



LAKOU LAPÈ

*TRANSFORMING VIOLENT CONFLICT INTO POSITIVE PEACE*

# EMERGENCY

## FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2022

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# ABOUT US

HAITI'S LEADING CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION ORGANIZATION



Lakou Lape is an indigenous Haitian peacebuilding organization founded in 2012 to enable inclusive dialogue and sustained conflict transformation in Haiti. We work on the frontlines of conflict in Haiti to train and accompany dialogue facilitators and influential inside mediators from varied social sectors and violence-affected neighborhoods and to engage them in collaborative action for peace. We also support restorative justice processes and conduct field-level research and conflict analysis.

We bring an intimate knowledge of the local context due to our broad network of relations with a range of political stakeholders, business leaders, security sector actors, civil society organizations, and community leaders from violence-affected neighborhoods in the metro Port-au-Prince area.

# THE NEED

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HAITI



Haiti is facing its worst crisis in decades. In a vicious cycle, protracted political instability is fueling unprecedented levels of violence, deepening economic suffering and hindering development and humanitarian action. Successive governments have failed to organize legitimate elections, provide basic services or uphold fundamental rights. Armed gangs are sowing terror, forcing tens of thousands to flee their homes, preventing millions of children from attending school, and bringing essential activities to a standstill. Efforts to seek a way out of the current impasse have not gained enough traction to enable a breakthrough.

The need for inclusive, sustained and locally-supported dialogue to repair relations and build consensus and confidence around the way forward has never been more apparent.

Lakou Lapè is uniquely positioned to address this need due to our expertise in facilitating multi-track peacebuilding, our access to influential leaders at all levels of Haitian society, and our credibility as a neutral third party.

# CREATING IMPACT

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LAKOU LAPÈ ACHIEVEMENTS

### **Facilitating Multi-Track Dialogue**

With support from the European Union, we facilitated over 120 dialogue sessions engaging 74 influential leaders from the political, business, media and civil society sectors and from four conflict affected neighborhoods. The process enabled them to build consensus on the root causes of violent conflict in Haiti and to propose solutions for achieving positive peace. Participants gained new relationships and identified specific strategies and opportunities to engage themselves and others in peacebuilding in Haiti.

### **Empowering Peacebuilders in Violence-Affected Neighborhoods**

With Inter-American Foundation and UN Peacebuilding Fund support, we trained 540 youth from Cité Soleil, Saint Martin, and Bel Air in conflict management and trauma awareness, enabling them to adopt new behaviors as a result. Over 50 of them received entrepreneurship training and funds to launch small businesses. We brought 45 community leaders from Cité Soleil together to analyze the dynamics of conflict in their neighborhoods, map the actors involved, and develop strategies for implementing an inclusive dialogue process in their community. With additional UN support, we facilitated dialogues throughout Martissant that led to community identification and implementation of public infrastructure projects.

### **Growing Haiti's Peacebuilding Sector**

We are building local capacity to design and deliver effective peacebuilding processes - training multiple teams of frontline peacebuilding practitioners, providing them with opportunities to use their skills, and nurturing a community of learning and practice. We actively seek coordination with other agencies.

### **Influencing Policy and Public Opinion**

We are emerging as a respected thought leader. We have been commissioned to undertake numerous conflict analyses and are regularly consulted by diplomats, UN agencies, donors, NGOs and journalists. We are using our voice to promote strategic thinking about conflict transformation in Haiti, including advocating for a collective impact approach to break the cycle of siloed, short-term projects and enable more evidence-based strategies.

# HELP US

## CLOSE THE FUNDING GAP



At a time when our work is more important than ever, we are facing a significant financial shortfall. The high levels of insecurity and galloping inflation have had serious budgetary repercussions for Lakou Lapè. Although our fuel costs have doubled and projects have taken longer to complete, our institutional donors have not provided increased funding to cover additional staff time and costs.

**As such, we need to raise at least US \$80,000 by the end of the year.** This money will allow us to cover the shortfall from completed projects and to remain operational in reduced mode for 5 months while we wrap up current projects and develop proposals to secure a new round of grant funding that could begin to materialize in April 2023.

*We are aiming for 100% participation in this campaign. Your gift of any size makes a difference and helps us reach our goal.*

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# OUR PARTNERS

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

We are proud to partner with a variety of organizations and communities on conflict transformation. When we work together, we can increase our impact and effect positive change.



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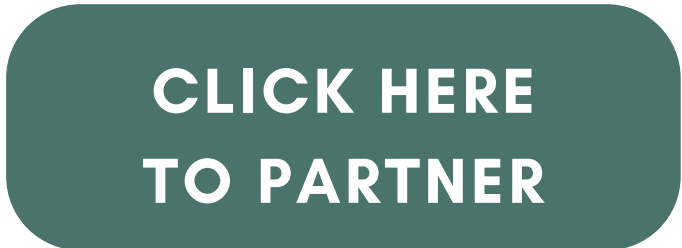


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