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Introduction

At **the HM Group Foundation**, we believe that hope is not something we wait for, but something we act on. It shows up every day in the work of a teacher who refuses to give up, a young person launching a project, an association that heals, supports and brings people together.

These are the stories we are committed to supporting and sharing. They remind us that, despite the challenges, Haiti is full of talent, courage and solutions. Our role is to give them the means to grow. In this newsletter, we invite you to discover some of the initiatives that, step by step, are reshaping the future of our communities.

"Alone we go faster, together we go further."

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

01 Hôpital Universitaire la Paix

A key player in public health in Haiti, the Hôpital Universitaire de la Paix (HUP) has become, since the closure of the Hôpital Général, the main source of affordable medical care for the vulnerable population of Port-au-Prince. Beyond its mission of care, HUP plays an essential role in training the next generation of doctors.

As part of strengthened bilateral cooperation, several HUP doctors were selected to take part in the training program "Medical Capacity Building Support Program / Training of Health Professionals," organized by the Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF). The training is taking place in Taiwan from September 1 to November 30, 2026, and covers Family Medicine and Emergency Medicine. The Taiwanese Government is covering living expenses and airfare.

To support the remarkable work of the medical teams, **the HM Group Foundation** contributed to this training by covering professional equipment and supplies, meals, and transportation to the training center.



BENEFICIARIES REACHED

5,000+ families

02 Association Haïtienne des Haïtiennes pour le développement

Restoring sight to change lives: this is the mission set by qualified doctors brought together within the Haitian Citizens' Association for Development, under the leadership of Dr. Yamilee Cherubin.

Recognizing this medical emergency, the HM Group Foundation had awarded a grant covering the full cost of 50 pediatric eye surgeries in Haiti for children with congenital cataracts. This first project was successfully completed, allowing these children to regain their sight.

Building on these results, **the HM Group Foundation** is now renewing its support to the association to fund surgeries for 25 more children, continuing together this work that brings hope to Haitian families.



BENEFICIARIES REACHED

25 children

03 Groupe de support contre le cancer

Founded in 1999 by cancer survivors, GSCC is the only Haitian organization fully dedicated to the fight against cancer. Recognized as a public-interest organization, it works across the entire care pathway: awareness, early screening, medical referral, psychosocial and nutritional support, and financial assistance for patients. In more than 25 years, GSCC has reached over 300,000 people through awareness efforts, screened more than 10,000 people, supported more than 2,500 patients and trained more than 300 volunteers.

Today needs far exceed available resources. Haiti has only five cancer treatment centers and no radiotherapy service, and the closure of the Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais in 2025 deprived many patients of their last access to affordable care. Requests for assistance to GSCC rose by 72% in the first half of 2025, as the disease affects increasingly younger patients and spreads in the provinces.

Aware of this reality, **the HM Group Foundation** is supporting GSCC to strengthen prevention, early screening and patient support, so that no one goes without care for lack of means or is diagnosed too late for lack of information.





04 FC Shana

Officially founded around 1999 at the initiative of the family of Haitian footballer Fabien Vorbe, FC Shana is one of the largest and most successful football training academies in Haiti. The club welcomes young people aged 6 to 16 from all social backgrounds and provides them with both athletic and educational guidance.

Last season, the club had 148 children, 42 of whom were fully supported by the club: uniforms, balls, water, training, transportation and other activity-related costs. For the 2026–2027 season, driven by the enthusiasm generated by Haiti's participation in the World Cup, FC Shana expects its enrollment to grow by 10 to 15%.

Convinced that sport is a powerful driver of education and social inclusion, **the**

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

5 children

HM Group Foundation supports this initiative by sponsoring five young scholarship players, allowing them to continue their development at the club regardless of their economic situation.

05 Haitian Ladies Network



Since its creation, the Haitian Ladies Network (HLN) has worked to connect and empower Haitian women around the world. Its community now has more than 100,000 members. Its flagship event, the Haitian Ladies Weekend, brings together more than 800 participants each year: executives, entrepreneurs, investors, elected officials, doctors, diplomats and cultural leaders from the United States, Canada, France, the Caribbean and Haiti, united around a common goal: creating opportunities for Haiti.

At the heart of the event, Les Galeries at HLW, a marketplace dedicated to women creators and entrepreneurs, has generated more than $217,000 in sales since 2019. In 2024, more than half of the products offered were made or sourced in Haiti.

A partner of HLN for three years through HM Group, **the HM Group Foundation** supported the 2026 edition of the Haitian Ladies Weekend, held October 2–4 in Washington.

06 Fondation IDEO





Led by the Fondation IDEO in collaboration with Ti Souf, the program “Simen Lanmou, Rekòlte Lapè” (Sow Love, Reap Peace) aims to spread a culture of love and peace in Haiti, with the long-term goal of having 6 million Haitians, or 51% of the population, embrace it in their daily lives. Its motto sums up its approach: transform yourself to transform Haiti.

Through training delivered in Creole, the program guides participants through a personal and community development journey built around four main pillars: managing emotions and compassionate communication, particularly within the family and in raising children; core values and leadership in service of the community; financial independence, with basic financial education and ideas for income-generating activities that can start without capital; and finally, developing a life plan.

Convinced that lasting peace is built first in hearts, families and neighborhoods, **the HM Group Foundation** supported this initiative, enabling more participants to benefit from the training and become agents of change in their communities.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

750 people

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

07 YWCA Haiti

YWCA Haiti's mission is to promote the leadership of young women and girls so that they contribute to the socio-economic development of their communities and the country. Through a human-rights-based approach and a "Safe Space" model, the organization supports them in becoming leaders, decision-makers and agents of change.

Its programs cover academic support and scholarships, leadership and entrepreneurship training, sexual and reproductive health education and gender-based violence prevention, access to health care and psychosocial support, as well as food assistance. In 2025, YWCA Haiti welcomed 198 girls aged 5 to 18 at its Youth Center and 240 young women at its Leadership Academy, awarded 20 full scholarships, provided health care to 120 participants and served 50,000 hot meals.

For 2026, its programs aim to reach 1,040 participants in several neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince: Martissant, Cité-Soleil, Solino, Bel-Air, Fort-National and Pétion-Ville.

A partner of YWCA Haiti through HM Group, **the HM Group Foundation** intends to renew its support to the organization to contribute to the education, empowerment and well-being of the girls and young women it serves.



TARGETED BENEFICIARIES

1,040 participants

08 Haiti National Trust

Located in the Massif de la Hotte in southwestern Haiti, Grand Bois National Natural Park is one of the country's last primary forests. Covering only 370 hectares, it is home to an exceptional concentration of endangered species, several of which exist nowhere else in the world. Recognized as a Key Biodiversity Area, it nevertheless remains threatened by agricultural clearing, tree cutting, fires, free-range livestock and the effects of climate change.

Present in Grand Bois since 2015, Haiti National Trust (HNT) has been its official manager since 2020, under an agreement with the National Agency for Protected Areas (ANAP) and the Ministry of the Environment, renewed in 2025. In three years, more than 360,000 native and endemic plants have been planted and 102 hectares are being restored. Six local forest rangers monitor the park daily. These efforts have also led to the discovery of six new amphibian species.

Over two years, the new project aims to provide lasting protection for 22 endemic and globally threatened tree species. It plans to restore 20 additional hectares of degraded forest, grow and plant 100,000 native and endemic plants, retain and equip the six forest rangers, and continue scientific monitoring. Local communities are involved in nurseries, reforestation, monitoring and awareness-raising. The project will benefit the entire ecosystem, including 21 amphibian, 3 reptile, 4 bird and 1 invertebrate species that are also threatened.

Aware that preserving this unique natural heritage is essential for future generations, **the HM Group Foundation** intends to support Haiti National Trust in this initiative. It will thereby join leading international partners in protecting Grand Bois and Haiti's biodiversity.





IN-KIND DONATIONS

09 Eglise St Vincent de Paul

Located in Thomassin 25, in the hills above Port-au-Prince, the Parish of Saint Vincent de Paul has served its community for more than sixty years. It is placed under the patronage of Saint Vincent de Paul, a 17th-century French priest known as the “father of the poor.” Faithful to this legacy of charity, the parish, led by Father Roger Antoine Pierre, accompanies the families of Thomassin in their spiritual life and helps them through difficult times.

On Sunday, September 27, 2026, the parish celebrated its 62nd anniversary. For the occasion, the parish community’s Central Committee organized a distribution of dry food on Saturday, September 19, for people in precarious situations in Thomassin 25 and the surrounding area. As the committee could not cover the cost of this initiative alone, it called on its partners.

Moved by this act of solidarity, **the HM Group Foundation** supported the Parish of Saint Vincent de Paul by donating cases of pasta. These donations helped complete the kits distributed to beneficiary families.





BENEFICIARIES REACHED

500 families

BACK TO SCHOOL 2026

In Haiti, where access to education remains a major challenge, the start of the school year is a particularly difficult time. Many parents struggle to pay school fees, and many schools lack the means to offer their students an adequate learning environment.

Aware of these difficulties, **the HM Group Foundation** mobilized this year to support the return to school. It helped three organizations distribute school kits to children in underserved areas, supported two schools in distributing kits to their students, and equipped one school with tables and chairs to provide better learning conditions.

Through these actions, the Foundation reaffirms its conviction that education is an essential lever for building Haiti’s future.

10 Kako’s Kids / EcoLife

Kako’s Kids

Founded in 2009 by comedian Jacques Bourjolly Jr., known as Kako, the Kako’s Kids foundation helps Haitian children build a better future through sport and education. For Kako, education comes first, and sport is a way to capture young people’s attention and show them the importance of school.

For the start of the school year, **the HM Group Foundation** supported Kako’s Kids in distributing school kits to the children it serves. The students were thus able to return to school with the supplies they needed.

EcoLife

EcoLife is a club created and run by high school students who want to promote recycling and sustainable development in Haiti. The club organizes educational activities to show children that simple actions, such as recycling or caring for their environment, can make a difference. It also encourages young people to get involved in serving their community.

For the new school year, EcoLife launched an initiative to provide backpacks and school supplies to underprivileged children. **The HM Group Foundation** supported this project by contributing to the distribution of school kits. The children were thus able to start the year with the supplies they needed.







BENEFICIARIES REACHED

1,000 students

11 École Mixte de la Pédagogie Moderne

Located in Morne Hercule, Pétion-Ville, the École Mixte de la Pédagogie Moderne strives to offer every child a quality education, whatever difficulties their family may face.

The school is going through a very difficult economic period. Many parents struggle to pay tuition fees. Some students even have to pay them themselves in order to continue their studies. This situation puts their education at risk, and some may not be able to finish the year. The school also hopes to improve its facilities to give its students an environment more conducive to their growth and success.

Convinced that no child should drop out of school for financial reasons, **the HM Group Foundation** supported the École Mixte de la Pédagogie Moderne by providing school kits to its students. This donation eases families' back-to-school expenses and helps children start the year with the supplies they need.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

100 students

12 École Mixte sur la Montagne de Gramothe

Founded in 1999 by Willem Charles, Mountain Top Ministries has supported families in two remote areas for more than 25 years: Gramothe, in Thomassin, and Dumay, in Pernier. The organization runs two schools, from preschool through the final year of secondary school, with a school cafeteria. It aims to help the Haitian people realize their potential and overcome poverty, village by village.

At the start of the school year, many families in these communities struggle to buy school supplies for their children. Mountain Top therefore requested school kits for the students of the École Mixte sur la Montagne de Gramothe, in Thomassin, to ease parents' expenses and allow children to study in better conditions.

Committed to education, **the HM Group Foundation** supported this initiative by providing school kits to the school's students. The children were thus able to start the year with the supplies they needed, and their families were relieved of part of the back-to-school costs.



BENEFICIARIES REACHED

200 students

13 École Nationale Olance Vilson

Located in Cayes-Jacmel, the École Nationale Olance Vilson serves 130 students, 52 girls and 78 boys, who study in particularly difficult conditions. The school lacks furniture, its blackboards are worn, its classrooms are in poor condition and it does not have adequate toilets.

To improve this environment for the long term, the project plans to provide school furniture for every student, install new blackboards, and repair and repaint the classrooms. It also includes additional supplies and the construction of a toilet.

Convinced that a suitable learning environment is essential to academic success, **the HM Group Foundation** supported this initiative by donating tables and chairs to the school. Students can now attend class in greater comfort and dignity.



BENEFICIARIES REACHED

130 students

SPONSORSHIP

14 Le Pétion-Ville Club

Le Pétion-Ville Club requested G HM Group's support as a sponsor of the 2nd edition of the PVC Team Cup, a sports competition bringing together the Club's members and friends in a spirit of friendship. The requested contribution was intended to ensure the event's success and offer participants a quality experience. In return, the Club offered the company visibility among members and guests, particularly on the competition's communication materials.

The HM Group Foundation responded favorably to this request and supported the event.



PROJECT UPDATE

15 Projet Communautaire – 1st Edition

Launched by **the HM Group Foundation** in collaboration with the Group's Human Resources department, the Community Project invited HM Group employees to design and lead initiatives serving their communities. For this first edition, 14 teams submitted projects covering a variety of themes, such as solar lighting, waste management, the rehabilitation of public spaces and the development of a community center.

The submissions underwent a rigorous evaluation based on standardized summary sheets before being reviewed by the committee. The final meeting was devoted to selecting the four winning projects, which will receive funding from the Foundation, subject to certain implementation conditions.

The HM Group Foundation warmly congratulates all participants for their commitment and the quality of the projects submitted. This first edition reflects the Group's employees' desire to contribute concretely to the development of their communities.



PROJECTS SELECTED
4 out of 14

Message to Our Employees

Dear colleagues,

This month, we first want to say thank you. Thanks to your creativity and generosity, the community projects led by our teams have shown everything we are capable of achieving together. Every idea submitted, every hour given and every act of solidarity reflects a conviction we share: the future of our country is also built from our workplaces.

On October 17, we will have the pleasure of celebrating the winning teams. But beyond the results, it is the collective momentum we want to honor: that of colleagues who chose to commit themselves to their community.

Whether you have already taken part or would like to, there is a place for you among us. Together, let us continue to make every commitment, however small, one more stone toward the change we want to see in Haiti.

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