Women perform an important role within the social and economic structure of Haitian society. They are not only key members of their households, but are often also the sole providers of everyday meals and produce. They rely on a set of tight-knit social and commercial relationships to carry their economic activities built around the exchange of goods throughout the island and have become an essential link between producers and sellers within Haiti's informal economy. Despite their important role in Haiti's society, they face continuous struggles and limitations that only allow them to earn enough money to make ends meet.

This project proposes a set of essential services and complementary programs geared towards the empowerment of Haitian women, tied to the spaces and sites where they work and interact on a daily basis, to relieve some of the daily pressures they face to perform their economic activities. Through a combination of spatial and social interventions within Arcahaie's central market and its surrounding areas, the project aims to provide a platform to improve the current working conditions of informal vendors. The proposal builds upon frameworks, such as the Sirleaf Market Women's Fund in Liberia and the Fonkoze Foundation in Haiti, to identify the needs of women working around the marketplace, with the aim of bringing greater visibility to the hidden labor of women that forms an essential component of Haitian society.