

# GRANTEE *Spotlight*

## SWITCH



*"We really valued the concept of Konbit's innovative grant. It didn't define a specific theme, therefore it really left room for innovative projects, but above all addressed specific problems within the Haitian context. Moreover, Konbit was a facilitator much more than a source of funding. Throughout our grant we received various trainings that, in the end, allowed us to strengthen the capacity of our institution and our staff."*  
Kalinda Magloire, CEO SWITCH.

**SWITCH** is a local organization that works for the protection of local communities by offering propane gas as an alternative to felling trees for charcoal production. The use of charcoal has led to respiratory illnesses, particularly among women and children. In addition, the resulting deforestation has led to devastating environmental consequences.

### Grant | June 2018 – May 2020

- Promote and raise awareness on the advantages of clean cooking methods for 16,000 students;
- Convert 80 school kitchens from charcoal based to propane gas;
- Train 480 women on how to safely use propane gas stoves.

### Expected Results

- Reduced the number of school canteens using charcoal for cooking;
- Safety and hygiene in school canteens improved;
- Improved health of women and students.

The Konbit Small Grants Program provides funding opportunities for Capacity Development Grants to eligible local organizations and competitive Innovation Grants designed to fund inventive solutions to development challenges specific to the Haitian context.