

THE CYCLICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
GENERATIONAL POVERTY AND POOR  
EDUCATION:

BREAKING THE BARRIER IN HAITI

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# 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

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## 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

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- *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?

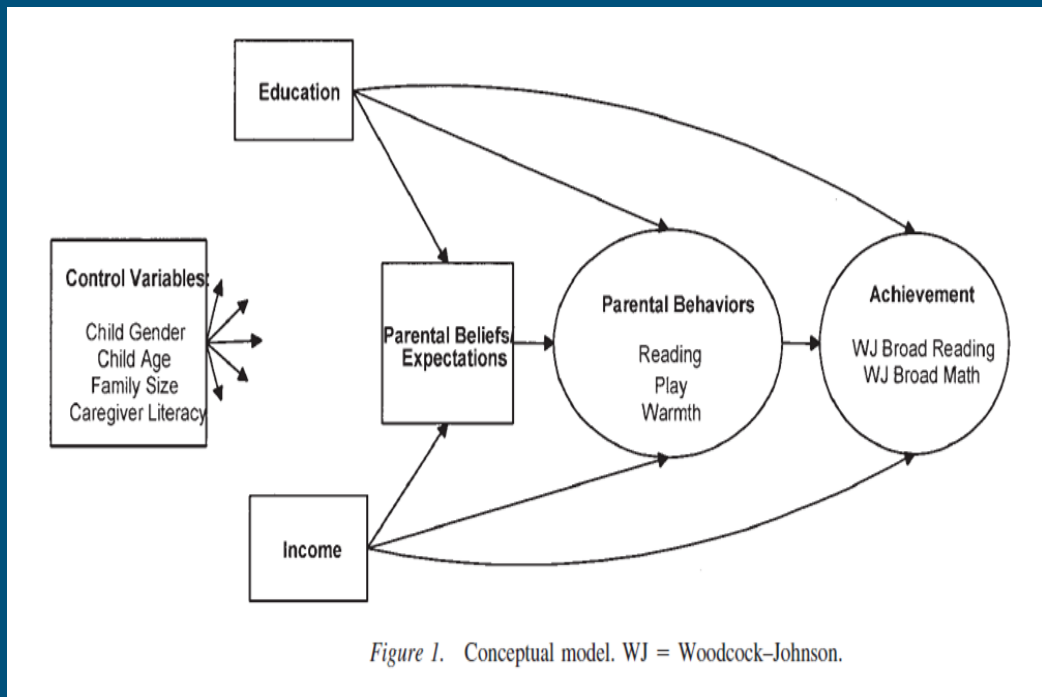
## Cultural sensitivity

- *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>



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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