

PROFILES FROM THE FIELD



Ti Machann leader speaks at the Fonkoze Jeremi Assembly



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Chak fwa mwen paye dèt mwen, m bay ekonomi peyi a jaret!
(Each time I pay my debt, I am helping the economy of my country grow!). *Tout kote nou pase, nou tande pale de kisa Fonkoze ap fè pou fanm nan peyi dayit!*
(Everywhere we go, we hear how Fonkoze is helping women in Haiti!)

Fonkoze is not just a bank like the other banks, it is an alternative bank, opened since April 17th, 1994. And it was created for the *Ti Machann*, it was created with us in mind. Fonkoze's basic philosophy is to help us

help ourselves, by giving us the tools we need to become economically independent. I challenge you to find another bank in Haiti giving you what Fonkoze gives to us.

Ladies, Fonkoze is not just in Jeremi, it's in all the other departments of Haiti as well: Gonaïves, Cap-Haitien, Jacmel, *ak anpil lot kote...Fonkoze sa a se nanmbè wann.* (Fonkoze is number one).

Another thing I want to tell you: after the January 12 earthquake, Fonkoze came up with *Kore Fanmi Fonkoze*, a service to help all its members who were faced

with disaster. Those of us who lost our home, lost our business, lost our family members and so much more. They were there to help us, ladies, they were there to pick us up from the ground and help us stand up straight again.

If you have friends or know women who are struggling, tell them about Fonkoze. Do them that favor. Tell them that Fonkoze has life insurance, but also has a catastrophic insurance named *Kore W*. The next storm or earthquake that comes, you will only need to worry about your children and family.

Furthermore, because of Fonkoze, I no longer put an "X" where my signature should be. Today, I proudly sign my name. Cholera is not going to finish us off, because Fonkoze sent staff members all over Haiti to educate us and give us the necessary emergency methods to fight this sickness. And guess what, we gave this information to everyone in our family and the people of our village.