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**Statement**

As part of the American Red Cross LAMIKA Program, Mercy Corps received a 26-month, \$2.4 million grant to enhance local markets in support of vulnerable people in Carrefour-Feuilles, an impoverished urban neighborhood in Haiti. Within 18 months, Mercy Corps has helped two thousand people in Carrefour-Feuilles earn higher incomes, access affordable credit, secure productive assets, create and develop micro and small enterprises, and enhance their employability. With American Red Cross funding, Mercy Corps was able to support the creation of 70 Village Savings and Loans Associations, with 1,515 members saving more than \$48,000 and more than \$40,000 distributed in loans for small business needs, payment of school fees or family needs. The grant also supported the startup or expansion of 166 new and existing micro, small, and midsize enterprises, which created or sustained 208 jobs to date, and provided professional skills training for 271 vulnerable young men and women in the community. Mercy Corps is committed to working with the American Red Cross and other LAMIKA partners for the continued improvement of living conditions and socio-economic environment for Carrefour-Feuilles residents.