



START HAITI

Building Robust Foundations for **SUSTAINABLE SECURITY** in HAITI

THE STABILIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE (START) was established in 2005 to enhance the Government of Canada's capacity to respond to countries in crisis, or at risk of crisis, with a coordinated, whole-of-government approach. Its political strategies and programs aim to deliver coherent and effective initiatives for conflict prevention, crisis response, peacebuilding, civilian protection and stabilization.

VISION

In partnership with international organizations, national government institutions and civil society, START supports initiatives that address the most immediate security and stabilization needs of Haitians. It cooperates with local and international partners to increase security, re-establish the rule of law and enhance regional stability, as part as Canada's engagement in the Americas.

ACTION

Since 2006, START has committed C\$15 million annually from the Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF) to:

- ▶ **ENHANCE POLICING**
by contributing to the professionalization of the Haitian National Police (HNP) by refurbishing and equipping police stations and the police school. This ensures adequate conditions for officers to carry out their duties in an efficient and professional manner. Another significant contribution is the deployment of Canadian police officers to the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) to train and mentor their counterparts in the HNP.
- ▶ **IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR PRISONERS**
by building and refurbishing infrastructures, providing equipment and deploying Canadian corrections officers to MINUSTAH to train and mentor their Haitian counterparts.
- ▶ **STRENGTHEN BORDER SECURITY**
by building and refurbishing border facilities and providing equipment, training border officers and advising on legal issues such as human trafficking.
- ▶ **INCREASE COMMUNITY SECURITY**
by supporting dialogue, reinforcing community cohesion and re-establishing relationships between the community of Bel Air and the HNP.

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