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 (updated 12/31/2020)

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; she 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.
- Through a partnership with Impact Atlas, CLM Case Managers capture data on program participants through tablet computers, enabling real-time aggregation and monitoring of the program’s impact.
- Research led by the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex has revealed that CLM has a positive impact on key indicators linked to the wellbeing of participants’ children.
- A separate IDS-led study showed that 72% of CLM participants had either sustained or improved upon the progress they made in the program.