



YSPANIOLA'S STRATEGIC VISION

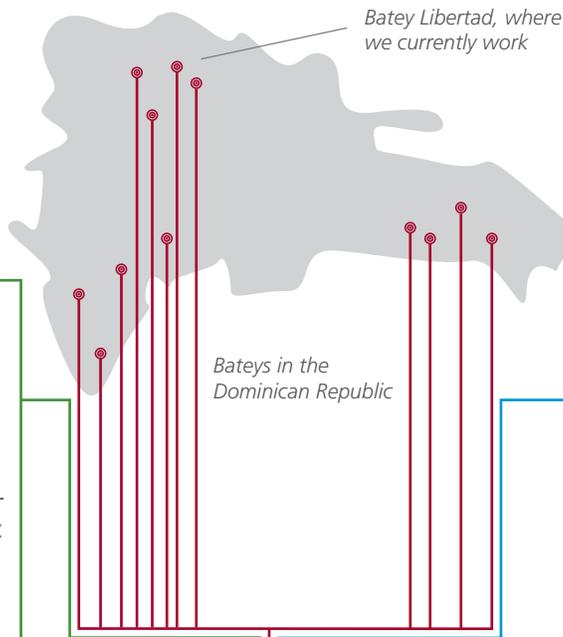
THE PROBLEM

In the Dominican Republic, there are scores of bateys, isolated communities with residents of Haitian descent who lack access to basic civil and human rights, like education, the right to travel, the right to vote, due process, and citizenship. Without access to education and documentation, almost all residents of bateyes become **trapped in a cycle of poverty** tied to non-contracted agriculture and construction work, and cannot access higher education, support their families, or advocate for their rights and positive change.

THE PROGRAMS

In Batey Libertad, Yspaniola is creating high quality **Education Programs** from pre-K through university. We will scale our education initiatives and tailor to each community where we work to overcome barriers to quality education, using:

- **Learning centers, monitoring and evaluation, and teacher training**
- **High school and university scholarship programs**



THE STRATEGY

Outreach and legal initiatives for all of the communities where we have **education programs**. Providing bateys with systematic support through:

● Education

Yspaniola's education programs ensure that young adults have the skills and degrees they need to get jobs outside of non-contracted manual work. After we scale to communities beyond Batey Libertad, we will open our scholarship program—which offers co-curricular support, writing tutoring, and internships—to the nation's best students committed to social justice in the Dominican Republic.

● Inclusive Outreach

Yspaniola is committed to inclusive outreach programs to educate everyone—Dominicans, North Americans, and beyond—about bateys and the challenges their residents face. We are creating volunteer programs to connect students in our Learning Center with young adults from the surrounding area, and we will replicate these programs in all communities where we have education programs.

● Legal Support

One of the biggest barriers to higher education for Dominicans of Haitian descent is documentation. By working with local human rights non-profits, the government, and developing our own legal team once we have the resources, Yspaniola will both ensure that our students have access to higher education, and that we document and challenge denial of citizenship at local, national, and international levels.

QUALITY EDUCATION AND FULL CITIZENSHIP

By scaling up our programs to communities across the Dominican Republic, the country's most marginalized residents will have access to quality education, increased social capital, and economic opportunity. This increased access combined with legal and outreach initiatives will provide systematic support so bateyes and other marginalized communities can create a coalition with mainstream Dominican society to advocate for change, in particular:

- ensuring that the Dominican government, the Ministry of Education, school districts and local schools do not deny access to education based on documentation or nationality
- supporting the coalition for education reform in the Dominican Republic
- and ultimately reforming documentation issuance to be fair, consistent, and transparent, without discrimination based on race

We believe that with these programs and strategy, Dominicans and Americans can work together to make the Dominican Republic a country where everyone has access to quality education and full citizenship.