

HAITI

Port-au-Prince, metropolitan area



HOUSING

Supporting the development of small construction companies by promoting disaster-proof housing and locally-produced building materials



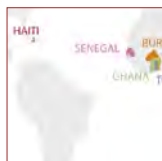
ENTREPRENEURS du Monde

In order to provide continued support to builders and entrepreneurs, the programme needs €40,000 in 2014

COUNTRY FACTS

- 10 million inhabitants
- Ranked 161/187 on the HDI*
- Life expectancy: 62 years
- Literacy rate: 49%

* Human Development Index



MISSION

The 2010 disaster prompted Entrepreneurs du Monde, involved with Haiti's development since 2003, to seek a construction method that would be earthquake and hurricane-resistant and which could be made available to the most impoverished families, to schools, associations, etc. With these goals, CRAterre, alongside its Haitian partners, developed a timber frame technique with an infill of earthquake rubble or other masonry. This has been approved by the Haitian Ministry of Public Works. Entrepreneurs du Monde trains builders in this technique and supervises building



sites. It helps them to start-up their businesses and to come together as a professional association, in order to promote this construction method.

Furthermore, a range of building materials, originally made from earthquake rubble, is

produced and marketed in the Ateliers de Carrefour Feuilles. The Ateliers are training and production workshops set up to promote economic development after the earthquake.

Finally, Entrepreneurs du Monde promotes home loan programs that can be combined with a subsidy in order to facilitate access to housing for the poor.

2013 SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS



New buildings completed

Two entrepreneurs, trained and supervised by Entrepreneurs du Monde, have built three community centres in Port-au-Prince. These buildings were funded by the UNDP and made available to the Neighbourhood Management Committee, as part of a government project to redevelop the poorest zones in the metropolitan area. Two schools project are underway in the outlying suburbs: the first one, of 300 m² over two floors, ordered by the Port-au-Prince Diocesan Education Office, and the second, of 200 m², ordered by the Coopération suisse (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation).

A new group of trained builders-entrepreneurs

These projects have enabled Entrepreneurs du Monde to contribute

towards the redevelopment of selected areas whilst at the same time training new builders in the earthquake- and hurricane-resistant construction using a timber frame technique with masonry infill. As part of these training programmes, 11 local builders have attended 8 technical training sessions and 5 sessions on business management. Since the launch of the programme, 40 builders have received training in both disaster-proof construction and entrepreneurship.

Creation of the @PROCOM association

With the support of Entrepreneurs du Monde, the craftsmen and entrepreneurs have founded their own association. 24 builders and engineers have adopted the statutes and elected a board of directors of 5 members. Registration process has begun with the relevant authorities.



EMMANUEL HAS BECOME A PIONEER IN HIS PROFESSION

The building method promoted by Entrepreneurs du Monde is excellent for insulation and is earthquake-resistant. I have learnt a lot from the training sessions on site management and on setting up a business. I have already been involved in the construction of ten buildings with Entrepreneurs du Monde. Today, we can not only build this design ourselves, but also teach others to do so. Before my training, I was just working as a technical builder. Since then, I have worked as site manager on several projects. I have also negotiated two major contracts that I have completed under the supervision of Entrepreneurs du Monde. Finally, I played an enthusiastic part in the founding of the @PROCOM association.

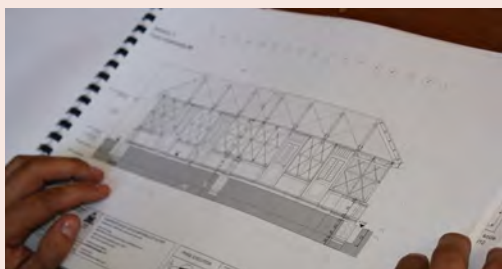
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AN EVOLVING CONSTRUCTION METHOD

As well as being disaster-resistant, environmentally friendly and rooted in the Haitian tradition, this housing design, promoted by the Housing programme, is proving to be evolutionary and adaptable to a variety of types of terrain.

The latest buildings have shown that the design can evolve whilst retaining its fundamental features. Indeed, a single-storey building combining confined masonry with a timber frame has been designed and tested by the technical team. It combines rigidity with flexibility whilst remaining faithful to the original design, and allows the ground floor to be built of brick or stone.



2013 KEY FIGURES

- 11 new builders and carpenters trained
- 15 houses and 2 community centres built
- 3 people given support in the setting up/formalisation of their business
- 2 workshops for the production of building materials
- 25 affiliated hardware stores distributing these workshops' products

OBJECTIVES



Promoting the @PROCOM association

Entrepreneurs du Monde will support professionals within the @PROCOM association so that they can carry out projects on its behalf. It will also put them in touch with customers, oversee and ensure the quality control of the building process and provide ongoing training.

New building projects

As part of a joint project with Solidarités International, Entrepreneurs du Monde will build housing for poor families and will help them

to obtain housing loans. In the course of these projects, builders will receive training in the construction method developed by the programme.

Transfer of the Carrefour Feuilles Workshops

As part of the development strategy of the Workshops, a transfer of activities (production, marketing) is planned. Identifying the transferee and his support is under process. At the same time, Entrepreneurs du Monde will continue its efforts to boost the marketing of the materials, in particular by setting up a hardware shop.



FUNDING NEEDS

In 2013, the Housing programme benefited from funding by several partners: the French Secours Catholique, the Abbé Pierre Foundation, the Pro Victimis Foundation; the International Federation of the Red Cross, the Mercy Corps and the American Red Cross. However, it remains necessary to forge new partnerships in order to complete this funding, as the program still needs €40,000 for 2014.



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