



SUCCESS STORY

HAITIAN WOMEN FIGHTS AGAINST CORRUPTION

Senator Edmonde S. Beauzile leading the Anti Corruption Commission within Haitian Parliament



[Insert Photo Credit]

After her participation in the 12th International Anti-Corruption conference in November 2006, through USAID financing participation; and after the USAID funded training on the fight against corruption, Senator Edmonde S. Beauzile really took the leadership inside the Senate to achieve several steps into this critical combat. Thanks to her integrity and aplomb!

Since his democratically victory in 2006 election, President Preval and the Government of Haiti faced several challenges to lead Haiti to democracy, among which the fight against corruption is one of the biggest. Women are often the first victims of corruption and in Haiti they decided to be very pro active in this combat. Mrs. Edmonde S. Beauzile, Senator for the West Department and Vice president of the Senate is a real champion in the women mobilization to fight against corruption as far as they are convinced that it is a condition to help their country to develop.

In November 2006, through USAID financing, Mrs. Beauzile participated in the 12th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) in Guatemala. Upon her return to Haiti, Senator Beauzile was amongst the core group in Parliament that accelerated the ratification of the UN Convention against Corruption on May 16, 2007. During FY 07, USAID grantee La Fondation Heritage pour Haiti (local chapter of Transparency International) provided training to 189 women in leadership positions in government and 186 women in leadership positions in civil society. These training sessions were either conducted by LFHH or organized by other organizations such as the GOH Anticorruption Unit, IFES and World Vision. With these activities financed by USG, through USAID's implementing partners, Senator Beauzile really took the leadership inside the Senate in this critical fight against corruption: she heads the Parliamentary Commission dedicated to this struggle and by this mean Senator Beauzile contributed to conduct a probe into the SOCABANK-Senate bribery scandal and find sufficient evidence of corruption to recommend further investigation by the GOH Anticorruption Unit. With her integrity and aplomb Senator Edmonde S. Beauzile is now a leading person in a governing justly and democratically strategy for her country.