



Dominican Republic, North and East regions 'Solidarity in Production and Stronger Communities' - Training

This is a huge professional reintegration project run by AIC Dominican Republic since 2014. More than 400 people who were excluded from the job market have benefitted from professional training as well as educational workshops on participative and cooperative management, human and family rights, etc. The objective is to find a job in the private sector or to create an income-generating activity from home.

"We have achieved results beyond our hopes. This project has allowed so many people to appreciate and build on their skills" says Olimpia, who is in charge of this systemic change project.

Context

Numerous local communities have to contend with various situations of poverty, including limited access to drinking water, health services, decent accommodation and formal education. Women are often the sole heads of families. Many people (especially women from the migrant Haitian population) don't have the necessary education or training to find employment.



Project Theme and Activities

This huge professional training and human development project established by AIC Dominican Republic in 2014 has helped more than 400 people who were excluded from the job market. The main objective was to find a job with a company or by creating an income-generating activity from home; another objective was to strengthen community life and peoples' knowledge of their rights:

- Professional training in different sectors (agriculture, raising animals, artisanal products, making household products and items, etc.)
- Complementary educational workshops about participative and cooperative management and human, family and workers' rights, etc.
- Opening of community sports facilities

Key Figures

- More than 400 people who were excluded from the job market (women, pregnant teenagers and young people) have followed the training sessions
- 12 different sites in the North and East of the country



Local Partners

- Parishes
- Municipalities
- Local community organisations
- INFOTEP (National Institute of Professional Technical Training)

Future Prospects and/or Impact

This project has already enabled:

- An improvement in the standard of living of many beneficiaries through the sale of the goods they have produced.
- Better knowledge of each person's rights and responsibilities as a citizen and as a local community.
- The strengthening of AIC groups with regards to their identity and training.
- The creation of a network of women's organisations.