The Haiti Development Institute (HDI) is built on the belief that systemic change in Haiti is only possible if strong civil society organizations are at the forefront of that change, increasing civic engagement and leading communities to drive their own development. Local leaders, civil society organizations, and social entrepreneurs have the potential to bring transformative benefits to communities and engender systemic change throughout Haiti.

Yet international philanthropy in Haiti largely supports donor-driven initiatives. Despite the tremendous value community-based organizations provide to their local communities, most do not have access to adequate funding and other forms of support.

HDI’s mission is to promote sustainable development in Haiti by: 1) strengthening local community organizations, 2) acting as a civic leader, connector, and convener leading conversations to drive equitable social change, and 3) helping philanthropists learn, collaborate, and connect with impactful opportunities to help build Haitian organizations.

**VISION**
A new Haiti built hand-in-hand with opportunity and justice for all.

**MISSION**
We work to build sustainable communities by supporting local leaders, strengthening organizations, and connecting stakeholders for transformative, systemic impact.

**OUR APPROACH**
Empowering is the answer.
Being there matters. Truly effective work is personal.
Collaboration is critical.
STRATEGY & ACTIVITIES

- Equip leadership to be effective with trainings and accompaniment
- Invest in organizational readiness
- Get resources to communities through community organizations

Strengthen communities through effective organizations and leaders

- Advise philanthropists and guide on donor trips
- Provide intermediary grant management
- Foster thought leadership and collaboration through Funders Conferences

Amplify the impact of philanthropic organizations

- Promote development of equitable solutions to social problems
- Support networks of community organizations
- Convene stakeholders to identify and push levers for change
- Produce research and data to support informed interventions

Support the Haitian non-profit sector to drive systemic change

HISTORY

The Haiti Development Institute is a legacy of the Haiti Fund, a five-year fund established by the Boston Foundation following the devastating 2010 earthquake. The Haiti Fund provided relief to affected communities while also supporting long-term reconstruction efforts by Haitian communities and the Greater Boston Haitian diaspora.

The Haiti Fund made 140 grants in Haiti and the Greater Boston area. It also supported studies and advocacy work on how to strengthen the Haitian nonprofit sector and the impact of philanthropy in Haiti. The Haiti Fund developed the Capacity Building program for grassroots nonprofit organizations and created a network of Haiti funders convening biennially to learn and share best practices, and identify opportunities for collaboration.