



A Closer Look

Potential opportunities are put at halt when it comes to education advances for young girls and women in Haiti. Affordable education and existing gender inequalities present barriers for those pursuing higher learning. With fluctuating trends due to pressing matters seen in the nation over the course of several years, private education systems have taken precedence over public facilities. Women and girls are directly impacted as their options become limited.

Obstacles - USAID

- Low Enrollment
- Poor Literacy Rates
- Shortage of Qualified Professionals
- Lack of Government Insight
- High Drop Out Rates
- Insufficient Education Facility Locations
- Gender Based Inequality
- Hygiene/Sanitation Needs

Things to Know

- Haitian women have a literacy rate of 57% compared to a 64% average in men.
- As identified by the Borgen Project, young girls with little or no education are more likely to have children and be victims of domestic violence.
- Those who are unable to attend learning facilities are also subjected to domestic labor and increased poverty.
- Only secondary education can help women earn higher salaries and make real progress. Those with a primary education earn only 14 to 19 percent more than those with no education at all.

Community Improvement Programs and Interventions

As Haiti continues to reallocate its resources in making educational opportunities available for current and future generations of females, it is detrimental that new policies put into effect are developed to recognize political, social, and economical barriers. With the help of organizations on ground putting together sustainable plans in place for women and girls to benefit, listed below are some methods/strategies put in place to advance these areas include:

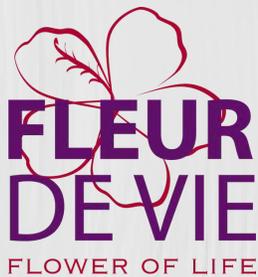
- Providing Assistance with nutrition, book costs, and uniform distribution.
- Promoting equal enrollment of both genders with the help of distributing tuition waivers.
- Global Partnerships in creating teacher trainings, facilitating development of professionals.
- Implementing Social and Advocacy Programs
- Healthcare Programs - providing care for students



Additional Statistics

- Haiti ranks 177th out of 186 in the world for national spending on education.
- Haiti's literacy rate is estimated to be 61.69%.
- 37.9% of the population of Haiti is unable to read or write .
- The enrollment rate for primary school in Haiti is 57%.
- Approximately 30% of children attending primary school will not reach third grade.
- Secondary schools enroll 20% of eligible-age children.
- 60% will abandon school before sixth grade.
- Fewer than 35% of schools have access to electricity.
- 15% have a library and 39% have potable water.

Working to Advance Educational Resources



As a member of The Haitian Women's Collective, Dayanne Danier, is the cofounder of the non-profit organization Fleur De Vie (means "Flower of Life") with a mission is to support struggling organizations who focus on implementing positive change in their community in the areas of education, health, and environmental sustainability. This organization has actively been doing education reform in Haiti with children.



MarieYolaine Toms, also a member of The Haitian Women's Collective, established Community2Community with a vision of creating self-sufficient communities by working with the community. This organization has developed a multiple phased plan to achieve the goals of their education initiative. Community2Community is currently taking the next steps to build a school that will withstand the forces of nature and serve as a multi-functional facility for students and parents.

Resources and Helpful Links

<https://www.haitianhealthfoundation.org/education/>

<https://www.borgenmagazine.com/haitian-women/>

<http://campaignforeducationusa.org/blog/detail/barriers-to-education-for-girls-in-haiti>

<https://natoassociation.ca/the-importance-of-education-for-girls-and-women-in-haiti/>

<https://borgenproject.org/girls-education-in-haiti/>

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/home>

<https://schoolsforhaiti.com/facts-about-haiti/>

<https://www.usaid.gov/>