

Sonje Ayiti: Programmatic Fact Sheet

Mission Statement: *Sonje Ayiti is a group of Haitian and international humanitarians who are collaborating to uplift the Haitian community through education, economic development, and health promotion.*

Sonje Ayiti programs are inherently designed by community constituents through a concerted effort “to listen, assess, educate, re-educate, create, and implement.” By embracing a community participatory approach we are striving to foster a self-sufficient community. Although, we are aware that the needs are vast and immeasurable, we have prioritized our activities into three focus areas: education, economic development, and health promotion.

What we’re doing in...Education

- Improving access to elementary-level education for children
 - Provide school supplies, daily lunch, and salary for 6 educational aides
 - 352 students are now receiving education, an increase of 34% over the last 2 years
- Increasing access to advanced-level education
 - Providing scholarship to University nursing student
 - Secured one-year volunteer commitment from college graduate
- Improving the adult literacy rate
 - Adult education for reading, writing, and math
 - 66 recent graduates, ranging in age from 16-74

What we’re doing in...Economic Development

- Harnessing local resources (agriculture)
 - Preparing 15 acres of land for farming and harvesting locally grown commodities, such as hot pepper, pineapple, plantain, and corn among others
- Providing opportunities for social entrepreneurs
 - Microcredit Lending Program: 41 beneficiaries of loans ranging from \$100-\$250
 - Cocoa Project: women empowerment group producing cocoa for international distribution
- Increasing family self-sufficiency through “Operation Goat”
 - Impoverished families are provided with 3 pregnant goats to provide essential protein, greater crop yield, and a livelihood

What we’re doing in...Health Promotion

- Organize STD, HIV/AIDS, and Family Planning awareness campaigns
- Conducted 2 community-wide health fairs
- International Medical team provide trainings and health screenings through mobile clinics

Unfortunately, the need exceeds our capacity and we are requesting that you partner with us in this endeavor:

- \$85 supports a pregnant goat and leads to economic self-sufficiency
- \$100-\$250 supports a small business venture through the micro lending program
- \$300 annually supports a child’s education
- \$500 monthly supports 6 adult literacy learning centers
- \$500 sponsors a mobile clinic, which will serve over 150 individuals
- \$2,000 annually supports a teacher with a classroom of 30-45 students
- \$5,000 will support the installation of a well for a 15-acre farmland