

## **Maize: Adaptive & Innovative Solutions via Market Opportunities Using Local Investment (MAIS MOULIN)**

Papyrus and its partners, Les Moulins d'Haïti (LMH), Research Triangle International (RTI), and Alliance pour la Gestion des Risques et la Continuité des Activités (AGERCA) have been awarded this C\$13 million, 5-year, maize and bean value chain project funded by Global Affairs Canada.

Focused initially in the South of Haiti and subsequently in the Artibonite Valley, MAIS MOULIN will:

1. Increase access of maize farmers to competitive and dependable commercial markets by creating market incentives linked to a secure and large-scale buyer (LMH), using aggregated buying points in production areas and a built-in proven mobile supply chain management system
2. Improve capacity of farmers to realize increased yields and post-production quality of maize and secondary crops grown and marketed in target regions by providing extension in improved techniques and technologies, in post-production processing/handling, and in the best practices developed and delivered to producers
3. Increase knowledge and use of climate smart agriculture approaches, technologies, and practices by maize farmers and value-chain actors throughout production-harvest-post-harvest cycle through training in conservation farming for maize farmers, promotion of appropriate post-production practices for farmers and other value-chain actors, extension in farm business management, inclusive of women and youth, and greater availability of appropriate climate-smart technologies and materials
4. Increase resiliency of maize value chain actors living and working in targeted rural communities to negative impacts of natural disaster events via community disaster risk reduction (DRR) training and awareness-raising, access to DRR instruments to eligible maize farmers, and tree planting in targeted areas by women and youth.

These pillars will be buttressed by two essential cross-cutting activities:

1. Increased access of women and youth to profitably engage in maize and secondary crop value chains, through the development, deployment and continued verification of a gender strategy, and gender sensitivity incorporated into all value chain training and materials
2. A small grants activity comprising innovation/efficiency grants provided to local women, youth and other stakeholders operating in the maize and secondary crops value chains, and community disaster resiliency grants provided to local applicants in targeted maize-growing regions

The project partners will adapt and use the innovative and cost-cutting Mobile Traceability Platform developed in the SMASH sorghum value chain program.

The project will be governed by the MAIS MOULIN Consortium (MMC), consisting of the partners.