



Foundation for Advancement of Haitian Midwives 2021 End-of-Year Update



Haiti faced many challenges in 2021: COVID, the assassination of President Jovenel Moise, and a 7.2 magnitude earthquake in the south western region which then was followed by tropical storm Grace two days later. Haiti continues to deal with political instability, civil unrest, fuel and food shortages.

But there is good news! Despite these challenges, midwifery in Haiti is flourishing. This year, the midwifery profession was integrated into the university system and one of the two new annexes, the one in Limonade (north) is scheduled to open in 2022. This is such great news, not only for the profession but, for the Haitian population. It helps increase access to pursuing a career in midwifery as well as making midwifery care more accessible to families in Haiti.



[Haïti a désormais une faculté de Sage-Femme : Portrait de sa première Doyenne](https://rezonodwes.com/?p=263808&fbclid=IwAR3rWTqJEAAuvvJObo1eh8SUKL2vbHJTl6w7PvEAD5Inynlkixn92oIVv9g)

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Nadège Daudier- Haiti's first Dean of the School of Midwifery. She has been attending FAHM continuing education conferences since our inception in 2016. What a dynamo!!!

When midwives are well educated and accessible, the effect of the care they provide trickles down to affect/influence the health of families and communities. A healthy society is in a better position to be a thriving society. Optimal health enables growth, ability to learn, prosper and the ability to be productive, contributing members of society.

Here is what your continued support helped achieve through FAHM's invigorating and sustainable solutions:

- Enhancement of the midwifery educational infrastructure with cutting-edge, evidence-based researched educational conferences
- Aid the Haitian Midwifery Association, L' Association Infirmier Sages-Femmes d'Haiti (AISFH), in strengthening their organizational structure, building leadership roles, and being a more visible presence in the Haitian medical system, Haitian society and the diaspora. We are involved in public relations and media awareness campaigns that promote the profession of midwifery in Haiti, bring awareness of and combating gender-based violence, and various health education topics. We help build capacity of the Midwifery Association and the Midwifery School through networking opportunities, marketing materials, and spreading awareness about their needs to supporters outside of Haiti.
- In partnership with AISFH (Midwifery Association), INSFSF (Midwifery School), UNFPA, Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM), Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR), and the Haitian Ministry of Health, advance the country's education, regulation and licensure of midwifery
- Promote the image of the midwifery profession as a viable option for Haitians
- Promote the midwifery model of care (through social media campaigns, TV & radio, etc.) for all women
- Encourage networking and joint efforts (when appropriate) with the Haitian Ministry of Health (MSPP), AISFH, INSFSF, Haiti based medical & allied health professionals, non-profits/NGOs providing maternal/child (sexual and reproductive/women's health) services in Haiti
- Promote and utilize mutually strategic partnerships, especially those that are Haiti-based and Haitian-led, to support and achieve the above listed points.
- Support local economy: We source locally as much as possible (approximately 90%) and engage professional services from Haitian | established professionals and organizations. This provides easily accessible continuity of education, services and networking.





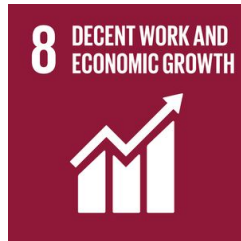
The **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** or **Global Goals** are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more [sustainable](#) future for all".^[1] The SDGs were set up in 2015 by the [United Nations General Assembly](#) and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030. They are included in a [UN Resolution](#) called the **2030 Agenda** or what is colloquially known as **Agenda 2030**.^[2]





FAHM's Sustainable Development Goals

FAHM's innovative strategies address nine of the seventeen goals:



Gender-based violence (GBV) is a global health problem that disproportionately affects women and girls. According to the latest demographic health surveys in 2016-2017, approximately 26 % of women in Haiti report lifetime physical or sexual intimate partner violence and 14% of women reported an episode of sexual or intimate partner based violence within the last year.

Haitian midwives are committed and dedicated to becoming part of the solution to end GBV. Midwives are key points of access to health care for GBV survivors. They also serve as advocates for women and girls, contribute greatly to prevention efforts, and are community educators. FAHM is delighted to partner with them in the fight against GBV in Haiti.



Man To Man Discussion On Violence Against Women And Girls

Feb 13, 20, 27

One Billion Rising is a global campaign, founded by Eve Ensler, to end rape and sexual violence against women. It was started in 2012 as part of the V-Day movement. The "billion" refers to the UN statistic that one in three women will be raped or beaten in her lifetime, or about one billion. The theme for 2021: **"Rising Gardens"** actions amplify the intersectional issues of women's inequality and its impact on food insecurity, land ownership and the lack of access to healthcare, as well as the long term effects from extractive industries and the destruction of Mother Earth, and other basic rights, especially for frontline and marginalized communities.

FAHM was honored to partner and sponsor One Billion Rising Haiti (OBR Ayiti) in a 3-part live Zoom/Facebook series about gender-based violence from the male perspective. We had an audience from across the US, Canada, as well as from some francophone African and Caribbean countries. (You can view the English captioned recordings on our website:

<https://www.fahmnc.org/man-to-man-discussion>)



<https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/513009832>

OBR AYITI 2021
Man to Man Discussion
on violence against Women and Girls

2:00 PM- 4:00 PM
February
13, 20, 27

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Arnold Antonin
Moderator

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International Women's Day

March 8

Promoting women's equality

International Women's Day is celebrated annually on March 8th. It is a time to celebrate women's achievements. It is also an occasion to rally for women's equality, gender equity and human rights. The year's theme, ***“Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world,”*** was to recognize the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Investing in midwives means investing in women.



March 7: ***“Off Limits” Youtube channel***

Thamy Crevecoeur, FAHM Board Vice President, was interviewed on a Haitian women's talk show. She discussed midwifery and women's health.



March 8: ***“Virtual Discussion: Haiti and the Biden/Harris Administration. What's Next?”***



Virtual Discussion: Haiti and the Biden/Harris Administration, What's Next?

In honor of International Women's Day, HWC is hosting a policy panel discussion with three distinguished women speakers.

- Congresswoman Yvette Clarke
- Francisca Lucien, Executive Director of The Institute for Justice & Democracy
- Gabrielle Apollon, Haiti Project Deputy Director & Supervising Attorney at NYU's Global Justice Clinic

MONDAY, MARCH 8TH @ 6PM-7PM EST



MAKE SURE TO RSVP ON EVENTBRITE AT [SHORTURL.AT/EJRXJ](https://shorturl.at/EJRXJ)
ADMISSION IS FREE!

FAHM is member organization of the Haitian Women's Collective (HWC) which invests in and strengthens Haitian women-led organizations to advance health, education, civic engagement, leadership and opportunities for diverse communities in Haiti. We held a panel discussion of women leaders about Haiti and US relations.





World Health Day

April 7

World Health Day is celebrated annually on the 7th of April and each year draws attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. The theme for 2021 was *"Building a fairer, healthier world"*

- **April 5: Columbia University:** Martine Jean-Baptiste, FAHM's Executive Director, presented to Columbia University's Midwifery students in their "Disparity in Women's Health" class. The class explores underlying causes of disparities as it relates to chronic illness as well as perinatal outcomes: focus on racism, socioeconomic determinants & how it all manifests domestically as well as in low resource countries. She discussed FAHM's model and the work we engage in as well as an overview of global health and its implications.
- April 7: **World Health Day**-- Martine Jean- Baptiste joined four other members of the Haitian Women's Collective in a Zoom live Lunch & Learn Conversation on health related work as it applies to capacity building & training in Haiti. The HWC members, who represent diverse organizations throughout the country, shared their commitment, passion, and expertise in creating programs that align with and are led by local leaders.
- Stephanie Etienne, FAHM Board President and Co-Director of the documentary film *"Listen to Me"* (<https://listentomedoc.com/>), won an award at the Black Public Media PitchBLACK Competition. She also was a panelist on *"From the Heights: The Black Maternal Health Crisis in the United States"* hosted by the University of Maryland School of Social Work and also presented their film project in a talk sponsored by University of Massachusetts Amherst.

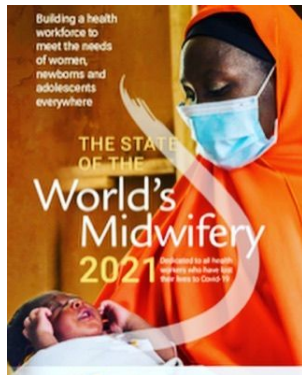
International Day of the Midwife

May 5th

FAHM is always proud to celebrate **The International Day of the Midwife**. The year's theme was **"Follow the Data: Invest in Midwives."** Thanks to your support, FAHM continues to join forces with our Haitian Midwife partners to advocate for investment in quality midwifery care and improving sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health care in Haiti.

Exciting news.... *The 2021 State of the World's Midwifery (SoWMy)* Report was release on International Day of the Midwife! Co-led by UNFPA, WHO and ICM, SoWMy 2021 provides an updated evidence based and detailed analysis on the impact of midwives on maternal and newborn health outcomes and the return on investment in midwives. Check it out: <https://www.unfpa.org/sowmy>

Midwives are fundamental to improving quality maternal and newborn care and ending preventable maternal and newborn deaths. We salute them always and especially on this special day.



The 2021 State of the World's Midwifery

Impactful takeaways from the report:

“They (Midwives) can be a point-of-contact in the community for sexual and reproductive health services, including contraception, comprehensive abortion care, and screening for and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, human papillomavirus and intimate partner violence.”-- The State of the World's Midwifery

“Impact of midwives Analysis conducted as part of SoWMy 2021 (State of the World's Midwifery) showed that midwives can help substantially reduce maternal and neonatal mortality and stillbirths in low- and middle-income countries. This analysis of the 88 countries that account for the vast majority of the world's maternal and neonatal deaths and stillbirths showed that a substantial increase in coverage of midwife delivered interventions (25% increase every five years to 2035) could avert 40% of maternal and newborn deaths and 26% of stillbirths (30). Even a modest increase (10% every five years) in coverage of midwife-delivered interventions could avert 23% of maternal and neonatal deaths and 14% of stillbirths.”--- The State of the World's Midwifery 2021

If there were enough midwives, they could provide about 90% of the SRMNAH
(sexual reproductive maternal newborn adolescent health) care needed.

Thank you for your continued investment in Midwives. MIDWIVES ARE INVALUABLE!



International Day of the Midwife

May 5th

Grace Community Birth Center & FAHM Collaboration

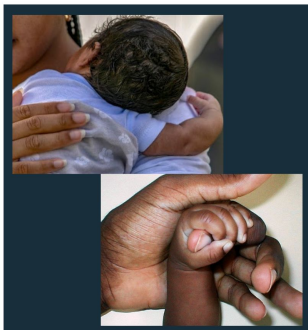
Promoting the Midwifery Profession in the North East Region of Haiti



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Birth Center**

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Wiveline & Djeni-Flore: Two of GCBC's teen sex education peer trainers

FAHM was proud to partner with Midwife Ninotte Lubin from Grace Community Birth Center to promote the profession of midwifery to 146 senior high school students (102 females and 44 males) from four high schools in the northeast region of Terrier Rouge and Grand Basin.





Haitian and Haitian Diaspora Midwifery Alliance July

In July FAHM birthed it's own baby! Due to popular demand from the midwives in Haiti and in the diaspora, we launched a Haitian and Haitian Diaspora Midwifery Alliance. It is a space to share, learn and grow together while preserving and honoring our heritage.



*“Bef pa janm bouke pote kon li”--A cow
never tires of caring her horns
meaning: You never get tired of caring
for our own
(Haitian proverb)*



COVID

Unfortunately COVID is still causing pain and suffering globally. Thanks to your continued general operational support, individual donations and grants from Help Haiti and the Lois Marie Foundation, we were able to launch a relief response to 300 midwives in Haiti's ten departmental regions with the help and coordination of our partners from the Midwifery Association (AISFH).

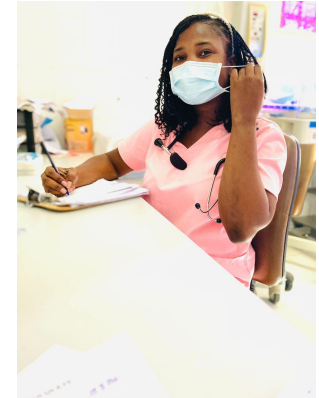
Your generous support provided:

300 Midwives across Haiti

- 600 KN 95 masks
- 1,505 Disposable /surgical masks
- 301 Face Shields
- 300 bottles of 16 oz Hand sanitizer

Midwifery school (INSFSF)students

- 800 cloth masks
- 600 face shields
- 1,300 isolation gowns





Earthquake August 14th

On August 14th, Haiti's southern peninsula was struck by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and two days later experienced a direct hit from Tropical Depression Grace overnight on August 16th. FAHM's immediate response was to join forces with one of our partners, Espwa Demen, which serves the remote areas of Kasid and Kachon which were gravely affected. The women and girls greatly appreciate and thank *The Free Flow Movement* for their generous donation of 300 assorted menstrual products and *Days for Girls* and *Grace Community Birth Center* for their 50 menstrual kit donations that were originally intended for a summer camp, which of course was cancelled. These, along with FAHM's donation of tote bags and dental hygiene kits, were a much needed supplement to Eswa Demen's relief efforts and outreach.

Through your support and funding from *The 1789 Fund*, who supplied the Luci Lights, we were also able to assist the fifty five Midwives who live and work in the affected communities by providing them with:

- 110 tents
- 110 Luci solar powered lights with USB charger port
- FAHM tote bags filled with: PPE and Calendula oil
- Haitian psychotherapist led group session on post traumatic stress and healing practices
- Cell phone minutes for four months





That's not all you unwavering support offered to those affected by the earthquake.

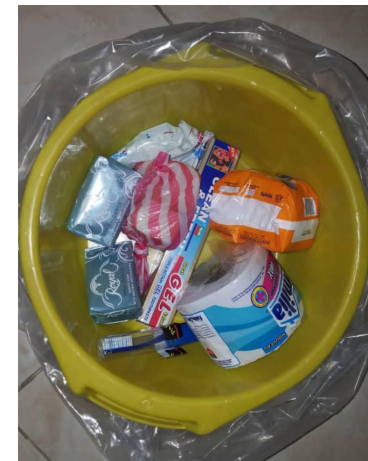
Here's what else you provided:

300 Midwives across Haiti

- 600 KN95 masks
- 600 surgical masks
- 1,500 cloth masks
- 300 bottles of hand sanitizers
- 300 boxes of gloves

300 Relief kits (families/general): bucket, detergent, toilet paper, packet of towels, toothbrush, tooth paste, bag of water purifier

300 Relief kits (pregnant & post partum): 3 women outfits, 3 baby outfits, bucket, detergent, toilet paper, packet of towels, toothbrush, tooth paste, bag of water purifier



**In keeping with our strong commitment to help build Haiti's economy, all supplies were sourced and purchased in Haiti from Haitian owned businesses.*



GBV conference

Sept 17 & 24, 2021

A virtual conference for midwives and midwifery students: “***What’s in a name?: Difference Between GBV, Violence Against Women and Girls, Domestic Violence and Partner Violence***”. FAHM had the pleasure of hosting a virtual conference led by three prominent Haitian activists and psychotherapist/activist.





Social media training

Sept 21- Oct 15, 2021



Capacity building, visibility and having a voice

The Midwifery Association (AISFH) identified their need for social media training to better amplify their voice and presence, both in Haiti and the diaspora..

It is always a pleasure for FAHM to partner with one of our long standing Haitian partners, Centre Haitien du Leadership et de l'Excellence (Haitian Centre for Leadership and Excellence). We hosted a hybrid conference for the Midwifery Association board and their nine regional chapter members.

For our francophone supporters, please follow @sagefemmejeffthanie on IG for sexual and reproductive health education. She's a midwife with a wealth of information to share.

International Day of the Girl

October 8

FAHM launched a social media campaign to hold space and honor girls.

Girls are leaders

Girls make a difference

Girls' rights matter (Girls' rights are human rights)

Let's make this & every day count!

Celebrate and encourage the potential of every girl to be a powerful voice in her community.

Today's girls are tomorrow's leaders. Their rights matter.



Midwife Ninotte making post partum rounds while being followed by some of the little girls from town who are fascinated by the work she does for their families.

You and the Midwives of Haiti help raise support & global awareness to ensure protection of every girls' right to access health care, education and to keep safe from violence and exploitation. Together we promote gender equality.





Investor Tank Competition

October 19th



FAHM was honored to have been selected as a finalist in the health sector of the Diaspora Partnership Accelerator's Investor Tank Competition funded by USAID and implemented in partnership with Haiti Renewal Alliance (HRA).

Although FAHM did not receive the \$150,000 grant, Haiti still comes out on top. Improving access to quality health care in Haiti is always a win.

The overwhelming support through votes, texts, emails, shares and likes helped spread the word and highlight the urgent need for safe, equitable, accessible midwifery care in Haiti.

The exposure helped us promote 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.



International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women

November 25

November is always a busy month. It is a time of reflection, and mindfulness. It is a time for gratitude and activism. The 16 days between November 25th and December 10th (Human Rights Day) are known as the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence which is a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. The slogan used is **"Orange the World."** Orange symbolizes a brighter future free of violence.





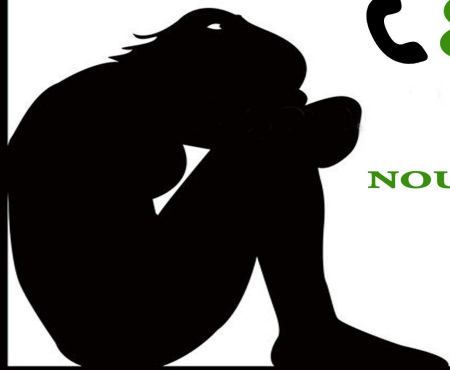
During the month of November and early December, FAHM ran a social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram highlighting its Haitian partner agencies that presented during our live webinar series. It not only highlighted the work that they do, but included free hotline phone numbers to receive care for GBV survivors and those seeking mental health counseling and services.

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Annual Holiday Festivities for the Children's Group at Grace Community Birth Center Terrier Rouge, Haiti- December 28, 29

YOUR generous and steadfast support helped this year end in celebration and hope for a bright future.

What an exciting way to wrap up the year! FAHM proudly partnered with Grace Community Birth Center (GCBC) and hosted a two day end-of-year learning, sharing and celebration promoting gender and social equity with 124 youth (ages 3-17) from Haiti's northern region. They engaged in using the art of storytelling, poems, acting and music to express themselves.

Youth are the present & future of a stronger today & tomorrow.

Thank you for helping them dream, aspire, value self and create a bright present and future.



"It was a fun, enjoyable couple of days where FAHM and I brought joy and education to these kids and young adults in the community of Grand Bassin and Terrier Rouge. Our legacy might look small today but from what I see it's promising and hopeful."

Ninotte Lubin, Midwife/ Founder and Director of GCBC



Partnerships

In order to provide a sustainable community identified, community led and community run solution which builds capacity, partnerships are invaluable.

Many complex problems have several different yet related causes and effects, however you often find several organisations from different sectors trying to solve things individually. With many organisations having limited resources, forming partnerships is a productive approach to not only increase capability, but also your reach. They help build a common understanding, and harness the knowledge which might be spread across various different perspectives. Building partnerships takes effort, investment in time and resources from all those involved. They can provide high quality working relationships that underpin effective collaboration.

“Men anpil, chay pa lou.” (“Many hands make light work” - Haitian proverb)

Haiti has a plethora of NGO's, foundations and organizations doing work in Haiti. FAHM has identified that there is a lack of coordination of resources, services, and basic networking among organizations. FAHM continues to help create partnerships and foster better communication and coordination among agencies/organizations involved in women's health doing work in Haiti. FAHM is dedicated to forming sustainable working partnerships and coordination of efforts and resources in order to better serve the people of Haiti. We work closely with Haitian based organizations, speakers and local businesses in order to develop a sustainable model that is both community-based and community-led. The benefits speak for themselves. In 2021 we formed eight new partnerships.

Here is an interesting read by Yafat Susskind who is the Executive Director of MADRE, an international women's human rights organization, in which she highlights the impact that women led, grassroot Haitian organizations, like Haitian Women's Collective (FAHM is a member organization) can have.

[CLICK HERE: https://www.commondreams.org/views/2021/10/29/path-toward-just-feminist-future-haiti](https://www.commondreams.org/views/2021/10/29/path-toward-just-feminist-future-haiti)

PARTNERSHIPS MAKE INNOVATIVE CHANGE POSSIBLE.





Funding & Programming Partnerships



Murphy Burkhardt
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Capacity Building & Development

2021 Highlights



FAHM is dedicated to working and exploring various capacity building and development strategies. We are committed to doing whatever is needed to bring FAHM to the next level of operational, programmatic, financial, and organizational maturity. Our goal is to more effectively and efficiently advance our mission and vision thereby creating a sustainable and effective organization which promotes the midwifery profession in Haiti, thus decreasing Haiti's high maternal and infant mortality rate. Here are some of 2021's highlights of our efforts here in the USA which help us reach our goals:

Operational

- We engaged the Website Design services of a pro bono volunteer from Taproot Plus, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps nonprofits and social change organizations solve critical challenges in their communities with the support of skilled volunteers sharing their expertise pro bono (\$4,000 value)
- Engaged a high school intern to learn about non-profit work and midwifery and assist with some administrative tasks

Programmatic

- Increased social media presence on Facebook and Instagram and other social media platforms reaching an audience across the USA, Haiti, Canada, Chile, Martinique, Zimbabwe, France, Suriname, Algeria, Gabon, Zimbabwe, Ghana.
- Promoting midwifery in Haiti and the diaspora– FAHM Board outreach
 - Stephanie Etienne, Board President
 - Certified Evidence Based Birth Instructor
 - Lodz Joseph-Lemon, Board member
 - @TheHaitainMidwife-- LIVE instagram: "Financial Freedom for the Independent Midwife. School Loan Debt"
 - Karen Edmund Nurse Fellowship Advisory Council Member for Nurses for Sexual and Reproductive Health.
 - Karen Jefferson, Board Treasurer
 - Took on the position of Director of Midwifery Practice, American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM)
 - Publications:
 - [Fiorentino, R., Jefferson, K., & Lichtman, R. \(2021\). Let complete numbers speak for themselves. *Birth*, 48\(4\), 453-457. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/birt.12595?af=R>](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/birt.12595?af=R)
 - [Casola, A. R., Kunes, B., Jefferson, K., & Riley, A. H. \(2021\). Menstrual Health Stigma in the United States: Communication Complexities and Implications for Theory and Practice. *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jmwh.13216>](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jmwh.13216)

- Thamarah Crevecoeur, Board Vice President
 - Completed her Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) at Boston University School of Public Health
 - Presented at Thomas Jefferson University Midwifery Talks: *“Developing Culturally Specific & Safe Patient-Centered Maternity Care Models for High-Risk Immigrant Populations: “Recommendations from a Case Study of the Haitian Population at Boston Medical Center”*
- Martine Jean-Baptiste, Executive Director
 - Carriage House Birth Advisory Board (A-Team)
 - 2021 WK Kellogg Foundation Haiti Peer Learning Network Convening- Panelist: “Helping Babies and Mothers survive and empowering Midwives and Nurses to Provide Quality Perinatal Care”
 - Afroresistance (an organization of black Latina women with a collective mission to educate and organize for human rights, democracy, and racial justice in the Americas) Live FB stream panelist: Between Borders-Beyond the conventional narrative: Haiti, Gender and Migration
 - Clinical mentor: NYU’s first Global DNP Program-Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree student for her “Project Internship” QI Project
- State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Research Foundation with a grant from Kellogg Foundation: Martine Jean-Baptiste and Angie Joseph are consulting on the development and implementation of a Bachelor’s Degree Bridge Program and a Master’s degree in Midwifery Education and Research for a Midwifery educators program in Haiti in order to upscale midwifery

Financial

- Six successful Fundraising campaigns- increased previous year’s revenue by 343%
- PEER to PEER Fundraising: The ease of Facebook’s personalized fundraising has made it possible for FAHM supporters to run their own fundraising campaigns in support of our work - Increased previous year’s revenue by 350%
- Increased Corporate giving by 800%
- Donor Advised Funds (DAF) added to diversify our funding
- Secured five new foundation/grants

Organizational

- Consultant positions converted to staff positions: Program Director and Executive Director
- Professional Development: Executive Director enrolled in the Non-Profit Leadership Lab
- Member organization of the Haitian Women’s Collective –Purpose: Invests in and strengthens Haitian women-led organizations to advance health, education, civic engagement, leadership and opportunities for diverse communities in Haiti.
- Member organization of Haiti Think Tank-- Purpose: “To be a resource for one another, to exchange best practices and possibly collaborate on projects and funding opportunities” (A collective of NGOs working in Haiti)



2022 Looking Forward

FAHM's Infrastructure



Operational

- Continue to involve and utilize volunteers: Taproot Plus professionals and others
- Increase our social media presence and outreach

Programmatic

- Continue to center work around access to respectful evidence-based Midwifery care, gender equality, sexual and reproductive justice, body autonomy, and gender-based violence through continuing education conferences/webinars for Midwives, student Midwives and other health care providers as well as raising public awareness and providing public education
- Increase and continue to foster and strengthen partnerships with entities that are Haiti-based as well as in the diaspora with similar values and guiding principles through partnerships and consulting:
- Through our work with the Haitian Women's Collective: Advocacy and Policy work, both in the USA and Haiti, which supports and promotes health, education, sexual and reproductive health, girls' empowerment, leadership and community development, business development and civic engagement.

Financial

- Grow our monthly donor support
- Increase grant funding
- Diversify funding

Organizational

- Board development, professional development for staff and board members, and strategic planning
- Network/partnership building with Haiti-based organizations as well as USA-based universities and other entities
- Focus on long term impact reporting

Greetings,

Like the rest of the world, Haiti is facing a public health crisis (COVID). They are also dealing with a very difficult economic and political situation but things are not all bleak. There is plenty of hope and promise. Due to your belief in FAHM's vision and mission, the midwives of Haiti are able to continue to be educated and provide the invaluable midwifery model of care to families across Haiti. You help provide access to reliable, accessible, competent and compassionate care no matter what the country is up against.

We are so grateful to have supporters like you. Working in Haiti can be unpredictable, however the need for sexual and reproductive health care is a reliable constant. Your support has touched the lives of so many families and the Midwives of Haiti. Thanks to your support we got through this difficult year and off to a strong start for 2022.

We have entered 2022 full of hope and promise. We remain optimistic and determined, just like our midwifery partners. We hope to continue this important and invaluable partnership which continues to strengthen and support midwifery in Haiti.

Happy New Year! Cheers to yesterday's achievements and tomorrow's brighter and healthier future. Wishing you health and happiness in this New Year.

Best,
Martine Jean-Baptiste
Founder, Executive Director

