

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

Given the success of CLM, Mercy Focus on Haiti seeks to raise \$500,000 to support an additional group of 200 women and their families.

This investment in another cohort would bring the number of Haitians in the Gros Morne region who are firmly on the path to a better life to 5,000 (women and their families).

The cost is only \$2,500 per family.



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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*is how we banish
miserable poverty,
one family at a time.*

FROM ULTRA POVERTY TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY



CLM (Chemen Lavi Miyò) is an 18-month accompaniment program that helps the ultra poor move from abject hopelessness to a level of self-sufficiency.

This includes having two sources of income and the means to send their children to school.

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

The CLM director, regional supervisor, case managers, and traveling nurse, who carry out the daily operations of the program, are all Haitians.

- ▶ CLM is administered by Fonkoze, a trusted Haiti-based non-governmental organization, which has provided microfinance and development opportunities to the poor in Haiti for over 25 years.
- ▶ Since 2017, MFOH has partnered with Fonkoze to sponsor four groups of 200 women. Each cohort impacts more than 1,000 individuals as well as the local community.
- ▶ The selection of the fourth group of 200 women is underway; graduation will take place 18 months after the program starts. CLM has endured, with some adaptation due to unique challenges of the last few years.

▶ CLM's success has been dramatic, with a graduation rate of 96%.

- ▶ Fonkoze and MFOH recently evaluated the graduates who had entered the program in 2017. The data showed that ultra-poor women can lift their families out of extreme poverty if they are given the necessary tools, guidance, and accompaniment.



Before CLM, these women:

- ▶ Are unable to feed their families daily.
- ▶ Can't send their children to school.
- ▶ Are unable to read or write.
- ▶ Live in isolated, flimsy, leaky huts.
- ▶ Have no regular income and no hope for the future.



After 18 months, CLM graduates:

- ▶ Feed their children daily and have no untreated malnutrition in their homes.
- ▶ Send their children to school daily.
- ▶ Live in a 1-room house with a metal roof and their own latrine.
- ▶ Have at least two sources of income.
- ▶ Have a plan for the future and the confidence to know they can succeed.