



*Young people receive vocational training in construction through the LAMIKA program.*

## Haiti: LAMIKA Program

The Lavi Nan Miyò Katye Pam (LAMIKA) program is an urban integrated neighborhood reconstruction and recovery program being implemented in Carrefour-Feuilles, a poor residential neighborhood in Port-au-Prince. The area sustained extensive damage from the earthquake and is characterized by extreme poverty, dense housing and limited access to safe infrastructure and services.

Meaning “a better life in my neighborhood” LAMIKA’s objective is to enhance community and household resiliency through a sustainable and integrated approach that provides healthy, habitable, and secure living conditions. There are three components: social empowerment, economic strengthening and physical renewal.

Global Communities and its partner Build Change are responsible for implementing the physical renewal component. Global Communities will improve access for residents, enhance delivery of water and sanitation, and support educational institutions. Build Change will increase the safety of the housing stock, as well as expand the number of housing units.

Specifically, Global Communities will:

- Build or reconstruct 1,750 meters of roads and 5,000 meters of corridors
- Reconstruct 12 schools, and improve water and sanitation services at 30 schools
- Extend the municipal water grip to the zone, as well as build kiosks for improved resident access
- Create and improve public spaces, including the Terrain de Campeche, and
- Reinforce or expand more than 300 houses

### Builder Training

Global Communities’ partner Build Change will manage a construction-based vocational training program. Build Change has established a training center in the target zone, and is currently training local masons. Build Change’s methodology for home-owner driven housing retrofit will provide training graduates with opportunities to utilize their skills.

### Partners and Stakeholders

The LAMIKA program is funded by the American Red Cross. Global Communities with its partner Build Change will implement this \$9.5 million program over 17 months. Global Communities will work with other international partners in the LAMIKA program, including Entrepreneurs du Monde, Mercy Corps and the International Rescue Committee.

Global Communities has established a roadmap to work in partnership with the Red Cross in Haiti. Haitian stakeholders include the Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Education, Port-au-Prince municipality and the municipal water supply company. Global Communities works on a daily basis with the local community platform to ensure that beneficiary priorities are included in the program’s design, execution and sustainability.