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Matt Sisul serves as lead structural engineer, construction manager, and quality control manager at YCF Group S.A, an architecture construction and consultation firm based in Port au Prince, Haiti. He is an experienced structural engineer with seven years in engineering and construction experience in the US and abroad. He has a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering at Columbia University and spent four years at Parsons Brinckerhoff at the New York City office in the structural engineering division working on a variety of bridge, tunnel and subway projects.

Complementing his time at Parsons Brinckerhoff and during graduate studies at NYU, he worked on a variety of small-scale infrastructure projects in developing countries for a variety of nongovernmental organizations. His roles varied from administrative, to planning, design, and construction supervision.

In May 2011, Matt received his Master of Arts from the NYU Gallatin School of Individualized Study, concentrating in International Development and Infrastructure Service Delivery. He attended on a Reynolds Fellowship in Social Entrepreneurship. Prior to joining YCF Group, he worked as a volunteer with Engineers Without Borders-USA and other groups on projects in Kenya, El Salvador, Honduras and Southern Sudan. In his time with YCF Group, between June 2011 and September 2012, Matt managed the completion of four primary school projects near Leogane, the expansion of the area's nursing school, served as the quality control manager on three fire stations projects for the US Navy in Jeremie and Port au Prince, and collaborated with MASS Group Architects structural design and project management of the Gheskio Cholera Treatment Center. In addition to his field work, he helped develop and write a successful proposal for a Grant/Loan package from the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund that would fund the development of light gauge steel stud products.

His interest in international development focuses on the intersection between local capacity and international support for infrastructure improvements. His Master's thesis explored how small scale infrastructure projects could benefit from alignment with local service delivery systems. Recently, he gave a lecture on the topic for IEEE Human Technology Webinar Series, available for free on YouTube:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGkxmGPnx9I&feature=youtu.be>.