



## Model Community Initiative Year 2 Partnership Narrative & Financial Report

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018



Left: Freda Catheus (BB Staff), Ulrick Jean-Pierre (delegation member), Anne Gibbons (BB Board President), and Sister Catherine Sarther, SSND meet with families in BB's 18-month anti-poverty program, February 2018. Right: Sister Limeteze Pierre-Gilles, SSND, stands next to a water catchment system made possible through SSND support, May 2018.

### Introduction

In 2017, Beyond Borders and the Atlantic-Midwest Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame launched a partnership to support the implementation of the Model Community Initiative (MCI) in two rural communities on the island of Lagonav – Tipalmis and Nan Mango. The partnership reflects “our shared commitment to the protection of vulnerable women and children and to education that transforms and calls all to eliminate the root causes of injustice,” ~ *Sister Charmaine Krobe, SSND, Provincial, Atlantic-Midwest Province.*

Year two of the partnership saw continued advances toward achieving the goals of the MCI to equip grassroots leaders in Tipalmis and Nan Mango to:

1. Guarantee all children protection from trafficking, exploitation, and abuse,
2. Secure access to quality primary education for every child,
3. Generate sustainable livelihoods, especially for the most disadvantaged families, and;
4. Prevent violence against women and girls and balance power between women and men and girls and boys.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Planning to launch activities in support of MCI objective four, preventing violence against women and girls and balancing power between women and men and girls and boys in Tipalmis and Nan Mango continues, with the goal of beginning program activity in FY19-20. Tipalmis and Nan Mango will join seven other Lagonav communities that are already implementing programming in support of objective four.

## Year 2 Impact and Activities

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The partnership between the Atlantic-Midwest Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and Beyond Borders is rooted in a shared vision of a world made whole by God’s reign, a world in which the last become first and the lowly are lifted.

Thanks to this partnership, women and men from all walks of life in Tipalmis and Nan Mango - parents, school directors, teachers, child rights activists, adult survivors of child slavery, and families - are being empowered to build social movements that advance this vision in their communities and their nation.

Our partnership is leveraging the power of these grassroots leaders to make Haiti a nation free of child slavery and violence; a nation in which every child goes to a good school; a nation no longer dependent on handouts, a nation where dignified work feeds the souls and bodies of every citizen.

In addition to a thorough review of the activities made possible in the second year of this partnership, we want to share a few stories and photos of those directly impacted by the SSND-Beyond Borders partnership.



Franchislove Eximond, a second grader at St. Barthelemy School in Nan Mango.



Franchislove’s teacher, Marie-Love Ferdinand, in her classroom at St. Barthelemy School.

Nine-year-old Franchislove Eximond is a second grader at St. Barthelemy in the village of Nan Mango. “My favorite subject is social science and when I grow up I want to be a doctor,” she said.

Thanks to the SSND-Beyond Borders Partnership, Franchislove and students at the seven other schools in Nan Mango and Tipalmis are taught using native language, nonviolent, participatory methods rooted in rural life - like school gardens - that encourage creativity, democracy, leadership, and service.

“I love my school and my teacher,” Franchislove said.

Franchislove’s teacher, Marie-Love Ferdinand, 22, said that since taking part in the teacher training made possible by the SSND-Beyond Borders Partnership, she and her fellow teachers at St. Bart’s have embraced the nonviolent, participatory approach to classroom management.

“My classroom is organized around principles now - not the paddle. The students listen better and there are fewer disruptions. Children are more comfortable in the classroom now,” Marie-Love said.

A detailed look at all of the activities carried out during the second year of our partnership in Tiplalmis and Nan Mango is included in this table:

Outcome	2018 Activities Realized
Secure access to quality primary education for every child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The partnership continued to support work with eight schools: in Nan Mango: Wesleyan School, Saint Barthelmy School, Baptist Evangelical School, Application Center, and Saint Philippe &amp; Saint Jacques School; and in Tiplalmis: St. Lucy Catholic School, National School, and Jean Marie School.</li> <li>• Held teacher training workshops throughout the year: one 3-day residential onsite refresher training held at the Matènwa Community Learning Center and attended by 24 teachers and all eight school principals; eight teachers and all eight school principals attended five day-long, bi-monthly workshops; conducted a total of 40 technical support visits to schools (five visits for each) both to strengthen application of teaching methods and to strengthen school capacity to implement school gardens.</li> <li>• School principals from all eight schools took part in eight days of administrative and governance training.</li> <li>• 580 Haitian Creole textbooks and workbooks were distributed to eight schools.</li> <li>• Eight schools received 10 monthly \$200 USD subsidies to help schools to stabilize teachers’ salary payments, which ensures regular attendance at school and higher engagement in professional development activities - both in learning and applying new pedagogical methods.</li> <li>• Eight schools held Open Space Gatherings to engage parents. Parents met with teachers and school directors for the day-long session in which the agenda is determined entirely by the participants of the meeting, encouraging parental ownership over the issues discussed and the objectives and outcomes of the meeting.</li> <li>• 700 people attended a public gathering in Nan Mango to promote the use of Haitian Creole as the primary language of instruction in school.</li> </ul>
Generate sustainable livelihoods, especially for the most disadvantaged families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 families received support to plant and cultivate organic family gardens. This included training and material support to employ techniques such as composting, natural pest management, and live fencing.</li> <li>• The same 25 families received rainwater harvesting kits, which allows them to capture and store rainwater at home for use during periods of drought.</li> <li>• In Nan Mango, 18 community members enrolled in a Beyond Borders-sponsored agro-literacy class at the beginning of the fiscal year. Of the 18, 14 passed the final test. The participants planted and ran a successful communal garden, growing enough food for each participant to take home and selling the excess vegetables for a profit of more than \$200 USD.</li> <li>• The participants formed a village savings and loan association at the end of the agro-literacy class. They also continue to practice the writing and math skills they learned together.</li> <li>• Six workshops on sustainable agriculture were held for 30 community members in Nan Mango. All participants demonstrated application of at least one new farming technique.</li> <li>• Provided a three-day training to 10 adult survivors of child slavery on the village savings and loan methodology. Following the training, all 10 became village savings and loan agents. These agents supported the launch of three savings and loan groups with 69 members in Tiplalmis and five savings and loan groups with 160 members in Nan Mango.</li> </ul>

Outcome	2018 Activities Realized
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We began developing a plan to identify and select the most destitute and vulnerable families in Tipalmis and Nan Mango to join BB's 18-month anti-poverty family sponsorship program, to launch in FY18-19.</li> </ul>
<p>Guarantee all children protection from trafficking, exploitation, and abuse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Protection Brigades (CPB) in Tipalmis and Nan Mango received multiple interactive capacity-building workshops and trainings for members, including 12 training days on subjects that included child rights, public advocacy, child development, committee management, psychosocial support, child safe communities, child protection policies, and codes of conduct.</li> <li>CPB received technical and financial support to organize public awareness-raising events in their communities on the National Day Against Child Slavery (Nov. 17, 2017), International Child Rights Day (Nov. 20, 2017) and International Women's Day (Mar. 8, 2018).</li> <li>Installed 37 new CPB members (14 from Tipalmis and 23 from Nan Mango) who were trained on roles and responsibilities of brigade members.</li> <li>Brigades worked with community members to advocate on behalf of sexual assault survivors, including sending a letter to a local judge and subsequently appearing as a group at his office to denounce the liberation of a man accused of raping an underage girl, and accompanying the family of the girl to file a lawsuit against the perpetrator of the assault.</li> <li>26 CPB members (13 from Tipalmis and 13 from Nan Mango) received two days of training on Haiti's anti-trafficking law.</li> <li>One workshop was held on Haiti's anti-trafficking law for 13 local government officials from five communal sections within the boundaries of Tipalmis and Nan Mango.</li> <li>Mobilized and inaugurated two new branches of adult survivors of child slavery, one in Tipalmis (19 members) and one in Nan Mango (32 members). Held one community awareness-raising meeting and one peer group support dialogue session with newly recruited network members.</li> </ul>

**Additional Photos from Activities in Tipalmis and Nan Mango During Year 2**

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Sister Catherine Sarther, SSND (center) meeting with members of the Tipalmis Child Protection Brigade, February 2018, on the grounds of St. Lucy Catholic Church in Tipalmis.



Leaders of the Tipalmis and Nan Mango Child Protection Brigades at a four-day training led by BB's Freda Catheus (front, center), February 2018.



Sister Limeteze Pierre-Gilles, SSND, visiting the school garden at St. Philip & St. Jacques Episcopal School, just outside Nan Mango, May 2018.



Students at St. Lucy Catholic School in Tipalmis celebrate Mardi Gras, February 2018.



Bojela Nirixe (right), a teacher at the Wesleyen School in Nan Mango, took part in teacher training made possible by the SSND partnership. “These trainings have totally changed how I teach,” Bojela said.

## Finances

Please find the detailed finance report displayed below. Expenditures for the grant period totaled \$94,613.64, against a \$93,936.85 budget. Expenses totaling \$65,000 were covered by the \$65,000 SSND grant, and are displayed in a separate column within the finance report.



### Finance Report July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Outcome / Category	Description of Expense	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual Expenses	FY18 Actual Expenses: SSND
<b>1. Increased access to and quality of primary education.</b>		<b>\$14,370.49</b>	<b>\$24,724.14</b>	<b>\$21,728.31</b>	<b>\$17,889.00</b>
Every child has access to quality primary education, and local schools demonstrate significantly improved educational outcomes for students, including a 15% increase in reading scores as established by the Early Grades Reading Assessment.	1.1 Teacher Training workshops	\$5,699.41	\$2,954.93	\$2,119.48	\$1,808.00
	1.2 Book Banks	\$2,394.01	\$2,965.12	\$3,416.55	\$0.00
	1.3 Improve school capacity through financial support: monthly stipends for 8 schools and tuition match at 1 school	\$5,647.72	\$17,242.22	\$14,280.36	\$14,280.00
	1.4 Accelerated Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	1.5 Strengthen school networks	\$308.85	\$704.00	\$1,048.00	\$1,048.00
	1.6 Increase parent engagement in schools	\$320.50	\$857.87	\$863.92	\$753.00
<b>2. Sustainable Livelihoods</b>		<b>\$2,531.10</b>	<b>\$11,085.59</b>	<b>\$11,476.20</b>	<b>\$3,821.00</b>
Every family – even the most impoverished – can sustain itself with dignified work and access to sufficient food and clean water.	2.1 Adult Agro-Literacy with Gardens	0	\$1,902.61	\$1,691.12	\$1,691.00
	2.2 School and Family Gardens	\$2,531.10	\$9,182.98	\$9,785.08	\$2,130.00
	2.3 PAMM, <i>Pwojè Aba Mizè Moun</i> = People	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3. Child Protection</b>		<b>\$14,236.12</b>	<b>\$11,055.33</b>	<b>\$11,219.01</b>	<b>\$11,217.00</b>
Every child grows up at home, safe and free and surrounded by a loving family and community. Every institution and the entire community enjoys effective and just governance.	3.1 Train Child Rights Activists	\$11,070.64	\$3,860.69	\$3,390.09	\$3,390.00
	3.2 Facilitate the creation and build capacity of new Child Protection Brigade networks in Lagonav MCs.	\$3,165.48	\$1,766.67	\$1,617.15	\$1,617.00
	3.3 Child Protection Brigade networks show their effectiveness in prevention and intervention for the protection of children in the community.	\$0.00	\$2,905.71	\$3,018.98	\$3,018.00
	3.4 Create network of adult survivors of child slavery on Lagonav	\$0.00	\$2,178.21	\$2,319.27	\$2,319.00
	3.5 Build capacity of government authorities to apply anti-trafficking law	\$0.00	\$344.05	\$873.52	\$873.00
<b>4. Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Women and girls live free from violence and discrimination and increasingly share power and opportunity equally with men and boys in their communities and homes, and, the natural environment heals and grows verdant and productive.	No activities implemented this year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>5. Build capacity of partner organizations</b>		<b>\$9,439.29</b>	<b>\$6,682.57</b>	<b>\$6,814.75</b>	<b>\$4,445.00</b>
Includes contribution to the annual network-wide EGRA third grade reading assessment, and costs to conduct household surveys in Tipalmis and Nan Mango.	5.1 Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	\$6,063.47	\$4,210.57	\$4,329.14	\$1,960.00
	Contribution towards capacity building of MCLC project staff delivered by <i>Friends of Matènwa</i> .	5.2 Strengthen Capacity of Partners and Program Staff	\$3,375.82	\$2,472.00	\$2,485.61
<b>Project Personnel</b>		<b>\$12,801.86</b>	<b>\$17,558.11</b>	<b>\$17,224.58</b>	<b>\$15,538.00</b>
	MCLC Personnel	\$1,867.31	\$4,499.17	\$5,759.95	\$4,088.00
	AAPLAG Personnel	\$0.00	\$789.53	\$1,806.26	\$1,800.00
	BB MCI Lagonav Personnel	\$10,934.55	\$12,269.41	\$9,658.37	\$9,650.00
<b>Transport &amp; Project Logistics</b>		<b>\$5,919.90</b>	<b>\$6,514.76</b>	<b>\$7,450.85</b>	<b>\$7,203.00</b>
	MCLC Transport and Logistics on Lagonav, Haiti	\$33.57	\$645.60	\$506.62	\$260.00
	AAPLAG Transport and Logistics on Lagonav, Haiti	\$0.00	\$305.67	\$598.99	\$598.00
	Beyond Borders Transport and Logistics on Lagonav, Haiti	\$5,886.33	\$5,563.49	\$6,345.24	\$6,345.00
<b>Support Expenses</b>		<b>\$5,701.25</b>	<b>\$16,316.35</b>	<b>\$18,699.94</b>	<b>\$4,887.00</b>
	MCLC Administrative expenses	\$0.00	\$2,048.50	\$1,351.11	\$0.00
	AAPLAG Administrative expenses	\$0.00	\$236.68	\$716.40	\$240.00
	FOM Support personnel and overhead	\$0.00	\$3,708.00	\$3,728.41	\$0.00
	BB Support personnel and overhead	\$5,701.25	\$10,323.17	\$12,904.02	\$4,647.00
<b>Total Expenditures for Model Community Initiative in Tipalmis and Nan Mango</b>		<b>\$65,000.01</b>	<b>\$93,936.85</b>	<b>\$94,613.64</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>