



## Caracol EKAM Site Development – Northern Corridor

USAID is supporting the preparation of the Caracol EKAM site in Haiti’s Northern Corridor for the construction of housing and provision of services.



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USAID will construct up to 1,500 lots at the Caracol EKAM site, which is currently undeveloped.

### Overview

The development of the Northern Industrial Park in Haiti’s northern corridor represents an opportunity for Haiti to rebuild its light manufacturing sector, which will increase economic prosperity for Haitians by providing affordable, quality apparel goods to the American consumer. In proximity to the Park—which is being developed by the Government of Haiti (GOH), in conjunction with the Inter-American Development Bank and the U.S. Government (USG)—USAID plans to construct permanent housing on the Caracol EKAM site. USAID plans to construct sites and provide services for up to 1,500 lots; services include basic infrastructure, such as storage, sanitation, roads, footpaths, and storm drainage, as well as access to water and electricity.

### Objectives

The purpose of the program is to provide a culturally appropriate modest dwelling for the Caracol EKAM site, made preferably from locally available materials that can be easily repaired or expanded and that are capable of safely resisting the geo-hazards of the country.

### Activities

USAID is supporting CEEPCO Consulting to engage in 1) road layout and design; 2) water distribution system design; 3) drainage layout and design; 4) sanitation solution design; 5) solid waste solution/disposal; 6) solutions for preparation of the house pad, or floor slab of a housing structure; and 7) solutions for final parcel identification, which serve as identifiers for specific plots.

CEEPCO Consulting is also obtaining the site’s topography, as part of the site planning process. Furthermore, CEEPCO Consulting is developing the Scoping Statement for the environmental analysis—which is conducted to identify significant environmental issues associated with the project—and completing the draft environmental assessment for the permanent settlements. CEEPCO Consulting is also providing geotechnical services and will furnish a report on the results of the soil analysis, when completed. Findings and products from this contract will inform the process for constructing housing and developing services for the 1,500 planned lots.

**Life of Project:** June 2011 – June 2012

**Implementing Partner:** CEEPCO Consulting