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# USAID/HAITI PROJECT SUPPORTING THE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF STATE RESOURCES (GERÉ)

## FACT SHEET

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### OVERVIEW

Duration: February 2019 - February 2022

Prime Implementor: RTI International

Sub-Partners: IFOS and CFET

Geographic Focus: North, West, and South

### BACKGROUND

For decades now, Haiti has sought to build lasting democracy founded on the rule of law, good governance, accountability, inclusive economic and political participation, and the effective, inclusive and equitable management of the country's resources. These aspirations have long been thwarted by political instability, a culture of endemic corruption, and centralization of power and resources within the central government in Port-au-Prince to the detriment of rural communities and populations.

All of these factors have contributed to poor resource mobilization, inadequate investments, limited development and a chronic lack of basic public services for all Haitian citizens. Since July 2019, fuel shortages, protests, and restricted movements of the population have further exacerbated the country's fragile economic situation.

Funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Supporting the Efficient Management of State Resources (GERÉ) project is a three-year project conceived from lessons learned with previous governance sector projects. GERÉ will assist the Haitian Government, both at the central and local levels, to improve good governance, transparency, accountability, decentralization and citizen participation. This will contribute to helping the Haitian government become more transparent and responsive and improve its public service delivery in healthcare, education, agriculture, energy, and modern and sustainable infrastructure.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

GERÉ has three core objectives:

- 1) Support national and local government officials to manage and mobilize resources to improve service delivery.
- 2) Increase opportunities for engagement between citizens, civil society, the private sector, and the government in defining and addressing development priorities.
- 3) Improve communication, collaboration, and coordination across and between levels of government and with Parliament, on policy, budget, and service delivery issues.

GERÉ activities will provide support to work with all levels of government so that they can more effectively fight against corruption, mobilize local resources, engage with their citizens, implement their development priorities, and improve public services through new management principles and technological innovations.

In its six-month inception period, the project conducted a political economic analysis as well as a gender equality sexual inclusion analysis. Following this process, the project adopted an integrative and interactive approach involving key central and local government actors as well as civil society organizations and community-based organizations. The project will utilize tools adapted for improving public management and governance to foster capacity building, citizen participation and gesi.

Proposed activities will include:

- Supporting at the local level (e.g., targeted mayors' offices) key stakeholders' resource mobilization, capacity building, and accountability.
- Encouraging close collaboration among and between local authorities and other stakeholders to improve governance tools and strengthen citizens' engagement.
- Facilitating the development of a partnership framework at the central and local levels that encourages stronger linkages, cooperation and collaboration.

GERÉ will begin its activities in two communes in the north - Pignon and St-Raphael and expand to eight other municipalities in consideration, for a total of ten during the second and third phases. The areas being considered are Terrier-Rouge and Caracol, Carrefour, Tabarre, and Arcahaie, Cavaillon and Aquin, Ouanaminthe, Cap-Haitien, St-Marc, and St-Louis du Sud.

## JOURNEY TO SELF-RELIANCE

GERÉ will support Haiti's Journey to Self-Reliance by strengthening the Haitian Government's capacity both at the central and local levels to mobilize local resources, foster more inclusive citizen participation, and achieve its own development goals. This approach will provide increased and sustainable public services to Haitian citizens, empower communities and promote more equitable economic development.



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