



Foundation for Advancement of Haitian Midwives, Inc 2025 IMPACT REPORT

At FAHM, our work is guided by a simple but powerful belief: that pregnancy and childbirth should be safe, respectful, and equitable for **everyone**. Rooted in community, cultural knowledge, and collective care, we partner with Haitian midwives to strengthen maternal health systems and amplify the leadership of those with lived experience on the front lines.

Our vision is grounded in dignity, justice, and access—where quality sexual and reproductive health care is recognized as a human right, not a privilege. Through collaboration, advocacy, and capacity-building, we work toward lasting impact that honors tradition while embracing innovation.

This 2025 Impact Report reflects our continued commitment to these values and the progress made alongside our partners as we move closer to a healthier, more just future for families in Haiti and beyond.



OUR MISSION

FAHM works alongside Haitian midwives, midwifery students and professional associations to foster sustainable midwifery education, promote community-led health solutions, and strengthen the midwifery profession to improve maternal and infant health outcomes in Haiti.

OUR VISION

FAHM envisions a future in which midwifery is a viable profession, midwifery education programs are sustainable and every community throughout Haiti has access to the midwifery model of care which has been proven to decrease maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.



OUR GOALS

Providing financial, organizational, educational and developmental support to midwifery associations, education programs and midwifery students in Haiti

Raising funds to support and strengthen midwifery associations and education in Haiti

Disseminating information and providing technical assistance to midwifery associations, education programs and midwifery students in Haiti

Promoting the profession of midwifery through consumer education/awareness, outreach, strengthening Haitian professional midwifery associations in Haiti's 10 departments

Conducting any and all lawful activities which may be useful in accomplishing the foregoing purposes

Identify and establish partnerships with individuals and organizations aligned with our values/guiding principles

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES & BELIEFS

Midwives play a critical role in public health.

We believe in the autonomy of the Haitian people and that the outcomes that are best for Haitians should be determined by Haitians.

Our work is guided by the goals of the Haitian midwifery community and the needs of the population.

We believe in the inherent dignity of all. We respect the integrity, dignity and privacy of all of our partners. Our work is guided by principles of integrity, dignity, and privacy.

We believe in sustainable development and reject the model of charity.



FAHM's Key Impact Areas

Promote Midwifery Education

Promote Midwifery Leadership

Promote the Profession of Midwifery & the Midwifery Model of Care

Community Education and Outreach (in Haiti and the diaspora): Education and healthcare services pertaining to sexual & reproductive health, general health, and gender-based violence

FAHM's Sustainable Development Goals

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed as a “blueprint” to achieve a better and more equitable and sustainable future. FAHM's innovative strategies address ten of the seventeen goals:



Release of our 10 Year Impact Report

Maternal Health Awareness Day



We kicked off 2025 by sharing FAHM's 10-Year Impact Report—highlighting a decade of partnership with Haitian midwives to reduce preventable maternal and newborn deaths. On, January 23rd, Maternal Health Awareness Day, we are reminded that maternal mortality remains a global crisis, yet most deaths are preventable with equitable access to skilled care. Despite ongoing challenges, FAHM's community-driven work continues to strengthen midwifery, expand lifesaving services, and protect the health and dignity of women and families in Haiti and the diaspora. In case you missed it, we invite you to explore our 10-Year Impact Report and celebrate the progress made together. [CLICK HERE](#)

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Haiti's Midwives and FAHM are dedicated and committed to lowering the rate of cervical cancer by raising awareness and providing screening and treatment. 2025's theme was **“Learn. Prevent. Screen.”** This is just what Haiti's Midwives do. They learn. They share their knowledge about minimizing cervical cancer risks and the life-saving importance of regular screenings with their communities and they provide screening, treatment and referrals as needed. FAHM expanded its efforts to combat this preventable and treatable disease, screening nearly 400 women across the Northeast, North, and South regions of Haiti.

Did you know?

Although cervical cancer is one of the leading causes of deaths for women in Haiti, experts say it is both **preventable and treatable**. The key to treatment is discovering it as early as possible.

Currently, one in 40 girls in Haiti is at risk during their lifetime of developing cancer of the cervix.

Cervical cancer alone, with an incidence of 93.9/100,000 women, is the cause of 53.5 deaths per 100,000 Haitian women since 2007, according to statistics from the Ministry of Public Health.



Midwives Care for Survivors of Sexual Violence

Sexual violence is a growing public health crisis. In Haiti, 29% of women have experienced physical violence and 12% sexual violence—numbers worsened by ongoing insecurity, with many survivors being minors. Survivors need specialized, compassionate care to support healing and restore dignity and autonomy.

In response, FAHM provided training for 58 third-year midwifery students at Haiti's Northern and Western campuses through intensive, week-long sessions on trauma-informed care for gender-based violence. Led by medical, legal, and mental health experts, the training strengthened midwives' ability to provide multidisciplinary support.

As trusted providers and often the first point of contact, midwives play a critical role in care, prevention, and advocacy. The end of the training coincided with V-Day (February 14), a global movement to end violence against women and girls, highlighting the ongoing need for action. It reinforced midwives' commitment to addressing gender-based violence as a public health and human rights issue and to ensuring accessible, respectful sexual and reproductive health services for survivors.



Youth Changing Haiti One Tree at a Time

Program Impact: In 2025, 120 boys and girls ages 10–17 attended classes, exploring topics such as sexual violence and teen pregnancy through films and guided discussions. This visual approach has proven highly effective, helping youth engage, reflect, and share their perspectives.

A Powerful Insight: During a session on sexual violence, one 12-year-old shared a powerful insight about how the lack of parental presence and affection affects a child's well-being—highlighting the emotional realities many youth in Haiti face. These conversations are helping students process difficult issues, build resilience, and realize they are not alone.

Building Resilience & Hope: This teaching method brings renewed hope, broadens students' perspectives, and helps them feel less alone in their experiences while strengthening connection, community and understanding.

Haiti's Midwives: Educating the Next Generation



Alliance of Haitian Midwives

Reimagine Midwifery Post Haiti Crisis

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ALLIANCE OF HAITIAN MIDWIVES

Reimagine Midwifery
Post Haiti Crisis

LIVE

March 13
5:30pm-7:30pm

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Communications Officer, ASFH
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All4Maternity Board Member
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The Alliance brought together 44 midwives and student midwives from Haiti and the diaspora (USA and Canada) to collaborate on strengthening the profession for a healthier Haiti. Participants included 33 from Haiti, representing six departments (Ouest, Nord, Sud, Nippes, Artibonite, Centre), and 11 from the diaspora across six U.S. states.

Presentations Included:

- History of Midwifery in Haiti & Current State of Midwifery in Haiti (INSFSF & ASFH – Young Midwives Leaders/JLSF) – Jeffthanie Mathurin
- Midwifery in the Diaspora & Current State of Midwifery in the USA– Jessie Laurore

Key Discussion Themes: Participants explored what unites the profession and identified shared challenges and needs across Haiti and the diaspora, including:

- Legal Barriers: Advocacy strategies to advance professional recognition and policy reform
- Workplace Challenges: Infrastructure, safety, professional respect, and access to essential resources
- Workforce Development: Recruitment, mentorship, and peer support
- Promoting the Profession: Community awareness, collaboration across borders, and honoring traditional birth practices
- Burnout & Mental Health: Preventing burnout and strengthening support systems

The session concluded with a powerful Group Visioning / Story Chain Exercise, reinforcing unity, resilience, and a shared commitment to advancing midwifery across Haiti and the diaspora.

Cervical Cancer Research

We launched our cervical cancer research project:

Improving Quality Assurance of a Screen-and-Treat Program in Haiti through a Mobile Health (mHealth) Data Platform.

Haiti has the highest cervical cancer burden in Latin America, yet fewer than 10% of women have been screened, and many are diagnosed at late stages. To address gaps in data and service delivery, FAHM is piloting a mobile e-Health system in the north, north east, north west, and south departments of Haiti to eventually replace paper-based records, strengthen patient tracking, and improve treatment follow-up.

The project includes training midwives, expanding clinical capacity, and evaluating implementation to create a cost-effective, scalable model for Haiti and other low-resource settings—ultimately improving early detection and survival.

Meet our dynamic Haiti-based team



L-R: Kesner (IT), Nherlyse (IT), Midwives: Magdala, Rose Monelle, Rose Merline, Ninotte, Vanessa, Aline and Dr Dorcely

International Day of the Midwife

May 5th

This year's theme for #IDM2025 is: Midwives: Critical in Every Crisis

Around the world, overlapping crises—conflict, climate disasters, and collapsing health systems—disproportionately impact women, girls, and gender-diverse people, limiting access to essential care and increasing risks like pregnancy complications and gender-based violence.

In these moments, midwives are vital.

As trusted, community-based first responders, midwives can deliver up to 90% of essential sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, and adolescent health services—even in emergencies. Midwives:

- Provide pregnancy, birth, and postpartum care
- Offer contraception, family planning, and abortion services
- Support survivors of gender-based violence
- Promote breastfeeding and infant nutrition
- Educate communities on health and safety in crisis

Despite their critical role, midwives remain underfunded and excluded from emergency response efforts. At FAHM, we're committed to changing that—by equipping and empowering midwives when communities need them most.

[Click here to take a glimpse of Haiti's Midwives in action.](#)



International Day of the Midwife

In partnership with ASFH

In the courtyard of Quisqueya Chapel Church in Delmas 75, Port-au-Prince, FAHM proudly supported a mobile health clinic organized by the Association of Midwives of Haiti (ASFH) on May 3, ahead of International Day of the Midwife. Amid Haiti's ongoing crisis of insecurity and displacement, the clinic served 280 displaced and vulnerable women and girls with free, integrated care—including prenatal and postnatal consultations, gynecological exams, family planning, cervical cancer and STI screenings, HIV testing, and access to medications.

Educational sessions addressed pregnancy danger signs, gender-based violence, and reproductive health. The day also featured dignity kit distribution, hot meals, and community mobilization, reinforcing the vital role of midwives in crisis response and the urgent need to support their work in fragile settings.



International Day of the Midwife

In partnership with Grace Community Birth Center

Over two days, we provided cervical cancer education to 35 women. This outreach strengthened awareness, early detection, and timely treatment in the community.

May 4: 15 women educated; 10 screened; 6 positive; 5 received treatment.



May 5: 20 women educated; 9 screened; 6 received treatment.



Youth Changing Haiti One Tree at a Time



In the summer, our youth program (ages 12–16) wrapped up an incredible journey of growth, learning, and community impact. Classes covered essential topics like self-esteem, relationships, sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence, and more. Using films and open discussions, students connected deeply with real-life challenges and shared their own experiences.

In August, two major activities brought the lessons to life:

Beach Day at Belly Beach (August 10): 35 youth and staff enjoyed a day of learning, play, and team-building by the sea. From walking the rocky path together to swimming and sharing a meal, the experience was unforgettable. Many shared that it was the best day of their lives.

Tree Planting with Agronomist Ronald Anténor (August 23): 150 fruit trees—coconut, cherry, citrus, cashew, and orange—were distributed. Each child received five trees and hands-on training in planting and caring for them. These trees symbolize both personal responsibility and a hopeful future for Haiti.

The youth not only gain knowledge but also the confidence to dream bigger, care for their environment, and lead in shaping a stronger Haiti. Together, we are planting seeds—both literal and figurative—for the next generation.

Raising Awareness to Save Lives: The Role of Healthcare Professionals and the Community

PINK OCTOBER 2025

Sensibiliser pour sauver des vies:
Le rôle des soignants et de la communauté



Live on
 **YouTube**
@forhaitianmidwives



 Lundi 27 Octobre 2025
6:00PM - 7:00 PM

 <https://www.youtube.com/@forhaitianmidwives>





Avec: Dr. Joseph Vilaime ALEXIS
et Sage-Femme Jeffthanie MATHURIN

Breast cancer cannot be fought alone. Healthcare professionals and community members alike play a vital role in prevention, early detection, and supporting those affected.

Through an engaging and accessible discussion, participants explored the challenges of screening, the critical role of providers, and the power of community involvement in advancing the fight against breast cancer.

- Dr. Joseph Alexis Vilaime, Gynecologist-Obstetrician, Breast Cancer Specialist
- Jeffthanie Mathurin, Midwife, Master's Candidate in Global Maternal Health

[Click Here to Watch](#)

*Please note: This is in Haitian Kreyol & French

“Ann Pran Grad Sou Malè”

Let’s Take the Lead in the Face of Adversity

FAHM Midwifing the Midwife: Stress Management Workshops

Through culturally grounded stress management workshops, FAHM supports the emotional well-being of midwives—creating safe spaces for reflection, healing, and resilience amid ongoing challenges.



Context

Amid Haiti’s ongoing socio-political crisis, chronic stress has taken a significant toll on daily life. In response, FAHM partnered with the IDEO Foundation to support midwives, faculty, and students through stress management and emotional resilience workshops.

Program Goal

To equip participants with tools to manage daily stress, restore energy, and sustain well-being during challenging times.

Workshop Focus Twenty three participants explored the sources and impacts of stress—physical, emotional, and spiritual—while distinguishing stress from post-traumatic stress. The sessions introduced practical coping and emotion-regulation strategies, promoted personal responsibility for well-being, and helped restore a sense of psychological safety and inner balance. Participants in need of additional care were identified for further support.

Outcome

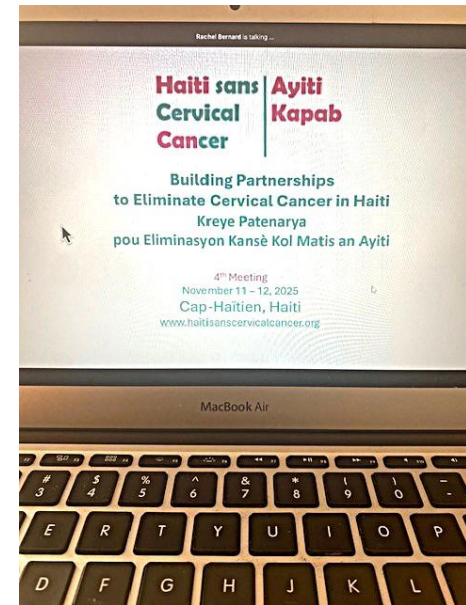
Midwives and students strengthened their resilience, enabling them to continue their professional and personal lives with renewed strength and a sense of balance. Confidential one-on-one follow-up sessions are available for those requiring deeper support.

Advancing maternal and reproductive health through policy, advocacy, and systems-level change

Beyond direct programming, FAHM advances maternal and reproductive health through policy, advocacy, and systems-level change in Haiti and the diaspora. We engage in coalition-building and strategic partnerships to strengthen health systems, improve service delivery, and elevate the voices of midwives and communities.

A key example is our partnership with **Haiti sans Cervical Cancer (HsCC)**, uniting healthcare professionals, community leaders, and diaspora partners to assess and strengthen cervical cancer prevention and treatment in Haiti. Together, we are advancing provider education, improving infrastructure and service delivery, supporting the development of national guidelines, and building a collective commitment to improve outcomes.

Emerging Partnership: Haiti sans Cervical Cancer (HsCC) – advancing coordinated, sustainable action to reduce cervical cancer in Haiti.



Promoting the Profession of Midwifery and the Midwifery Model of Care

Driven by a team of four U.S.-based midwives, FAHM uses diverse platforms to promote the midwifery model of care, raise awareness, and build community support across the diaspora.

Our outreach includes public programming and workshops, conference presentations and speaking engagements, publications, podcasts, and social media live events—each designed to educate communities, engage professionals and policymakers, and elevate the voice and impact of midwifery.

Disparities in Women's Health- Columbia University



Martine Jean-Baptiste

Kicking Off "Black Maternal Health Week"



A Descriptive Study of Career Satisfaction and Professional Trajectories of Certified Midwives and Certified Nurse-Midwives

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Introduction: The Certified Midwife (CM) credential was introduced by the American College of Nurse-Midwives in 1999 to increase the midwifery workforce and provide an alternative career pathway to midwifery practice among educators. The research has compared the professional experiences of certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and CMs. This study compared the career trajectories and experiences of CNMs and CMs who graduated from the State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University Midwifery Program between 1997 and 2008.

Methods: Using a cross-sectional design, a survey was sent to 237 alumni. The survey included items on satisfaction with various education pathways, with transition from student to midwife, and professional experiences. Those without a U.S. visa and those with a U.S. visa of independence were used to assess group differences.

Results: Of the 137 individuals invited to participate in the survey, 10 completed the survey to midwifery detail to be included in the analysis. Participants reported similar career trajectories, satisfaction with their education preparation, assessment of job performance, integrity as a midwife, and overall satisfaction with their careers. CMs were significantly more likely to report dissatisfaction with their education route, largely due to a lack of geographic mobility. CMs and CNMs experienced significantly different levels of respect from professional colleagues in their first and current or most recent positions. There were no significant differences in reported clinical competence or perceived success between groups.

Discussion: This study demonstrates that CNMs and CMs have equal career success and satisfaction. Expanding the geographic mobility of CMs by expanding state licensure could enhance career satisfaction and potentially increase the number of midwives interested in becoming CMs. Between both the CNM and CM pathways provided qualified midwives, the American College of Nurse-Midwives and state officials should continue to seek CM licensure with an identical scope of practice to CNMs in all 50 states.

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INTRODUCTION

The origins of midwifery practice in the United States can be traced back to indigenous communities, midwives in colonial times, grand or "granny" midwives (mostly women of color who practiced in the Southern states), and immigrant midwives.¹ These traditions were carried on through the early twentieth century when many US states saw a need for midwives in rural communities and traveled to the United Kingdom to receive midwifery training. The first nurse-midwifery service in the United States was first established in 1913 in rural Kentucky.² This relationship with

nurse-midwifery in the United Kingdom established nursing as a prerequisite for professional midwifery in the United States.

Over the next decades, several changes occurred that further cemented the mandatory requirement of a combined nursing and midwifery education for state licensure. The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) was established as the professional organization for nurse-midwives in 1957. Nurse-midwifery education programs were accredited by ACNM and incorporated into schools and colleges of nursing or health professions.³ Lastly, a national certification examination was created, enabling graduates to use the title of Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM).

This early understanding of CNMs was unique among US health professions as the only model that required dual education in both nursing and midwifery. By the 1980s, however, CNM leaders began to explore other pathways to midwifery. The goal was to provide an education and certification track for individuals who chose not to pursue nursing education before becoming midwives.⁴ Several factors influenced these initiatives, and in 1996, the State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Health Sciences University in partnership with North Central Texas Hospital established the first accredited midwifery education program that did not require the completion of a nursing degree. The American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) fully accepted this equivalent

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Expanding the professional identity of midwifery through state-level policy, education, and advocacy for Certified Midwives

Karen Jefferson

Haitian Newcomers: Considerations for Perinatal and Reproductive Health

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025

1–2:30 p.m. ET | noon – 1:30 p.m. CT | 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. MT | 10 – 11:30 a.m. PT

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[Haitian Newcomers: Considerations for Perinatal and Reproductive Health](#)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe maternal and reproductive health disparities and concerns among Haitian populations in the U.S., including newcomers.
- Discuss barriers faced by the Haitian community that can impact pregnancy care and outcomes.
- Identify perinatal health care considerations for Haitian populations in the U.S., including newcomers.
- List at least three Haitian cultural and traditional practices to support before, during, and after pregnancy.
- Understand current challenges in reproductive health faced by Haitian newcomers.

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Haitian Newcomers: Considerations for Perinatal and Reproductive Health

Center of Excellence in Newcomer Health webinar:

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Thamarah Crevecoeur

Financial Overview

FAHM proudly holds the Candid Guidestar Platinum Seal of Transparency, a symbol of our dedication to openness and responsible stewardship. We are recognized by Global Giving as "Top-ranked, Vetted, and Effective".

Our work is made possible and sustained by the generosity of our donors, partners, volunteers, and supporters, and we are deeply grateful for your steadfast commitment to this vital mission.

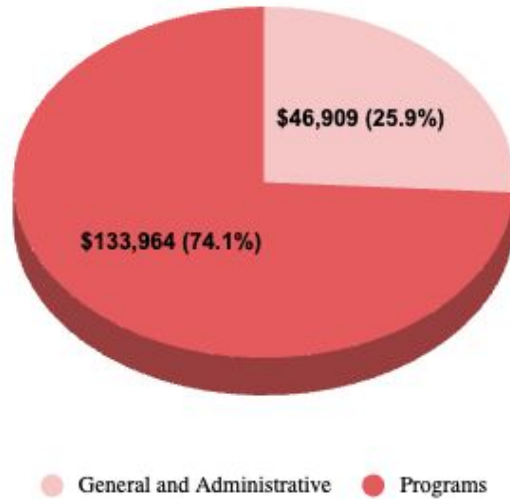


Transparency and accountability are central to our work. The following section outlines how FAHM used financial resources in 2025 to support Haitian midwives, strengthen midwifery education and professional associations, and advance the midwifery model of care in Haiti—aimed at reducing maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality. Through these efforts, we work to position midwives as essential public health leaders in their communities.

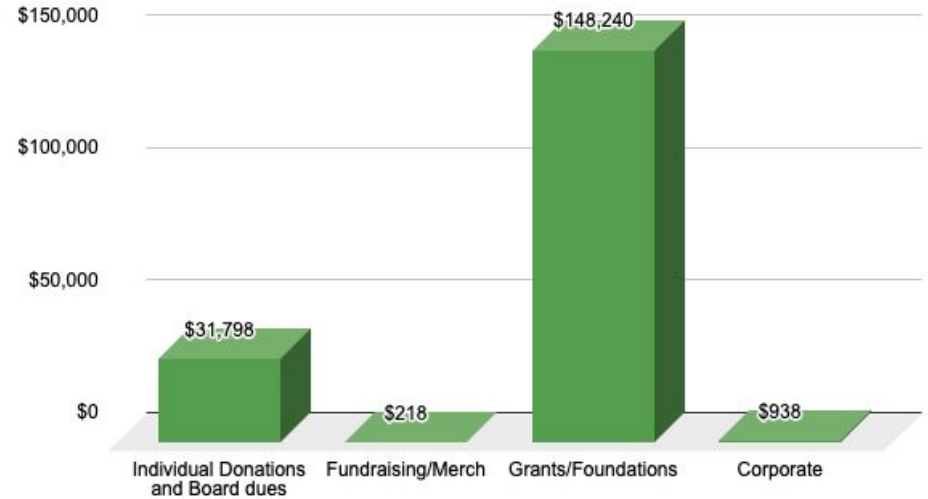
As a 501(c)(3) organization, our financial documents and tax filings are prepared annually based on audited financial statements and are available on [Candid](#).

2025 Financial Overview

EXPENSES - Administrative and Overhead



INCOME - Sources of Funding



Dear friends,

2025 was a year of insight, planning, and action for FAHM— and 2026 promises to be even more impactful. As we prepare to put our strategic plan into motion, we do so with clarity, intention, and readiness. We know implementation brings challenges, pivots, and adjustments—but so does life. We are prepared. And we believe that challenges, when met with purpose, can lead to lasting, positive impact.

Haiti's midwives are always ready to rise to the occasion.

While our strategies may evolve, our mission remains unwavering: to advance a world where pregnancy and childbirth are safe, respectful, and equitable for all. Access to quality sexual and reproductive health care is not a privilege—it is a basic human right.

As we look ahead, your continued partnership and support are more important than ever. Thank you for believing in our work, for walking alongside us, and for standing with Haitian midwives as we build a stronger, more just future—together. *Men anpil, chay pa lou (Many hands make light work).*



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Standing with Haitian Midwives for a stronger Haiti

