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CONNECTING AYITIAN COMMUNITY MAPPING PROGRAM

MIAMI, September 30, 2021 – Ayiti Community Trust (ACT) is pleased to announce the Connecting Ayitian (Haitian) Communities Mapping Program, funded by Connecting Communities in the Americas.

Connecting Ayitian Communities is a partnership between the Ayiti Community Trust (ACT) and the Haitian American Professionals Coalition (HAPC), comprised of 16 organizations in South Florida. The project will map and connect these organizations, as a network, to enhance their collective strengths to improve socio-economic outcomes and impacts for Ayitians in South Florida and in Ayiti.

“HAPC recognizes the value of having collective vision. The very essence of our coalition is to unite organizations working to contribute to the advancement of Haitians in the United States and in Haiti. In our twentieth year of service, we are excited for this partnership, which will help to further our effort to create opportunities for the growth and development of the Haitian community” said Marline Monestime, HAPC Executive Director.

Like many transnational communities, Ayitian-Americans’ sense of “home” is in the US and in Ayiti. The organizations that they establish in their host country, the US, often serve the purpose of creating and reinforcing professional, religious, and social bonds. While these organizations may satisfy the need to connect with like-minded individuals within a sector, they often offer disparate solutions to systemic problems or concerns. Moreover, these systemic concerns are not limited to the host country in the US, but also extend to the systemic issues that affect family, friends, and colleagues in the home country, Ayiti.

“In connecting these community organizations, we will deepen and strengthen our collective ability to build systemic responses and improve community well-being both in the US and in Ayiti,” said Dr. Guerda Nicolas, Co-Founder and President of the Ayiti Community Trust.

The Ayiti Community Trust (ACT) is a community foundation founded to support and sustain development innovation in Ayiti in the areas of civic education, environment, and entrepreneurship. ACT mobilizes Ayitians and friends of Ayiti to invest in Ayitian-led organizations striving to build strong resourceful communities in Ayiti and its diaspora.

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