



MAPPING: KEY FIGURES

NATIONAL REPORT: HAITI

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I. INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

This report is part of a Mapping exercise launched by the International Cooperative Alliance and its regional offices, within the framework of a partnership signed with the European Commission for the period 2016-2020. The programme aims to strengthen the cooperative movement and its capacity to promote international development. Other research projects led within this partnership include a worldwide Legal Frameworks Analysis, and several thematic researches on themes of significance for cooperatives.

Responding to challenges and existing knowledge gaps facing the cooperative movement, this research seeks to provide exhaustive information on cooperatives worldwide. This is achieved through a process jointly conducted by the ICA and its four regional offices – Cooperatives of the Americas, Cooperatives Europe, ICA Africa, and ICA Asia-Pacific – using a common methodology. Each office collected the input of ICA members present in the countries within its geographic area, by using the same questionnaire, and completing it with relevant national statistics, in order to obtain an accurate picture of the national situation.

Mapping out cooperatives in each country provides a more precise picture of the cooperative context at national and regional levels, enhances the movement's visibility, networking, partnerships opportunities, as well as advocacy, and empowers cooperators by providing them tools for positive change.

Within this framework, the present report showcases information about the cooperative landscape in Haiti.

i. Historical background

The information on the history of cooperativism in Haiti is quite limited, both in English and Spanish; However, the ICA Cooperative Legal Framework Analysis¹ mentions that the first Cooperative Law dates back to September 14, 1953 and established the National Council of Cooperatives (CNC), the supervisory body of cooperativism at that time.

Among the strongest sectors in which Haitian cooperatives have developed are agriculture under small producer cooperatives and the “popular savings banks” which are savings and credit cooperatives.

ii. Public national statistics

Haiti does not have country statistics for the cooperative sector, the only recent and available sector statistics are for the savings and credit sector, published by the World Council of Credit Unions 2014² and an approximation carried out by IFAD³ for agricultural cooperatives.

NUMBER OF COOPERATIVES:

IFAD approximates the number of cooperatives registered in Haiti to 1 300, without specifying the year.

EMPLOYMENT:

The World Council of Credit Unions estimates that financial cooperatives in Haiti generate 529 jobs.

¹ Florette, M. (2020). Cooperative Legal Framework Analysis. Available at: <https://coops4dev.coop/sites/default/files/2020-06/Legal%20Framework%20Analysis%20-%20Haiti.pdf>

² World Council of Credit Unions. (2015). Statistical report 2014.

³ IFAD. (s.f.). Development Pillar I: Cooperative. Available at: <http://www.fida-pch.org/development-pillar-i-cooperative>

COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP:

The World Council of Credit Unions mentions a total of 529 209 Haitians associated with financial cooperatives.

PRODUCTION VALUE:

Data not available for any sector.

iii. Research methodology

The aim of the mapping research is to collect and make publicly available reliable and up-to-date data to understand what the cooperative movement represents in the targeted country. With this view, the data detailed in the present report has been collected using the methodology detailed below.

The methodological tools include a questionnaire used to collect the data, which was distributed online to the members, as well as a methodological note provided for further guidance. They were built jointly with all ICA regional offices with the support of external experts from the European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (Euricse) and are applied in a harmonised way in all the target countries.

The classifications used in the research are consistent with the internal system used within the ICA movement (e.g. on membership status and types of cooperative organisations) and with standards increasingly adopted in recent studies and by international organisations like the ILO – e.g. using international classifications of economic activities such as the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) rev. 4, which ensures the comparability of statistics both nationally and internationally, as well as with statistics on other forms of enterprises.

Regarding the target organisations, considering that a worldwide survey has very challenging goals, and while the value of directly collecting data from non-member cooperatives must be recognised, the present Mapping exercise targets cooperative organisations members of the ICA.

Furthermore, in order to complete the ICA members' data, the decision was taken to also look at external sources, to provide additional and more exhaustive cooperative statistics for the country. As a result, the data is collected following two strategies

contemporaneously: 1) collecting statistics already available in the country; 2) carrying out a survey targeting ICA cooperative members.

In Haiti, the mapping questionnaire was distributed and completed by 1 ICA member organization. After further follow-up of the surveyed members, the figures provided were compiled to be presented in the next section.

II. KEY FIGURES

This section presents the results of data collection conducted by ICA members, which is the same as the general estimates for the country provided in the introduction, since the coverage represents 100% of the total number of cooperatives in the country.

Costa Rica has 8 ICA member organizations (7 full members and 1 associate member):

- **Union Coopérative de Crédit Agricole et Rural d'Haïti (UNICAGRIH).** Full member.

Founded in 2014, with the fundamental objective of contributing to the decentralization of credit and savings services in Haiti and providing Haitian small farmers, rural women, small farmers, small beekeepers and young people access to credit to avoid social exclusion in Haiti. Sector: Finance.

ICA member organizations are directly or indirectly active in finance sector.

iv. ICA member data

The data collected was provided for the year 2017 as shared by the member organization.

v. General overview

This section provides an overview of the ICA membership data for Haiti.

Category	Total
Number of cooperatives	-
Number of memberships	-
Number of employees	5

vi. Sector overview

Due to the lack of sectoral or national statistical data for Haiti, this section cannot be constructed.

III. ANNEXES

Sources:

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