

We are so excited to share that on May 15th, 2022, along with local leaders of Cavaillon, we symbolically hosted the groundbreaking ceremony of the family's new home. Our staff architect/engineer Omario Dorastin, native of Cavaillon, designed the beautiful 2-bedroom 500 square foot house. This home is being built to be earthquake resistant and to sustain hurricane force winds.



New house under construction.

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WHAT IS TO COME?

Sadly, the August 2021 earthquake also destroyed the first computer lab we built and inaugurated in October 2020 at the Institution Marguerite d'Youville in Cavaillon, along with all corresponding school buildings.



Computer lab at Institution Marguerite d'Youville
destroyed by the 2021 Earthquake

We have set aside the funds to rebuild a new computer lab once this school is rebuilt.

As part of our mission to introduce technology to remote areas of the South, we are happy to report that the second computer lab is nearing completion at the MEBSH School in the rural town of Port-A-Piment, a school with a total of 1,050 students, 750 attending day classes and 300 in the evening. This new, 25 computer station, with high-speed printers, fiber optic internet service, and a projector, is the first in the entire region of its kind. Research has shown that 90% of graduating high-school students in Port-A-Piment and rural areas in Haiti will not have access to higher education. Therefore, technological solutions such as this computer lab and access to computer literacy will have an immeasurable effect in the lives of these students and the community as a whole.

"This computer lab is a huge gift and a huge opportunity not only for the school but for the community at large. It will provide our kids an introduction to technology and prepare them for the future"

Jean Benoit, Senior Pastor of MEBSH Church/School of Port-A-Piment

"We do not have enough words to express our gratitude to Man Dodo Humanitarian Foundation for this computer lab. We pledge to protect and make this lab a sustainable source of development for the children in this community. When we consider the importance of technology, we are convinced that with this lab our children will gain the knowledge and be better prepared for the next phase of their life."

Mr. Josue Paul, Principal of Ecole Fondamentale d'Application, founded in 1956

From Friday, August 19th to Sunday, August 21st, The Man Dodo Foundation will host a weekend of celebratory events in Port-A-Piment and Cavaillon.

Friday August 19th, 2022

In collaboration with the entire Shool Board of Port-A-Piment, The Man Dodo Foundation will host a Youth Symposium, a full day of activities for about 600 high school students, including break-out sessions and workshops on the campus of Ecole Fondamentale d'Application. Keynote speaker, Jhonson Napoleon, and several other young professional leaders from the diaspora and Haiti, will present on career and professional advancement entrepreneurship, and leadership.

Saturday August 20th, 2022

We will host the ribbon cutting and inauguration of the newly built computer lab in Port-A-Piment funded by MODERNA, HRA and HDRU. This ceremony will be held with leaders and students of this beautiful coastal village. The 2-day events in Port-A-Piment will end with a friendly community basketball game on the newly renovated basketball court at Ecole Fondamentale d'Application financed by Man Dodo Humanitarian Foundation and individual donors.

Sunday August 21st, 2022

We will host a ribbon cutting ceremony of the first newly built home moving in the first recipient of the Man Dodo Reconstruction Project, Vanier Mintor, Olicia Jean-Louis, and family.

WHAT IS NEXT?

The Man Dodo Foundation is committed to the long-term reconstruction of communities in Southern Haiti, with a focus on sustainability and the stimulation of the local economy. We hope to successfully build 11 more homes over the next 12 months in Cavaillon. We have acquired a 3 acre property with the hope of building a community center/shelter in the Grandier communal section of Cavaillon and additional computer labs for selected schools in the region.

We are seeking your financial contributions and physical participation to continue our rebuilding and education efforts while supporting our existing partners on the ground. Money raised will be earmarked and targeted for these two projects. If you are interested in joining our delegation on this mission trip on August 18th to August 22nd, please contact us.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?



DONATIONS

We are seeking your financial contributions and physical participation to continue our rebuilding and education efforts while supporting our existing partners on the ground. Money raised will be earmarked and targeted for these two projects.

To support our rebuilding efforts, please visit our website at www.mandodo.org

OR simply scan QR code:



VOLUNTEERING

If you are interested in joining our delegation on this mission trip on August 19th to August 21st, please contact us as soon as possible. Spots are limited.

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MEET OUR HAITI TEAM:

Man Dodo Humanitarian Foundation not only strives to provide resources to underserved areas, but to also employ individuals within the community. We are grateful to have a wonderful team on the ground, in Haiti, providing us with invaluable knowledge and expertise.



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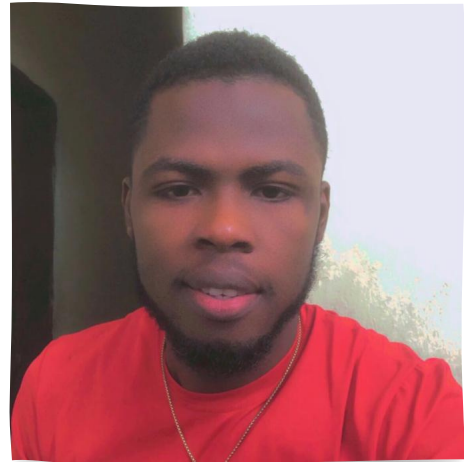


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