



Project Update from Haiti

Fundraising Goal for 2022-2023

\$40,000

Amount Raised for Haiti in 2021-2022:

\$29,786

Countries of Focus:

Benin, Sierra Leone, Haiti

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For a 2nd year, the Multiple District 19 Lions are raising funds to fight hunger and help children from very poor communities in Haiti.

Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world. It is estimated that half of the people in the country do not have enough to eat, and Haiti ranks 170th of 189 countries on the Human Development Index. While Haiti has made great strides in the past two decades, the country has been faced with devastating setbacks that are pushing a majority of the population back into poverty. Hunger is rising around the world due to complex combination of factors including increased droughts, the COVID-19 pandemic and inflation. The war in Ukraine has worsened the crisis, with shortages of fertilizer and lack of food production in Europe creating a cascading affect. Haiti is among the countries most affected, and in the past year, violence in the country and natural disasters such as hurricanes and the earthquake of 2021 have made the situation even more dire. In addition to increasing hunger in the country, many people lack basic necessities such as clean water, sanitation and healthcare. And literacy rates are extremely low, with two out of ten children not attending primary school.

It is for these reasons that Multiple District 19 Lions has been working to raise funds for some of the most vulnerable in Haiti – children. **Through CARE, MD19 is helping provide meals and snacks in schools to decrease hunger among children and to increase school attendance.**

Last year, MD19 raised \$29,786 which was used by CARE from March-August 2022 to provide a daily snack and nutritious hot meal to 522 students and 60 teachers and staff in four different schools in the Cayes-Jacmel and Jacmel Valley region. As a result of the MD19-CARE project, the schools have reported that the health of students has increased along with attendance rates. The project also

