

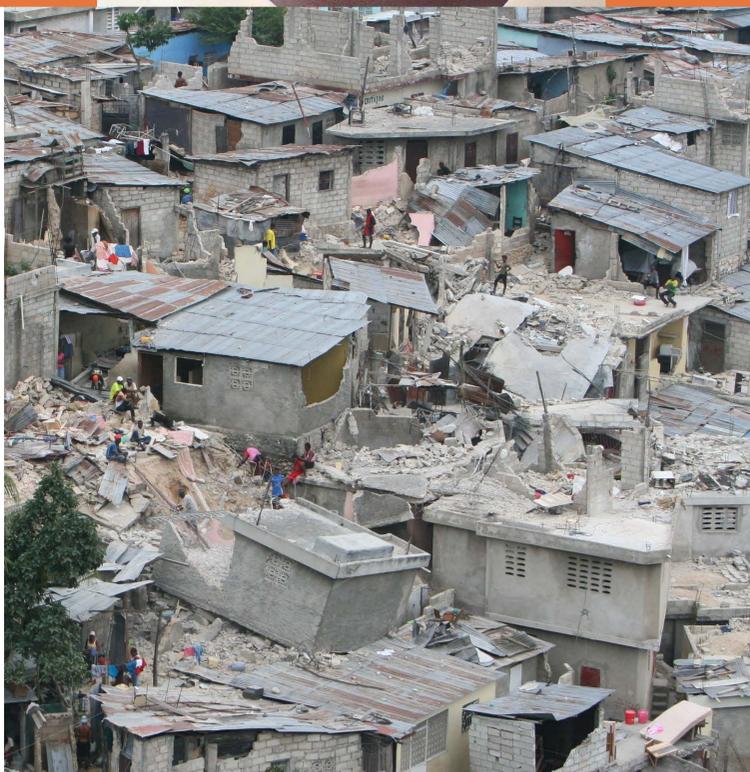
Who We Are

Haiti Now (Ayiti Now Corp) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded by Alex Lizzappi after the devastating 2010 earthquake. Our mission is to provide Haiti's most vulnerable girls with safe housing, healthcare, accelerated education, and business incubation to help them develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to achieve an economically secure future.



The Problem

Today in Haiti, a quarter of a million girls—pressured by extreme poverty and social isolation—live in domestic servitude. Known locally as restaveks, they spend their days performing menial labor without pay, and without hope. In the absence of family, full citizenship, and basic human rights, they face physical, emotional, and sexual trauma.



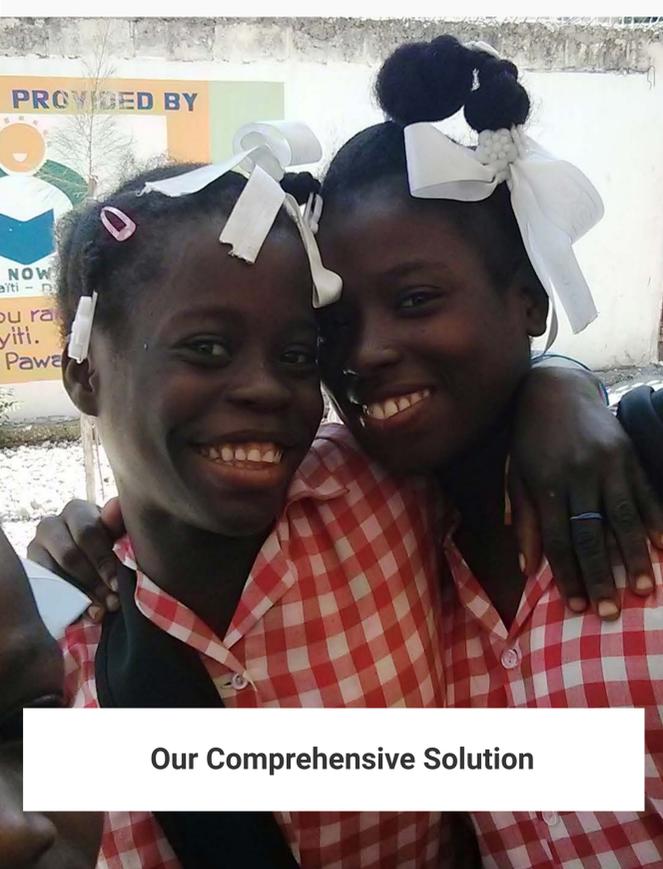
Driven by Values and Conviction

Our Values

We are driven by a commitment to social justice, self-determination, universal human rights, and equity.

Our Conviction

We can't close our eyes. We must take action. Together we can radically transform the lives of Haiti's restavek girls. The time is now.



Our Comprehensive Solution

Safe Housing

If a restavek girl manages to leave her hosting household she often has nowhere to go. Forced to live in the streets, they endure even more trauma. They now also face a significant risk of falling victim to child traffickers. Our safe house will provide a secure living environment and nurturing community.

Accelerated Education

Education is an essential step in overcoming poverty and exploitation. That's why we provide an accelerated education program. Each girl will have access to books, school supplies, computers, and the internet. With a 15:1 student-to-teacher ratio, they will receive individual attention to help them develop socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

Healthcare & Emotional Counseling

Throughout Haiti, access to adequate healthcare is severely limited. For restavek children, the situation is even direr. That's why Haiti-Now provides full physical and mental health coverage. Healing mental and emotional wounds is every bit as important as caring for their physical well-being.

Business Incubation

In addition to providing alumni vocational training, we will provide access to a two-year business incubator and microcredit.

A Proven Track Record

Since 2010, Haiti-Now has been improving the lives of impoverished children. We partnered with a community school and established a successful Book Bank, distributing thousands of textbooks to hundreds of disadvantaged children. We also provided literacy interventions, teacher training, tuition, housing, healthcare, and food assistance.



Our Founder



Alex Lizzappi is a successful entrepreneur living in Miami. His commitment to restavek children stems from his own experience as a marginalized child. In an orphanage at age six and homeless by sixteen, Alex was nevertheless able to rise above his circumstances by reaching out for help. The kindness, generosity, and support he received fueled his ongoing desire to help other disenfranchised children.

Profoundly shaken by the devastating impact on children caused by the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Alex launched Haiti Now. From the outset, he understood the importance of education in helping these children overcome their situation. Later, he developed a plan for a safe house and accelerated education program that would address the girl's healthcare needs and prepare them for an economically secure future.