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## KATA Konbit ak Tèt Ansanm

### **Background:**

In December 2006, the Jobs, Opportunities, re-Building Structures (JOBS) program was awarded. The JOBS program, later renamed KATA- Konbit ak Tèt Ansanm, meaning Working Together, supports USAID's Peace and Stability Objective through Conflict Mitigation programs. The implementing partner is undertaking infrastructure rehabilitation and vocational skills training to create jobs in order to contribute to peace and security in Haiti. This program is working in five conflict-prone cities in Haiti. The project agreement was amended in September 2007 to add Haiti Stabilization Initiative (HSI) activities in Cite Soleil concentrating upon job creation through the rehabilitation of productive public infrastructure and workforce development.

### **Objectives:**

Engender stability through the creation of immediate and durable employment and the rehabilitation and building of social and productive infrastructure.

### **Activities:**

KATA implements a program of community-based participatory development activities and a private sector demand-driven workforce development program for at-risk youth. The program encourages private sector investment, community involvement and participation of Government of Haiti and local elected leaders in identification, implementation, and maintenance of KATA projects.

### **USAID Support:**

Since the beginning of the program in 2006 until the end of September 2008, USAID/Haiti has committed \$52 million for KATA programs in the five hotspot cities including the \$6.45 million of Haiti Stabilization Initiative funding for Cite Soleil and \$2.5 million for assistance and recovery activities and flood control activities in affected watersheds following the devastating 2008 hurricane season. USAID will soon commit an additional \$16.5 for hurricane recovery activities.

### **Life of Project:**

November 2006 to September 2010

### **Geographic Focus:**

KATA works in disadvantaged communities in urban, peri-urban and surrounding rural areas of Cap-Haitian, Gonaïves, Saint-Marc, Petit-Goâve and selected neighborhoods within Port-au-Prince.

### **Implementing Mechanism and Partner:**

The KATA program is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF) International. CHF International works with the Haitian government at all levels, the private sector, and the communities at large as catalysts and "bridge builders" in the conflict mitigation process. The ministries of Public Works, Education, Environment, and Planning are key stakeholders in the implementation of this program.

### **FY 2008 Program Results:**

Since its inception, the KATA program has worked with community-based associations and local authorities of the five conflict-prone hotspots to identify and prioritize productive and social infrastructure for rehabilitation. As a result, 58 projects were completed as of September 2008. Project types include school rehabilitation, road paving, soil conservation, drainage canals, and health facility rehabilitation. To date CHF has created more than 105,000 new job opportunities and more than 132,000 people from at-risk groups participated in those activities. More than 800 students have been enrolled in the KATA work-force development program, 383 of whom have gained employment opportunities. During FY 2008, CHF worked with the private sector to establish 3 new business councils. This reflects significant progress in linking the private sector, government and the KATA program in identifying and developing economic development projects that will lead to future long-term jobs.

**Expected Results Over Life of Program:**

- Priority productive and social infrastructure identified through participation of elected government authorities (local and/or line ministry) and community representatives.
- Infrastructure designed and rehabilitated with emphasis upon labor intensive construction methodology.
- Rehabilitated infrastructure operated or maintained with local resources.