Haiti Local Enterprise and Value Chain Enhancement (LEVE) Project

Haiti Statistics
Population: 9.99 million (estimated 2014)
Unemployment: 40.6% (estimated 2010)
- Shortage of skilled laborers
- Approximately 78% are living on less than $2/day

Local Enterprise and Value Chain Enhancement (LEVE) project
1. Value chain enhancement
   a. Working in 3 sectors: Construction, Apparel & Textile, and Agribusiness
   b. Conducted in-depth assessment to select high-value value chains for upgrading
   c. Working through MSMEs, as lead firms, who will drive upgrading strategy
2. Workforce development
   a. Conducted assessment and met with sector partners to select the technical and vocational education institutions most appropriate for the value chains selected
   b. Supporting direct linkages to the market, ensuring an end market demand approach
   c. Supporting curriculum upgrading, and new course development, to support the upgrades anticipated in the selected value chains
3. LEVE’s definition of vulnerable groups:
   a. Women and girls, out-of-school youth (and youth, in general), the disabled, earthquake-affected internally displaced persons (IDPs), orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) targeted under other USAID-funded programs