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## ABOUT E.M.P.C.J. SCHOOL

Ecole Mixte Petit Coeur de Jesus is a Kindergarten to 9th grade school operating in the municipality of Cite-Soleil since 1996. The school is located on Route 9 at the Ancient Fort Dimanch intersection

The school was founded by Mr. One Francois, who himself was in the same position as his students: poor, hungry, growing up without a support system in Cite-Soleil. What him and his students also shared was the desire to become more and to bring change to the place he called and still calls home.

At the age of 16, using money he earned helping a woodworking and pottery shops he started school and graduated as an adult. He founded the school to help children in his position break the cycle of poverty through education. He was a living proof after all.

Today E.M.P.C.J. has 585 students as many schools in the area have closed with only 21 teachers. Me. Francois would like to hire more teachers, and pay his teachers more but he cannot afford to.

Meals are served once or twice a week depending on how much money is available to purchase food and pay the cafeteria staff.

The school day ends by 12:00 pm on days food isn't served to give the students a chance to find something to eat.

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## SUMMARY OF THE AREA & THE CONSEQUENT CHALLENGES FOR E.M.P.C.J

E.M.P.C.J. educates students from around Cite-Soleil but more specifically Belekou, Boston, Pele Simon, Ansyen-For Dimach, Chansrel, Riyel Dechan, Riyel Dessalines, Waf Jeremi, Lasalin, Potay St. Joseph, Site Milite, Bele, Delmas 2-6, Bwa nef, Soley 17, Waf Sit Soley. Kanaan, Drouya-Duvivier.

Ancient Fort-Dimanche is one of the most volatile areas of Cite-Soleil. As a result, far too many students have lost their lives at home, or on their way to and from school.

It is common for students to become orphans as their parents or caregivers fall victim to gun violence.

The area's unpredictable nature makes it difficult for E.M.P.C.J. to retain teachers, and bring new hires on. The school's 21 teachers are volunteers, angels, who receive a less than USD \$70 stipend per month.

Most of the students suffer from malnutrition which affects how well they retain and understand a lesson. Many are often too weak to play.

The students who are attending E.M.P.C.J. are doing everything they can with little support and guidance to avoid joining gangs in hopes of a better life.

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## SUMMARY OF CITE- SOLEIL AREA

Since the closure of the H.A.S.C.O. sugar factory, the area has been in a critical situation. Sugar cane, which was the main source of income for the population, has disappeared to make way for livestock and agriculture in really precarious conditions. Bandits stole all the cattle, farm animals and today only rudimentary agriculture remains.

The economic activity of the area revolves around the few employers that remain in the area. Very few large corporations remain.

## E.M.P.C.J. SCHOOL STAFF

The staff at E.M.P.C.J. are for lack of a better word "volunteers" with a stipend. The school's founder's, Me. Francois, works very hard to keep teachers. He calls the 21 teachers on staff now angels who understand their mission on earth.

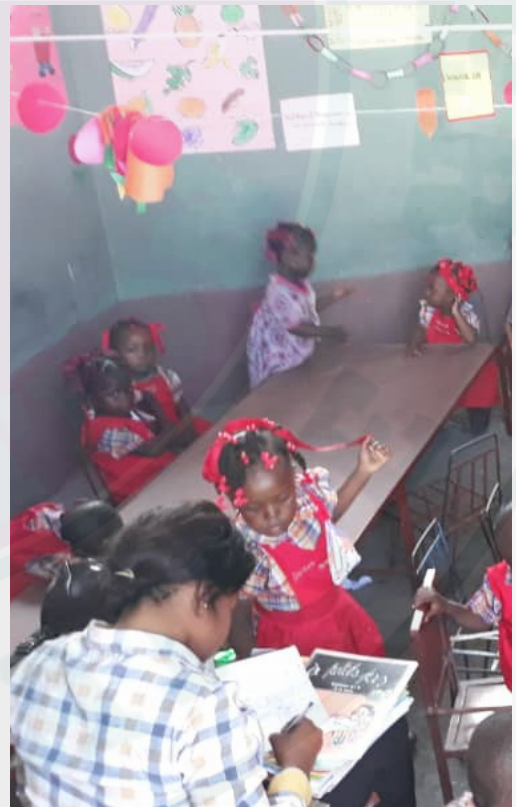
Most are too scared to come to work in the area, the others brave enough to come leave because they can't support their families on their salaries.

The average classroom ratio is 1:45. The teachers are overwhelmed, overworked and underpaid.

## HOW E.M.P.C.J FUNCTIONS

E.M.P.C.J. functions primarily with the help of sporadic / inconsistent donations from partners in Haiti and abroad. The students' annual school fees is so low it does not contribute much to daily operations. This makes it difficult to get E.M.P.C.J. to execute long term plans and get out of survival mode.

As of Fall 2021 C.H.F. Foundation has added Ecole Mixte Petit Coeur de Jesus as its education partner in Cite-Soleil. E.M.P.C.J. falls within C.H.F. Foundation's guideline for support.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP E.M.P.C.J. THROUGH C.H.F.F.

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# Understanding E.M.P.C.J's Needs

## HIGHEST NEEDS

Ecole Mixted Petit  
Coeur de Jesus.  
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### PAYROLL

- E.M.P.C.J. is understaffed. 585 students with 21 teachers.
- The staff is underpaid earning less than \$70/ mo

2

### NUTRITION

- It is common for E..M.P.C.J. students to eat one to two meals per week due to lack of money.

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### UTILITIES

- Water, electric , gasoline bills.
- The school needs solar panels, an inverter, batteries and a generator .

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### INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

accessible office, clinic , classrooms, playground bathroom and cafeteria ,

5

### MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT

Medications for the clinic, new classroom desks and chairs, new teacher desks and chairs, boards and chalk, shelves, books, training material, front office materials and supplies, copy machine and scanner, motorcycle, mini bus, diesel vehicle,

Unrestricted donations to E.M.P.C.J. allow Me. Francois to use the funds in the school's greatest needs.

Restricted donations to E.M.P.C.J can be made for the 5 categories listed above.



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