

2013 Cobocol Annual Impact Report



Kesner's daughter pictured here recovered from child malnutrition. Thanks to sponsor's support, more children are getting a second chance to grow healthy and strong.

Lives You Have Helped to Change in Haiti

Kesner, a mother of five, battled for an entire year, to save two of her children from severe malnutrition.

Too weak to attend school, their health struggle took its toll on the whole family. Kesner felt like her hands were tied as their condition steadily deteriorated.

"I had no hope of recovering my children, given the precariousness of my financial situation," she remembers.

Seeing their serious condition, World Vision health workers in Cobocol took action.

Kesner was invited to join a nutrition workshop for mothers, where she learned how to lead her children on the road to recovery. With hands-on teaching, she began to prepare healthy, balanced meals using local ingredients that were affordable for her.

"I applied the concepts I learned in the preparation of food at home," she says. "Today, my children are doing very well, and are in great shape."

With both kids back in school, the whole family continues to grow healthy and strong, bolstered by the nutritious meals that Kesner provides.

Project Accomplishments

It usually takes about 15 years to reach real and lasting change. Last year, Cobocol completed its twelfth year of implementation. During this second phase, World Vision is working together with the community to monitor progress and make adjustments to meet program goals. More community members are involved and taking ownership of their success.

Project Snapshot

The Republic of Haiti shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic. Hispaniola is the second largest island in the Caribbean, sitting in the middle of the hurricane belt and subject to severe storms from June to October.

Haiti has the highest rates of infant and maternal mortality in the Western hemisphere. About 80% of the population lives below the poverty line. More than 120,000 Haitians are currently living with HIV and AIDS - the highest rate in the Americas.

High in Haiti's Central Plateau, north of the departmental capital of Hinche, the Cobocol program is working in four communities. The region's exposed soil is heavily eroded and the whole area susceptible to landslides and flash flooding. Water is in scarce supply. There are few industries or other means of survival here, so families live off of subsistence agriculture growing corn, peas, bananas, or raising small animals. Life is hard for families and children.

Thank you for helping to change the lives of thousands of children through your support of World

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching...and healing every disease and sickness." — Matthew 9:35 (NIV)



This annual report highlights the most significant project successes. Your generous support of World Vision's work in Haiti is making it possible for children, families and communities to break free from poverty and injustice.

Improve children and family health

Your gift supports World Vision's health programs to ensure children and their families are properly nourished and healthy:

- 642 malnourished children gained weight and recovered their health.
- 250 women learned to improve their children's nutrition.
- 32 midwives are now providing a higher standard of care to women in their communities. Participants learned postnatal hygiene and received new delivery kits.

Increase access to quality education

You are helping children receive higher quality education that will help keep them educated for life:

- More than 3,600 primary school students were able to continue their education after receiving financial support.
- 500 students learned to protect the environment.
- 337 high school students and 94 youth were trained on how to protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS.
- 295 community members participated in public events designed to raise awareness on HIV & AIDS.
- 50 teachers completed training that enhanced their teaching skills in math and science.

Improve water, sanitation, and hygiene

You are helping children and families get access to clean water which will ensure proper sanitation and hygiene:

- 275 families now have access to treated drinking water, which will help prevent the spread of waterborne illnesses.
- 200 handwashing stations were installed to promote hygiene and provide a cleaner living environment for local children.

Increase food production and livelihoods

You are helping farmer's produce more food and enable families to meet their basic needs through increasing household income:

- 70,000 seedlings were grown in nurseries and transplanted to reforest the area. Training sessions were also organized to promote the importance of trees, environmental protection and water management.
- 200 families learned new techniques that will help them earn a living by cultivating tomatoes, eggplants and beans.
- 217 youth completed vocational training in dressmaking and computer skills which will help them find jobs and earn an income.
- 200 women learned to process their crops so they can make the most of their harvest each year.



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