

Quixote Center



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A Vital Role: The Franciscan Network for Migrants in Panama

Panama, a strategic migratory corridor in the Americas, is on the front lines of the rise in reverse migration. After arduous journeys north, migrants are forced or choose to return, due to exhaustion or political obstacles.

With the support from Quixote Center, the Franciscan Network for Migrants is a key actor addressing this often-invisible phenomenon, offering humanitarian aid, shelter, and emotional support to those whose dreams were interrupted.

Key Programs:

Meals & Welcome in Paso Canoas:

- A powerful example of cross-border solidarity and human dignity, uniting church organizations from Costa Rica and Panama - Uniendo Fronteras Network
- 2,910 hot lunches, 1,672 hygiene kits and 300 nutritional kits for children shared since April 2025 with the launch of the Frontera de Paz y Bien (Border of Peace and Goodness) project.

Shelter & Dignity at Hogar Medalla Milagrosa:

- A national model of inter-institutional collaboration in Panama (State, International Organizations and the Church).
- 1,322 migrants welcomed this year with food, medicine, internet access, and emotional support.

National Advocacy and Humanitarian Assistance through Red Clamor Panamá:

- 11 organizations working together from Darién to Panama City, fighting for the dignity and rights of migrants in Panama.

Impact

A reinforced network of protection and welcome for the most vulnerable migrants grounded in pastoral care, technical support, and human solidarity.



KITCHEN AT MEDALLA MILAGROSA



PINATA FOR CHILDREN AT MEALLA MILAGROSA



MEAL DISTRIBUTION AT PASO CANOAS

Promising Results from the Socio-Economic Recovery Pilot Project in Haiti's South

Initiated in January 2025, 100 farm families in this program are receiving assistance to improve agricultural yields, increase livestock numbers, and access microfinance.

Technicians with our partner DCCH established three Mutual Solidarity Funds (MUSOs) in Gouin, Saint Helene and Costa. These MUSOs already have 79 members and gave out 26 micro-loans so far. Rural families, particularly women, do not have access to the formal financial system. MUSOs allow these families to create and grow their small businesses.

DCCH also established a seed bank and distributed corn and bean seeds to 25 participants as loans in Gouin and St Helene. The recipients must collect new seeds during the harvest and return them to the seed bank for another round of distribution.

Likewise, DCCH technicians distributed livestock to families who built enclosures. They delivered a total of 50 female sheep and 22 female goats, at a rate of two per family. The recipients will then return the first offspring to the program to reach more farmers with animal enclosures.

Between July and September, the farmers in the communes of Gouin and St Helene participated in awareness-raising meetings and trainings on seed techniques and selection.

Despite the heavy rains and floods that have destroyed some crops in St Helene, participants report that they are seeing the results of their hard work in an increase in economic activities. Project participants express their gratitude to all the donors who made this project possible and look forward to an expansion of these programs next year.

View a short video with testimonials: <https://bit.ly/496O6ie>

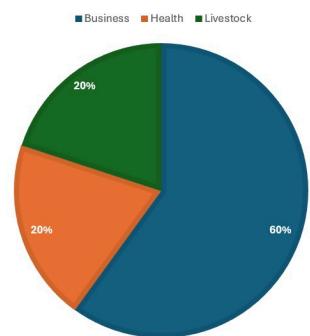


TRAINING ON LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT IN GOUIN



GROWING CORN FIELD IN COSTA

USE OF THE LOAN FROM MUSO



DISTRIBUTION OF SHEEP IN COSTA

Support for Displaced Families in Gros Morne, Haiti

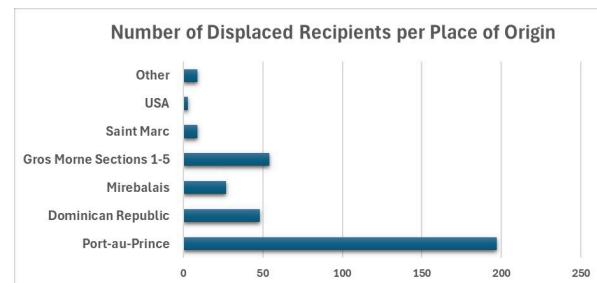
Quixote Center continues to provide cash assistance to displaced families resettling in Gros Morne, Haiti. Gang violence has forced 1.4 million people in Haiti to internally displace, about 11% of the population of the country and the highest percentage of displaced persons by population in the world. Some have ended up in Gros Morne. Gros Morne is also receiving some deportees from the Dominican Republic, which has been deporting 30,000 Haitians per month since the beginning of 2025.

Quixote Center has so far assisted 350 families with cash to pay for rent, food, clothing, school supplies, planting a garden, or starting a small business. About a third of the disbursements went to supporting livelihoods (livestock, garden, and small businesses), while another third went for housing. We have also paid first quarter school tuition for an additional 100 displaced children. Children are especially vulnerable, with many schools closed due to gang violence, and up to half of new gang recruits are children. Our program takes advantage of the fact that schools remain open in Gros Morne.

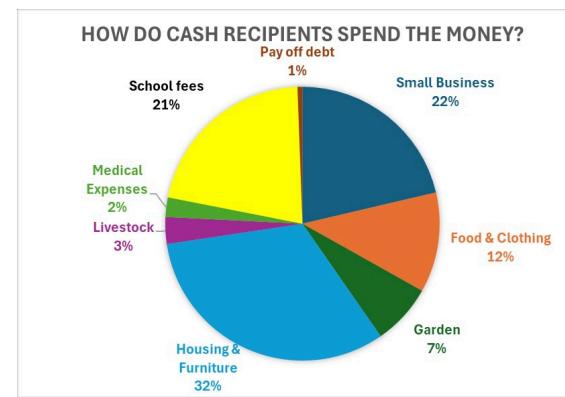
The local LaChandle parish community is operating the cash assistance program with a committee of volunteers who locate the neediest families and oversee disbursement of funds. The committee writes:

We continue to thank the Quixote Center, and all the other donors who are associated with it, who have allowed the Lachandlè parish charity to find money to achieve this great record in the Gwomòn [Gros Morne] commune during the holy Jubilee year of 2025. May God's grace always prevail.

Thanks to our donors, Quixote Center will continue this project into 2026, to enable displaced persons and deportees to fully resettle and integrate into the Gros Morne community.



3RD DISTRIBUTION OF CASH IN GROS MORNE



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Hope Grows at the Grepen Center – Despite the Challenges

Criminal gangs control three out of eight sections, including Grepen, of the Gros Morne region in Haiti's Artibonite department, the country's breadbasket. Amid insecurity and limited access, the Grepen Center team has grown these 2 projects to meet high demand from local farmers.

The **Plantain Project** has conducted 6 training sessions for 34 farmers, planting 3,000 trees using the PIF propagation technique. Farmers now harvest sooner, earn 50% more income, and multiply trees to share with other farmers. Each hectare (2.47 acres) cultivated this way costs 60% less and boosts food security across the community.

The **Veterinary Pharmacy Project** has 8 mobile vet clinics that have treated 97 animals: from infections to birthing complications and conducted 7 awareness sessions reaching 125 farmers, teaching care practices that protect their livelihoods. Livestock means security: selling an animal can pay a child's school fees or cover emergencies.

Quixote Center Continues to Pressure Congress and the Administration

Quixote Center works to influence government policies that impact our programs. We do this through participating in, forming and facilitating coalitions of allied organizations to leverage our strengths. Recent actions include:

- Co-leading the Haiti Advocacy Working Group and the Haiti Weapons Trafficking Group. Most recently we succeeded in moving forward legislation to cut off financing to Haiti's gangs. We are also working on a document to ensure US anti-gang strategy protects human rights in Haiti.
- Inviting supporters to comment on the 6-year review process and renewal of the US-Mexico-Canada trade agreement, which impacts migration patterns as well as arms trafficking.
- Signing coalition letters to Congress and the Administration protesting US military actions against speedboats in the Caribbean and Pacific.
- Co-sponsoring vigils at Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) headquarters.
- Co-sponsoring an advocacy day to protect and support Haitian immigrants in the United States.



VIGIL AT ICE HEADQUARTERS

