How can we work together to end violence against women and girls in Haiti?

BEYOND BORDERS

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Beyond Borders was founded in 1993. We work alongside Haitians building movements to:
- End child slavery,
- Guarantee access to education,
- End violence against women & girls
- Support sustainable livelihoods.

“Men anpil chay pa lou”
– Haitian Proverb

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THE REALITY

- **Pre-earthquake**, 1 in 3 Haitian women had experienced some form of violence. **Post-earthquake**, that figure has increased.

- Almost 61% of adult Haitians living with HIV/AIDS are female.

- Women ages 15-24 are twice as likely as men in their age group to become infected with HIV.
So how do we begin to change this reality?
RETHINKING POWER

- Launched in June 2010
- Works with 5 SE Haiti communities
- Adapted from SASA! & Raising Voices in Uganda
- Runs on the principle that by shifting power imbalances we can end VAWG
WHO DO WE ENGAGE TO MAKE CHANGE?

HOW DO YOU CHANGE!

Courtesy of Marco Tibasima & Raising Voices
THE SASA! STAGES OF CHANGE

Start: Pre-Contemplation

Awareness: Contemplation

Support: Preparation for Action

Action: Action/Maintenance

TOOLS WE USE TO SPARK CHANGE

- We give everyone in the community tools they need to spark conversations:
  - Comic strips & Posters for activists
  - Dramas for street theater troupes
  - Advocacy points for journalists
  - Conversation guides for parents, healthcare professionals, and school personnel
  - Starting tools for girls’ groups
  - LATEST! A violence prevention curriculum for schools
IN THE WORKS...

- Haiti’s first-ever violence prevention curriculum:
  - Global review of curricula
  - 2 pilot schools
  - School preparation process: admins, teachers, parents
  - Partnership with Ministry of Education
  - Expansion plan
How do we expand the movement?

- We partner with other organizations in Haiti and beyond who want to prevent violence against women & girls.

- SASA! Activist Kit

- Short training courses

- Long-term support

First support training with Partners in Health youth group, 2013
SUCCESSES

- 94% of program participants agreed that a man doesn’t have the right to slap a woman if he’s mad.

- Number of people who said “it’s a woman’s fault if she is raped” was cut in half.

- Over 1 in every 2 community members in the 5 neighborhoods reported seeing neighbors do something to prevent VAWG.

- Nearly 1 in 3 community members reported knowing someone from her/his community who talks about Rethinking Power.
WILL YOU JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

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