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## SUCCESS STORY

### Konbit Grants Program Funds Haitian Actors of Change

*Konbit's goal is to increase the number of local development partners influencing and achieving significant and sustainable development results in Haiti, who are accountable to their constituents and who are able to effectively compete for and manage resources.*



Rock André, CEO CEDEL HAITI.



CEDEL HAITI's capacity grants contract signature.

Haitian institutions are often seen as inactive or absent in key areas of Haiti's growth. This is a misconception that ignores the many challenges this group faces. One of the most significant difficulties is that they are not structured to compete for and manage international funding, due to lack of access to organizational capacity development, thus limiting their ability to be actors of change.

To strengthen organizational capacity, Konbit offers funding through its Small Grants Program for technical assistance to specific local service providers. To date, the project has assisted six local organizations improve their accounting systems and develop their strategic and communication plans, among other forms of support.

*"CEDEL HAITI is a proud beneficiary of a Konbit capacity building grant. Thanks to this funding, we've addressed key issues regarding our organizational capacity. Today our financial system is greatly improved and we are working on our procedures manual and drafting a new five-year strategic plan. Overall, we are diligently preparing CEDEL HAITI's future, and Konbit's contribution has been and continues to be critical to our success."*

To date, Konbit has obligated close to \$400,000 in capacity building grants.

To further encourage local participation, Konbit has also developed an innovation grants program. These grants are designed to fund inventive solutions to development challenges specific to the Haitian context. Konbit is on track to fund about \$1 million in innovation grants in 2018.

Haiti's growth can only be sustainable if it is led by Haitians. Konbit continues to advocate for locally-driven development and local access to larger market opportunities. The comprehensive work undertaken so far by Konbit and its partners will continue to leverage the now stronger Haitian organizations, such that they become larger, more impactful participants in the development of Haiti.