The Cyclical Relationship between Generational Poverty and Poor Education:

Breaking the Barrier in Haiti

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In 2014, HDI ranked 168 / 187

National Income per capita is $1730

Gross National Income Per Capita averages $14,098 for Caribbean/Latin American developing countries (Haiti Partners, 2015).
“Without education, there is no life.” - Christine of Haiti (UNICEF)
Poor Education in Haiti

Problems:
- Illiteracy
- High-dropout rate
- Inadequate teachers
- Rate of private schools v. public

Barriers:
- Resources
- Infrastructure
- Poverty
Poverty’s Effect on Education in Haiti

Relational Poverty
- Lack of parental support/healthy relationships
- Hopelessness regarding life and learning

Material Poverty
- No health care
- No supplies
  - Books, clothing, other school supplies
- Financial Poverty
Poor Education’s Effect on Poverty in Haiti

- Life skills
- Job skills
- Living independently
- Contributing back to society
- Several factors contribute to poor education:
  - Language barriers
  - High dropout rate & repeated grades
  - Unqualified teachers
**What We Can Do?**

**Cultural sensitivity**
- Learners not educators
- Teaching self-sufficiency

**Train effective teachers**
- Haitian originals
- The role of Creole/French
- Adequate pay for teachers/teacher absenteeism

**Sponsor a child:** [http://outreachtohaiti.org/programs/education](http://outreachtohaiti.org/programs/education)

*Source: The Influence of Parent Education and Family Income on Child Achievement: The Indirect Role of Parental Expectations and the Home Environment*
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela


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