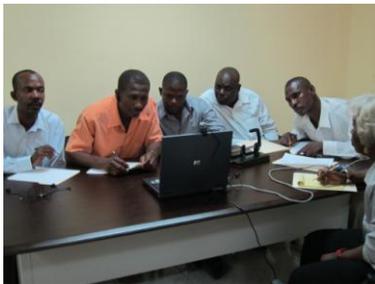




## Support for a Stronger Haitian Parliament

**PSP's partnership with Haiti's Parliament works to improve Parliament's internal processes, law making abilities, and interactions with constituencies.**



USAID staff

*Parliament IT staff participate in an IT training with PSP staff.*

With USAID support, the PSP program:

- Conducted a participatory assessment with both houses of parliament and staff in order to draft a plan for activities that was reflective of the true needs of Parliament.
- Promoted expanded media coverage of parliament through the production of a short film of the inauguration ceremony of the new Haitian Parliament building in November 2011 and posted it on the official Haitian Parliament website for greater public access.
- In tandem with Parliament's IT staff, currently providing critical training to instruct Parliament on how to update their website on their own, thereby allowing them to take increased ownership of this website.
- Conducted a training workshop for 32 staff from the Economic and Finance Committees of the Senate and Chamber of to improve the quality of financial analysis that these staff can provide to members of Parliament.

### Overview

To achieve long-term stability and economic growth, Haiti needs a strong government that delivers public services transparently and with accountability, administers justice efficiently and in conformity with the Haitian Constitution, provides security to the Haitian people, and protects the most vulnerable. The Parliamentary Strengthening Program (PSP) aims to improve Parliament's ability to conduct the business of the Haitian people in a transparent, accountable, and professional manner, with the objective of increasing popular support for democratic political processes and supporting greater stability in the country. Building on accomplishments from a prior USAID-supported legislative strengthening program, PSP activities are working to ratchet up the Haitian Parliament's ability to work for and with the country's citizens for improved democracy, rule of law, and delivery of basic rights and services.

### Objectives

The objective of PSP is to work in partnership with the members and staff of Parliament in order to improve their ability to better perform their constitutionally mandated roles as legislators, as elected representatives, and as a counter-balance and oversight body of government. PSP will help Parliament to improve its own internal processes, its law-making abilities, and its interactions with constituencies and the public.

### Activities

Through our support, DAI anticipates working along four intersecting axes during the life of the project:

- **Encouragement and support of strategic planning through continuous engagement.** Long-term strategic planning will be used as a process to bring Members and staff together to capture their vision for growth and change, and serves not only as a basis for the project, but also as a larger action-oriented roadmap for reform and development of the institution.
- **Greater, clearer, and more consistent interaction with the public,** both through town hall and other face-to-face interactions between Members and their constituents, as well as the continuation and expansion of the full range of mass media outreach currently underway through the website, television program, radio and YouTube channel. Through these interactions, the public will feel part of the political process. The project will also work with a number of local non-governmental organizations to increase their interaction with the Parliament.
- **Better internal processes** through streamlining of procedures, staff professionalization, and development of rules and regulations, therefore improving the day-to-day functioning of Parliament.

**Life of Project:** September 2011 – September 2016

**Implementing Partner:** Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI)