



# SUCCESS STORY

## Konbit.ht: Putting Haiti on the Digital Map

*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.*



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In Haiti, local and foreign institutions working in the country suffer from a lack of access to information. Not only are data produced by the Haitian Government or other entities not published or accessible to a wider audience, but service providers are not listed, and funding opportunities are not shared. As a result, outsiders see Haiti as a difficult country in which to invest, and local service providers often don’t have access to funding opportunities.

To encourage foreign investments in Haiti and support local service providers, Konbit built the Development Innovation Network platform, konbit.ht.

Launched in June of 2017, konbit.ht aims to improve access to networks, markets and information. To date nearly 600 companies and organizations have registered, over 800 individuals have created a profile, over 20 funding opportunities and more than 50 knowledge documents have been posted on the platform.

*“The lack of information is a result of not having a platform where the results from the previous studies could be circulated. Therefore, konbit.ht is a great solution to this issue”,* said Stanley Saint Jean, DAI/ Finance Inclusive Analyst.

Saint Jean added that *“DAI/ Finance Inclusive is using konbit.ht to post our reports from different studies and as a public platform to post RFPs. We believe that konbit.ht is the best way to store the results of our surveys and activities so they remain available even after the project is closed.”*

Fabrice Dugas, President of Groupe ECHO notes that *“Konbit.ht is more than an information exchange platform. It’s a place to work; exchange information; and find resources, services, people and opportunities. For us at Groupe ECHO, konbit.ht is where ideas and innovation meet resources: the perfect equilibrium for development.”*

With the information available on this platform, local companies are inspired and able to improve their systems so they can compete for ever-larger projects.

Konbit.ht continues to connect local and foreign companies to the benefit of Haiti’s development. As of today, a total of \$10.4 million in funding is available on the platform.