Chemen Lavi Miyò (CLM or Pathway to a Better Life) program alleviates ultra-poverty by providing intensive support and coaching to women and individuals with disabilities. In the 18 months following a rigorous selection process, CLM distributes livestock and a small stipend to jumpstart livelihoods; introduces financial savings/credit mechanisms; facilitates access to healthcare; conducts livelihoods-based trainings; ensures families have secure shelter; and mentors the participants.

PROGRAM IMPACT

In rural Haiti, approximately 38% of the population lives in extreme poverty. Ultra poverty is the worst subset of extreme poverty. Over 18 months, a CLM participant ensures that all her children attend school; her family eats one meal a day; she has two sources of income; she has an active savings account; has increased the value of her productive assets by at least 40%; and she has confidence in her family’s future.

PROGRAM KEY FACTS

▶ CLM is based on the Graduation Approach developed by BRAC in Bangladesh. Fonkoze was one of the pioneering organizations that piloted the approach outside of Bangladesh in 2007.

▶ Research results from graduation programs in various countries has been published in Science Magazine, The Economist, The New York Times, and on NPR. It hails the long-term, sustainable impact of the Graduation Approach.

▶ Fonkoze's research partner, the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex, is studying the intergenerational impact of CLM on participants’ children.

▶ 20 people with disabilities participated in CLM in 2018.