



2021
Annual Report

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends of the *What If Foundation*,

2021 was a year of immense turmoil in Haiti. Disagreement over the legitimate term of President Jovenel Moïse's presidency and his handling of the economic, humanitarian and security crises in the country sparked nationwide protests and unrest. Gangs gained unprecedented power and brought spikes of violence to the streets. People were unable to get to work safely, and many businesses and schools were forced to close. In July, the political crisis deepened with the shocking assassination of President Moïse. And a few weeks later, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the south of Haiti.

Words cannot express the courage and stoicism of our partner Na Rive. Despite the shock of these compounded crises and the danger and uncertainty they faced, they braved the streets every day to be there for the children and families in Ti Plas Kazo. They also made their way through to the south of Haiti to provide immediate emergency relief after the earthquake. In the midst of a countrywide state of emergency, the food program managed to reopen after only one day. And the Father Jeri School was able to welcome 9th and 12th graders from multiple schools that had closed due to the crises. This allowed all the students to take the government exams and not halt the opportunity to further their education. It is especially in times like these that Na Rive's programs become so fundamental for the community.

Although my heart breaks from the dire and unfair reality so many boys and girls in Haiti are living through, I also feel incredibly fortunate to be working with such an inspiring and dedicated Haitian partner. Na Rive's Program Manager, Lavarice Gaudin, and all the members of Na Rive are a testament to the power of hope and unity to overcome adversity. And so are our donors and their enduring support and compassion. Thank you for making hope possible in Ti Plas Kazo.

With gratitude,



Catherine Lelong

Board Chair

What If Foundation

FOOD

Despite a meteoric rise in food costs and a scarcity of supplies, Na Rive's community food program, Lamanjay, managed to serve an average of 5,000 meals a week, keeping hunger and malnutrition at bay for mothers, children, and so many of Ti Plas Kazo's most vulnerable community members. There are three ways this program supports the community.

COMMUNITY CAFETERIA

Every Monday through Friday, the Na Rive cooking team serves a hot, nutritious meal to the children and families who live nearby. Families express how grateful they are to not have to travel far to get a meal, especially given the violence in the streets at this time. In 2021, up to 500 meals were distributed each afternoon at the Community Cafeteria.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Every school day, students and staff of the Father Jeri School are served lunch in the school cafeteria. This is a rare occurrence in Haiti, since most schools do not provide food to their students. In 2021, nearly 500 meals were served to students and staff on school days.

FOOD PANTRY

Families who have been displaced or live too far from Ti Plas Kazo to attend the daily meals at the Community Cafeteria come to Na Rive's Food Pantry to pick up rice and beans to cook at home. Up to 260 meals per week were provided from the Food Pantry in 2021.



"I love coming here! Papa lost his job so we don't have food at home. And I love Manman Rosie [Head Cook at the Food Program], she always makes me giggle!"

-- Jeanty Simon, four years old

EDUCATION

2021 was a difficult year for schools across Port-au-Prince, with mandatory closures during countrywide states of emergency, but despite all odds, the Na Rive Education Programs were able to adjust and continued to support students throughout the year.

FATHER JERI SCHOOL

In the midst of the political and social unrest, security crisis, and the ongoing effects of the pandemic, the Father Jeri School found a way to stay open and its students achieved a remarkable 90% pass rate among seniors and a 100% pass rate among freshmen. In addition, 10 high school graduates succeeded in securing state sponsored scholarships to attend the National University of Haiti – a significant feat for the students and a testament to the quality of the Father Jeri School given only 15% of all university applications are accepted and even less are awarded a scholarship..

In a year when the walk to school was often too dangerous to make, the students and teachers at the Father Jeri School worked overtime, communicating via SMS to get the support they needed to prepare for the government exams. The Father Jeri School welcomed 9th and 12th grade students from multiple schools that were closed due to unrest in Port-au-Prince, and helped them take their exams so they could continue their education.

In the fall of 2021, the 6th year of the Father Jeri School began with 460 students from Pre-K to 12th grade, up from 401 the year prior.

SUMMER CAMP

Unfortunately, due to the unrest and rising cases of COVID 19, the Summer Camp had to be suspended to keep students and staff safe.

TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

15 students had the opportunity to attend technical and vocational programs with scholarships provided by the What If Foundation. These young men and women are pursuing specializations in construction, transportation services, nursing, and computer skills.



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The What If Foundation is providing support for five young women to attend University, including one who is in her 3rd year of medical school.

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Alongside supporting technical school students at different institutions, Na Rive launched its own technical school called the Father Jeri Vocational School (Institute Polyvalent de Jeri). Programs include masonry, computer literacy, sewing and cosmetology with the hopes of expanding to other fields in future years.



DISASTER RELIEF

In August of 2021, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake shook Haiti. The epicenter was 80 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince, severely affecting Les Cayes, Jeremie, and surrounding communities, all of which experienced significant damage.

Na Rive's expertise, determination and local connections made it possible for them to promptly work with community leaders in Southern Haiti to assess critical needs and coordinate relief efforts. Na Rive focused their attention on bringing food, water, and medical support to remote rural communities, often way before larger organizations could get there.

"The situation on the ground is shocking and so very complicated. Water, food, medical aid — it's all needed desperately. We are going to do whatever we can to provide relief to our brothers and sisters in the South. And we wouldn't be able to do that without the support of the What If Foundation and our donors. All of you are like the oil that keeps our engine running. In desperate times like these, I have the strength to get up each morning, ready to take on the challenges ahead, because I know I am not alone. We thank you and send our love."

-- Lavarice Gaudin, Na Rive Program Director



HOPE

No matter what obstacle they faced in 2021, Na Rive carried on with vision, hope and determination in their hearts.

"Hardship shows us that our mission is essential. Hardship reminds us that the only way to overcome our past is to invest in our future. We nourish the bodies and the minds of our children because they are the next generation to lead our country down the path to stability, hope and prosperity."

-- Lavarice Gaudin, Na Rive Program Director

2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In order to protect our program partner in Haiti we make our financial information available upon request.

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Since 2000, the *What If Foundation* has partnered with the Haitian community organization Na Rive to provide food and educational opportunities to underserved children in Ti Plas Kazo, Port-au-Prince.

By pairing the local expertise and leadership of Na Rive with the financial resources provided by our donors, we work together to make a difference in the lives of some of the world's most impoverished children, providing hope and opportunity for a brighter future.

We are a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization established for the benefit of children in Haiti. All donations are 100% tax deductible as permitted by law.

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