

## **CHEMEN LAVI MIYÒ (CLM): PATHWAY TO A BETTER LIFE**



CLM is an 18-month accompaniment program that helps ultra-poor women attain a level of self-sufficiency. They develop the skills and confidence to run their chosen microenterprises, making it possible for them to feed their families daily, send their children to school, build a metal roof over their home, install a working latrine, and have access to clean water. The graduation rate is over 96%!

MFOH, in partnership with Fonkoze, Haiti's largest microfinance institution, will graduate in 2022 the third cohort of 200 women who are firmly on a path to a better life, with plans for two additional groups starting in 2023.



**We are a ministry of the  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.**

### **OUR MISSION**

Passionate for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to the legacy of Catherine McAuley, Mercy Focus on Haiti members are led to service and solidarity with people who are materially poor, especially those living in Haiti. We partner with the Haitian people to meet their unmet needs and we collaborate with like-minded organizations.

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## **MERCY FOCUS ON HAITI (MFOH)**

### **IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF HAITI**

*Through the current political, economic, social, and pandemic challenges afflicting Haiti, MFOH's support to the ultra poor in Haiti is ongoing and impactful.*

## AGRONOMY

Through the Grepen Center in Gros Morne, MFOH supports farmers and their families in activities including sweet potato weevil eradication, container and family gardens, reforestation, soil enhancement, seed development, and animal husbandry. MFOH also supports the hen house which supplies the local community and the Jezi and Mari School with fresh eggs – an affordable and vital source of protein.



## JEZI AND MARI SCHOOL

The Religious of Jesus and Mary operate this school for 500+ Haitian children, grades Pre-K to 7. MFOH supports their hot school lunches (often a child's only daily meal) and assists with tuition, desks and textbooks.

## MAISON BON SAMARITAIN

Maison Bon Samaritain (House of the Good Samaritan) is a residence for elderly, frail, mentally afflicted, and otherwise homeless people in Gros Morne. MFOH provides staff and program support for the 20 residents and capital improvements for the facility. The residents are served by a full-time nurse administrator, assistant administrator, and others.



## IMMERSION

Immersion programs provide the opportunity for Mercy high school and college students and adult friends/associates to travel to Gros Morne. Students learn the Haitian people's virtues, skills, and culture while participating in community-based learning projects; they describe their experiences as "life-changing!" With travel restricted, the focus has shifted to "bringing Haiti to the US" through educational activities at US high schools and colleges.

## RAINWATER HARVESTING

MFOH provides training and funding for a ferro-cement rainwater harvesting program in the Gros Morne region. These 1,000-1,500-gallon cisterns support farmers and families with rainwater for fields, home gardens, and clean drinking water and help control soil erosion during torrential storms.



## HUMANITARIAN AID

MFOH provides emergency funds to respond to food insecurity in the Gros Morne region. A group of 150 families first received emergency food, then funds, and finally, training in micro-enterprises that helped them become more self-sufficient. This training is now the model for the "Travay pou Mange" (Work to Eat) initiative for a new group of 150 families.