



Meet Michelene

FROM HAITI

Michelene lives in a common-law marriage and has one child. She has been managing her small shop of food supplies in her home for eight years.

Her small business helps Michelene meet the day-to-day needs of her family.

She is requesting a loan of \$225 USD to expand her inventory of goods. She hopes to one day open up a larger store outside of her home.



This month, Cascade Investment Advisors is focusing its charitable lending efforts to a budding entrepreneur in Haiti...

Despite having a viable tourist industry, Haiti is one of the world's poorest countries and the poorest in the Americas region, with poverty, corruption, poor infrastructure, lack of health care and lack of education cited as the main sources. The economy receded further in 2010 because of an earthquake that killed more than 200,000 people, caused extensive damage to infrastructure, and led to a subsequent outbreak of Cholera.

Haiti ranked 163 of 188 countries in the 2015 United Nations Human Development Index, with one out every two people being deprived in at least one of the HDI's poverty measures: life expectancy, education, and per capita income.

Please join Cascade Investment Advisors in developing world entrepreneurs by joining our Kiva team and engaging in the fight against poverty. We applaud and support your efforts!

