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## **Introduction**

A study shows that, only 34% of Haitian youth exercised their right to vote in 2004, compared to more than 60% in the late 1950s. Getting more young people to the polls requires specific measures and a general environment that empowers youth to participate in civic life. Voter turnout in Haiti remains low and electoral events are often marked by tensions and violence that undermine the credibility of the electoral council and the electoral process. These events have serious consequences, such as the loss of motivation of many voters, especially women and youth, who often feel excluded from the decision-making process. Moreover, young people from 18 to 35 years old represent one third of the Haitian population but their influence in the national politics remains limited and I think that young people are considered as a crucial instrument in the advent of a social and political transformation, hence the choice of my theme "The election".

## **Problem, rationale and context**

The main problem in this project is *low youth participation in elections*.

Voting offers the possibility to choose the representatives, each citizen can elect the candidates he/she trusts, those with whom he/she shares the same values, the same opinions and the same vision. Voting is important in all types of elections, every ballot counts. The inclusion of young people in politics is important because they will have the right to vote and using their right to vote is a way to exercise their citizenship. It allows citizens to protect their freedom and make democracy work. And this right will allow them to express their will, it will give them the right to elect their representatives (parliamentarians) and governments (the president of the republic) so that they can participate in political decision making - young people must be seen as potential agents of change, as part of the solution and not as part of the problems to be solved, not voting means leaving to others the decision to vote for us, participating in the elections allows to make one's own choice on the life of a community, of a country and thus on one's own future, abstention does not allow to express one's voice, to be heard by the future leaders.

In the context of an authoritarian political regime, the power is strongly personalized around the president, their motivation is the conquest of power for the sake of power rather than to influence

the policy, the programs are pure lies, the electoral campaigns are conducted on a personal basis, so it has become difficult to motivate the voter and to make him vote.

This problem occurs regularly every time we have to renew the political staff.

## **Conceptual model of the project**

### *The client*

This project is proposed to the State through the Provisional Electoral Council. It is the responsibility of the state to improve the political participation of young people, to take into account their expectations, to inform them about who, when, where and how to vote. This practical information is particularly important for those who are voting for the first time, it is necessary to arouse their interest with programs dedicated to the issues that affect the 18-30 age group.

It is important to address this issue because it will save the state unnecessary expenses in elections and will be able to count on the participation of more young active citizens in elections with much more reliable results.

### *Stakeholders and measure of the severity of the problem*

This problem affects the general population, the leaders, the president and the youth.

Because of their lack of participation in the elections, it is left to others to decide whether to vote for them or not, which means that the silent majority will not be able to express themselves. It will not be able to establish a regime based on fundamental freedoms, social peace, economic equity and participation of the whole population in the major decisions affecting national life. It will not be able to address the health services it needs, nor a satisfactory quality of education.

## **Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat**

### *Strength*

- Online platforms used to share knowledge and develop networks among politically engaged youth

- Multimedia strategies for attracting youth attention

### *Weakness*

- Lack of trust of citizens in leaders
- Lack of support from the population which is an issue for the realization of the elections
- The low level of education of the population are factors that influence the rate of participation.
- The electoral results are known in advance according to the youth.
- Political parties that do not really address young people, their proposals are not aimed at young voters.

### *Opportunity*

Given that organizing elections remains a challenge for a president, his full term in office would be a real opportunity for him to achieve elections in the country. The low rate of youth participation in elections provides an opportunity for the state to improve the rate of participation in electoral processes and the level of social engagement. This would raise awareness while using online platforms for the development of civic competence by pushing back the boundaries of ignorance.

### *Threat*

The situation is particularly difficult when a serious loss of confidence appears, as well with regard to the institutions as to the politicians, in the politics, the confidence crosses a deep crisis the politicians often have a degraded image in the eyes of the young people and of the population because the citizens to elect his representative, must trust him and this confidence must last throughout his mandate moreover this confidence of the voter must relate to the representative system such is not always the case for certain presidents

So this is a weak point that would represent a great potential threat because nobody would really want to support them.

Here is the link to the questionnaire:

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