

PROFILES FROM THE FIELD



FONKOZE SOLIDARITY CLIENT IN JAKMEL, HAITI

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Roselene Pierre is 57 years old with 9 children ranging from 12 to 35, and a total of 10 grandchildren. Roselene was a victim of the hurricanes and storms that ravaged Haiti in 2008, and with the help of Fonkoze, was able to restart her business and rebuild her life. In the 2010 earthquake, Roselene again lost everything. "I had some things at my home, and I have my Fonkoze bank account. I am starting again with the little merchandize I have left." She lives in the tent city, where she has restarted her business again with the assistance of Fonkoze.



"My Fonkoze credit agent came to see me a couple of days after the quake, I knew he had lost his home as well, but he was there reassuring me that we will make it." That, she said is also a big reason she will not give up. Roselene will put her business and life back in place. She finds strength because

she knows she is a "member of a group of women who have been given second chances, but with Fonkoze, we keep getting these chances whenever we think all is lost."

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