Kore Lavi - Food Security and Resilience

Objective: Reduced food insecurity and vulnerability by supporting the Government of Haiti in establishing a replicable safety net system and expanding capacities to prevent child undernutrition.

Funding: USAID Food For Peace

Duration: Aug 2013 – Sept 17
Extension: Oct 2017- Sept 2019

Build markets and self-reliance

Benefits

525,000 Haitians across 18 communes have benefitted from the program.

900+ Local vendors, primarily women, across Haiti sell local, nutritious foods to participants of the Kore Lavi program.

18,000+ Households gained access to locally produced and nutritious foods through monthly electronic and paper food vouchers.

173,000+ Mothers with young children provided food support to combat malnutrition.

1,241 Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) provided access to financial and credit institutions.

“Today, I am self-reliant. Kore Lavi has helped me build my resilience towards a flourishing life change.”

—SULFISE PAUL Butcher and program vendor for Kore Lavi

Sulfise Paul with her family. © CARE Haiti, 2019
## Participation in VSLA: Outcomes

You can be able to address other household needs (such as school fees, medical fees, clothing fees etc.): 56%

You want to be able to improve/increase your income: 51%

You can have access to other benefits from the program: 46%

You want to have unprecedented access to credits: 29%

You want to build and/or reinforce social bonds with other members in the communities: 8%

You like to participate in activities with other people: 6%

You want to stop dealing with the local MFI (Microfinance institutions) that charge high rate fees: 3%

None of them: 2%

Other (Please specify): 1%

### Indirect contribution of food vouchers

- Paying for school fees: 59%
- Saving in VSLA: 36%
- Paying medical fees: 28%
- Invest in agricultural endeavors: 23%
- Start-up income generating-activities: 17%
- Other (Please specify): 10%
- None of them: 7%
- Repairing my home which had been damaged: 4%
- Another family member used it: 4%
- Open a savings account at a Financial Institution: 1%

### Behavior change based on food consumption

- Accept food for voucher redemption that is locally grown: 89%
- Reduce food waste: 49%
- Reject junk food: 14%
- Distribute food equitably throughout the household: 10%
- Establish a balanced diet: 9%
- Consume a plant-based diet: 8%
- Reduce the amount of non-nutritious food: 8%
- Reject expired food: 3%
- None of them: 2%

Source: KL beneficiary resilience assessment, CARE Haiti, June 2019